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Flagg News

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Forest School Day at Taddington Primary School

Bears class (children going to school in September 2022) will be going to Taddington Primary School next Wednesday 10th November. We will be getting there by minibus provided by Andrews of Tideswell at 10 am. We will be doing some forest school activities using the wooded area and outdoor classroom and will join the children at school for a school dinner. Please pick your child up from Taddington Primary School at 2.45 pm (if they usually leave at 12pm they are welcome to stay for the afternoon). A letter asking for your permission to take your child on the trip has been sent home today, we cannot take your child on the trip without your consent. If you do not want them to join in with the trip they can stay in nursery as usual. If your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday and you would like them to join in then please let me know. There is no charge for this trip.

School Photographer

A photographer from Wrates will be in school on Thursday 18th 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.



Changing Lives Meeting

We are working with an NHS programme called Changing Lives, based at Lady Manners School. They are an early intervention service that offer parent-led CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) sessions for Nursery and Primary-aged children who have been identified to be struggling with their emotional wellbeing as well as group sessions for children with low self-esteem.

There will be a meeting for parents who would like to learn more about how to support the whole family to maintain good mental health. The meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 11th November from 6.30-7.30 pm. The changing lives practitioners will talk about how to maintain good mental health for the whole family and will also leave time for you to ask any questions you may have.

Here is the link which I will share with you again nearer the time via e-mail and Parent Hub:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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Children In Need

'Children in Need' day is Friday 19th November. To celebrate this event children are invited to wear spotty or stripy 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.



Harvest Festival

Many thanks to everyone who came to and supported our Harvest Festival and donated items for the food bank in Buxton. We had a huge hamper of goods to donate. Mrs Woodruff took this to the food bank during the half term holiday.

Friends of Flagg

Halloween party and pumpkin treasure hunt: A BIG thank you to everyone for your amazing donations of food, carved pumpkins and help on the evening. We had a very successful evening and raised nearly £400 pounds.

Christmas Chocolate Bingo The Friends of Flagg are holding a Christmas chocolate bingo evening for all the family on **Thursday 25th November from 5-6.30pm in the village hall**. Tickets are £5 each and the price includes tea: sandwiches and party food. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 8th November Everyone welcome: bring your friends and family, the more the merrier! **We will need donations of chocolate for the prizes, thank you.**

The next Friends of Flagg Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th November via Zoom to plan the Christmas chocolate bingo event. All welcome, I will put the invitation on Parent Hub and e-mail it to you.

Save the date: Flagg Nursery Schools' Strawberry Fayre Saturday 18th June 2022 1-3pm, all welcome. This is usually very, very popular and lots of fun!

Christmas Concert

This year our Christmas Concert: '**Five Christmas Crackers**' will be held on **Wednesday 15th December 2pm** for children in Bears class (going to school September 2022). If your child does not usually attend on a Wednesday afternoon you are still welcome to join us, please arrive at 1.45 to give your child time to dress up if they want to.

Cubs class (children going to school in September 2023 or later) will be having a Christmas crafts session and singalong with parents on **Thursday 16th December, 9-10.30am**. Please join us, even if your child doesn't normally attend on Thursday mornings.

Christmas Party and Christmas jumper day

The Christmas Party will be held on **Tuesday 21st December**. All children are invited to attend – **if Tuesday is not their usual day** then children in the Cubs class (NOT going to school Sep 22) 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 2 year old funding). Children in the Bears class (who ARE going to school Sep 22) 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.



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 saves 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 Covid 19, 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 as much 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 meeting in person.

Parent Pay and funding

- Please try and clear your parent pay balance on a regular basis, preferably on a weekly basis.
- Please check your account regularly even if you don't have any charges in case we have made an error.
- Unfortunately, due to funding pressures, we do ask that you pay for all sessions which are booked even if your child is poorly and does not attend. If the school is closed due to snow or Covid then there will be no charges.
- All children are entitled to 15 or 30 hours of funding the term after they turn 3. So if their 3rd birthday falls between September and December, their funding starts in January. If they are 3 between January and March then funding starts in April and if they are 3 between April and August then it is September.

A Few Reminders

- Please remember to put sibling's names down on the waiting list if you would like them to come to Flagg
- Please let us know asap if you would like to increase your sessions after Christmas
- Please remember to name all clothing such as jumpers and coats which are likely to be taken off, our lost property is multiplying!
- Please ensure that children are wearing shoes they can put on and take off by themselves as this makes changing into and out of wellies much quicker
- Please make sure that your child has a warm coat. We do have hats and gloves in nursery but of course children can also bring their own, please make sure that they are named.

Primary School Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you need to apply for a place at primary school before 15th January 2022. You can apply at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions.
Leaflets about this are being sent home today.

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

Wednesday 10th November	Bears class forest school day at Taddington School
Thursday 11th November 6.30pm	Changing Lives meeting via Teams
Monday 15th November 7.30pm	Friends of Flagg Zoom meeting
Thursday 18th November	Photographer in school
Thursday 25th November 5-6.30pm	Christmas chocolate bingo, everyone welcome
Wednesday 15th December 2pm	Christmas concert for Bears class, parents and carers welcome
Thursday 16th December 9am	Cubs class Christmas singalong and Christmas crafts, parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 21st December	Christmas party day: Barmy Bella and Santa visiting, children only
Wednesday 22nd December	Break up for Christmas holiday
Monday 10th January	Back to School
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term
Monday 28th February	Back to School
Monday 14th March	INSET day, school closed for children
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter
Monday 25th April	Back to School
Friday 27th May	Break up for half term
Tuesday 7th June	Back to School
Friday 22nd July	Break up for the summer holiday