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Flagg News

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This term we welcome...

Rory, Luen, George M and Freddie to our nursery school. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and look forward to working with you and your families.

Mrs Taylor

I am very sorry to have to let you know that Mrs Taylor, our senior teaching assistant in the mornings, is very poorly. She has been off work since we returned to school in September and will be off for a while yet whilst she undergoes treatment. Some of you who are new to nursery will not have met Mrs Taylor but most of you have and I am sure you will agree that she has been an important feature of Flagg Nursery School for more than 35 years. We all really miss her and I know that you will join us in wishing her well. The children have sent her a lovely get well card. In the meantime Mrs Fran Willis is covering her role and is doing a superb job! Mrs Buttle is currently on her final teaching placement at Bakewell Infant School, after which time she will be a fully qualified teacher. Her role is being filled by Mrs Willis (every child a talker groups) and Mrs Jenny Smith (lunchtime teaching assistant) who is also doing a superb job! Mrs Buttle will be back in nursery in December.

Dance Workshops

Jennie from Chris Hill Community sports will be teaching dance workshops during November and December. We will be holding dance, sports and forest schools sessions on different days throughout the year so that all children in the N2 class (starting school in September 2021) will have access to these extra curricular activities.

Harvest Festival and Harvest Boxes

Many thanks to everyone who came to and supported our Zoom Harvest Festival. We made up 17 Harvest boxes which the children and staff took to senior residents in Flagg who were all absolutely delighted and have asked us to thank you on their behalf.

Children In Need

'Children in Need' day is Friday 13th November. To celebrate this event children are invited to wear spotty clothes or any type of fancy dress. In nursery we will be doing spotty paintings, stories and dancing. Donations welcome, they will be sent to Children in Need at the BBC.



School Photographer

A photographer from Wrates will be in school on Thursday 19th November. There is no obligation to buy the photos but if you do they would make nice Christmas presents! If Thursday is not your day, please speak to me about an appointment time if you want to come in. If you do not want photos taken of your child, please let me know.

Friends of Flagg

Halloween parties and pumpkin treasure hunts: A BIG thank you to everyone for your amazing donations of money, food, carved pumpkins and fancy dress costumes. We raised a whopping £135! Judging was very difficult but the winners were: Dulcie, Robin, Grace, Dexter, Warren, Rosie and Toby S for pumpkin carving and Alfie and Charlie W for scary costumes. I would also like to thank Rachel Limer from "Chocolates in The peak" for her donation of a harvest hamper and chocolate pumpkin, Rachel is no longer a parent here but is still supporting us.

Christmas Party and Christmas Raffle There will be a Christmas party for all children on Wednesday 16th December. The magician and Christmas gifts from Santa will be paid for out of money raised by the Friends of Flagg. With this in mind we are having a Christmas Raffle and auction. We have already received some prizes for this: vouchers for a family photo shoot, for Peak Wildlife Park, for Chatsworth Garden and playground, for The Bull i' Thorn and for Hattersley Wines, a hamper with gorgeous hand-crafted produce, a pamper hamper and more.... There will also be some home-made "Flagg cranberry chutney" for sale (made wearing PPE). We will be sending raffle tickets and instructions for the auction out in a few weeks. There is absolutely no obligation to sell tickets and I realise that this is difficult in lockdown but all money raised will be spent on making the nursery experience better for our children. Money raised in previous years has been used to pay for leaver's gifts, school trips, sports coaches, animal workshops, forest school and living eggs.

The next Friends of Flagg Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th November via Zoom. All welcome, I will put the invitation on Parent Hub.

Christmas Concert

This year our Christmas Concert: 'Winter's on the way' will be held on **Friday 11th December at 10.30am**. If your child does not usually attend on a Friday morning you are still welcome to join us via Zoom and join in with the songs. You can dress your child up at home too if you would like to. We will make recordings of the children singing the songs on different days so that all parents can be involved.



Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday 16th December**. All children are invited to attend – **if Wednesday is not their usual day** then children in the N1 class (NOT going to school Sep 21) are welcome to join us for the morning session (until 12 am), unfortunately due to funding pressures there will be a charge for this unless you are in receipt of V2 funding). Children in the N2 class (who ARE going to school Sep 21) are welcome to join us for the whole day. There will be no school dinners and children staying all day will need a packed lunch. There will be party food, games, a magician and a visit from Santa. You are welcome to send your child to nursery in a Christmas jumper on party day and bring £1 to donate for Save the Children or a toy to donate to the High Peak Toy Bank.



Communication between home and school

I am aware that communication between home and school is even more important than usual this year.

- We use e-mail and parent hub for messages which need communicating immediately. If you haven't already done so, please download the parent hub app and verify your child's details. You will then receive notifications from us on our channel. If you don't download the app and also verify your child's details then you will receive the message in the form of a text which we as a school have to pay for, the channel is a free service so this save the school money.
- You should all have received an invitation to Class Dojo. We have started to upload stories, songs and plans on here so that if we need to close due to Corona Virus, we are ready to communicate early years home learning immediately.
- In Nursery we use "Evidence Me" to send you photos of what your child is doing during the day. This is a useful tool when your child answers "I can't remember" or "Nothing" to the question "What did you do today?" You can look at the photos together and talk about what they were doing.

If you are not able to access Parent Hub, Class Dojo or Evidence Me then please let me know.

Please feel free to call me or e-mail me anytime. I know that with the socially distanced dropping off and picking up arrangements there isn't time for the informal chats we would usually have. If there is anything at all that you need to tell us or ask us then please get in touch, nothing is too small or too silly to discuss. I will normally get back to you on the same day and if it is something important which can't be dealt with quickly then I will arrange a zoom meeting.

New Governors

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed two new Governors: Mrs Gill Graham (Jasper's mum) is our new parent Governor and Mr Jonathan Figg (Raffy's dad) is our new co-opted Governor. Welcome to the Governing Body!

A Few Reminders

Please remember:

- Drop off at the nursery gate next to the village hall between 9am and 9.15am, please wear a mask and stay 2 metres away from other parents
- Pick up from the main glass door at 12pm or between 2.45 and 3.15pm, only 4 parents in the front garden at a time and again, wear a mask and stay 2 metres away from others.
- Please park courteously and preferably on Mycock Lane by the pencil fence, it is much safer.
- If you have symptoms of covid 19 or a positive test, please follow the instructions in the previous newsletter.

Dates for your diary: Dates for the whole academic year can be found on the website

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| Thursday 12th November | Friends of Flagg meeting 7.30pm via Zoom |
| Wednesday 19th November | Governing Body Committee meetings (resource management 6.30pm and teaching and learning 8pm) |
| Thursday 19th November | Photographer in nursery |
| Friday 13th November | Children in Need day, wear spots and bring a donation |
| Friday 11th December 10.30am | Christmas concert (via Zoom) |
| Wednesday 16th December | Christmas party day with Kimmo and Santa, wear a Christmas jumper |
| Thursday 17th December | Break up for Christmas holiday |
| Friday 18th December | INSET day, staff training (communication and language) |