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Flagg News

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Strawberry Fayre

This year our annual Friends of Flagg 'Strawberry Fayre' fundraising and family fun event will be held on **Saturday 18th May** from **12-2pm** in school. There will be games, stalls, crafts and refreshments. Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 each. You have all been given 5 books of tickets to sell to friends and family: there is no obligation to do this, but we are grateful for all your support. Please return any unsold tickets to school, thank you.

As always, we will be in need of additional volunteers. There is a list in school today. Please sign up if you are able to help.

It would be great if we could also ask for the following donations:

- sports toys for a sporty tombola
- bottles of wine for a wine and water stall
- chocolate for a chocolate hamper
- offers to bake scones, cakes or buns to bring on Friday 17th or Saturday 18th May

All money raised at the Strawberry Fayre is used to pay for resources and extra activities such as sports coaches, forest schools and school trips.

Welcome

A big welcome to our new children and their families this term: Amelia, Eli W, Freddie, James D, James B, Holly and Oakley We look forward to working with you and hope you enjoy your time with us.

We have two classes in nursery, Bears and Cubs. Bears are children who will start primary school in September 2024 and Cubs are children who will start primary school in September 2025 or 2026. Bears start the day in the smaller classroom and Cubs start the day in the "big" classroom ie the chapel building. We also welcome back Miss Clarke who worked with us as a student and then volunteer. Now after a stint in Canada as an au pair, she is back with us at Flagg.



Primary Schools

For those children who start their primary education in September, you should have been offered a place at your choice of school. Each primary school will be offering taster sessions. Please let us know if your child will be absent or needs collecting early. We have invited all reception class teachers from our feeder primary schools into nursery to meet the children in their familiar environment. This year we have 30 children leaving us in July, going to 15 different primary schools and we would like to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for them. We have set up two meetings for parents about starting school, see details below.

Forest Schools

Forest School sessions have been offered to those children who start primary school in September on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for six weeks. These sessions started last week and got off to a flying start. Sarah Capper is our forest schools trained leader and she is leading these sessions.

Please note that the forest school group does not get back to nursery until 3pm.



Getting ready for school meetings



In order to make the transition to Primary School as easy as possible for our children we have bought them all a "Buddy Bear." The Bear will go with them to primary school but before then we will be planning activities around the bears to introduce the children to the idea of "Big School."

All parents of children going to primary school this September 2024 are invited to a meeting either on Tuesday 30th April at 6.30pm (tonight!) or Wednesday 1st May at 2pm. We will talk about the Buddy Bear project and about how to help your child with the move to primary school.

Practitioners from the Changing Lives project based at Lady Manners School (positive mental health support) will be at these meetings to answer any questions and address any anxieties you or your child may have about starting school.

Parent:teacher meetings

There will be parent teacher meetings on 4th and 7th June where you can discuss your child individually if you have any specific concerns. These meetings are for the parents of ALL children, not just the children going to school this September.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in nursery on Tuesday 21st May from 8:30am. As always, family groups and older/younger siblings are very welcome. If you are not usually in nursery on a Tuesday you are still welcome to come and have your photo taken. Group photos will be taken during the morning.

Please let Mrs Brown know if you would prefer your child not to have an individual photo or to be included in the group photo.

Big Toddle

This year we are supporting Barnados by organising a sponsored "Big Toddle." On Tuesday 11th June we will walk to Monyash over the fields, play in the park and have an ice-cream. Hopefully the infant class at Monyash school will join us for an ice-cream and a play. We will leave nursery at 12.30pm after dinner.

All Cubs will need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult eg grandparent. All parents are very welcome to join us. Alternatively, please pick your child up from Monyash at 3pm. Thank you.

School trip to Peak Wildlife Park

I have booked a school trip to Peak Wildlife Park for the Bears class (children going to school this September) on Wednesday 26th June. We will leave nursery at 9.15am, arriving about 10 am.

The children will be supervised by staff, but we will also need a few parent volunteers to maintain safe ratios. I will send out a separate letter about this with details and a permission slip for you to fill in. Nursery will open as usual for Cubs.



Sports Day and family picnic



We will be holding a sports day and family picnic on Tuesday 9th July. At 12.15 pm we will walk up to Knotlow farm: you are welcome to meet us there at 12.30. All children will need a packed lunch. All children are welcome, not just those who attend on a Tuesday. There will be races and sports toys to play with. If the weather is bad on 9th July, we will postpone until 16th July.

Leaver's assembly

There will be a final singalong and presentation for parents of children leaving us this year at 2pm on Thursday 18th July. All parents of Bears welcome (children leaving in July) including children who do not usually attend on Thursdays and their parents, please arrive at 1.45 if Thursday is not your normal day, thank you.





Lunchboxes

Now that the weather getting a bit hotter (hopefully) it would be a good idea to put a cool pack in your child's lunchbox. We don't have the facilities to keep lunchboxes in the fridge so this will keep it fresh until lunchtime. Thank you.

Absences

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent, either due to illness, holiday or any other reason. You can call, e-mail or send a message on Class Dojo. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 30th April	Getting ready for school meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 1st May	Getting ready for school meeting 2pm
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday: May day
Tuesday 7th May	INSET day, school closed for children
Saturday 18th May	Strawberry Fayre 12-2pm
Tuesday 21st May	Photographer in school
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Back to School
Tuesday 4th June	Parent: teacher meetings
Friday 7th June	Parent: teacher meetings
Tuesday 11th June	Big Toddle: sponsored walk to Monyash 12.30pm
Wednesday 26th June	Bears school trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Tuesday 9th July	Sports day and family picnic 12.15 pm
Tuesday 16th July	Backup sports day date
Thursday 18th July	Leaver's assembly 2pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Break up for the summer holiday