

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Brown

## Happy New Year 2026

This term we welcome Bella, Harry, Holly, Rosie, Toby, Zeta and their families to our nursery. We look forward to working with them and hope they enjoy their time with us.

### Applying for a Primary School place

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, you will need to apply for their infant/primary school place by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. They will be eligible to start school in September 2026. You can apply online via the Derbyshire County Council website, or by ringing Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. If you do not apply by this date, there is no guarantee of a place being available at your catchment school. For more information or assistance, please speak to Mrs Longley or Mrs Brown.



### Snow

On occasions it is necessary to close the school because of severe weather conditions. If this happens we will send a class dojo message, and an e-mail as soon as possible so please check your phones before you set off. We will endeavour to have someone in the school office answering the phone, but this may not always be possible. The advice is, **if in doubt, please don't set out.**

### Friends of Flagg

The Friends of Flagg is our parent, teacher and friends' association. During the past year the Friends have raised money for our school fund which has paid for a school trip to Matlock Farm Park, Christmas presents for the children, Living eggs, dance coaching and animal workshops. This year we want to raise money to pay for another school trip as well as activities in nursery school such as forest school, animal workshops and sports coaches.

Please let me know if you are interested in supporting the Friends of Flagg, We have a What's App group set up which makes organising events easier. If you give your permission, I can add you to this and we can start planning! I will use the what's app group to plan the next meeting.

### Upcoming events:

- Easter egg hunt and Chocolate bingo: date to be confirmed
- Strawberry Fayre Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 12-2pm



### Sports Coaching

Max, from Galactico Sports will be providing sport sessions on Tuesday mornings in the Bears class. Please send your child to school in tracksuit bottoms or leggings and trainers on Tuesdays. Thank you.

### Parent Teacher meetings

Parent consultations will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. This is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress with us and let us know about any concerns you may have. Please e-mail or call the school office with your preferred date and time. If you are unable to make any of these days but would like to speak to a member of staff about your child's progress, please speak to Mrs Brown. We will always accommodate you.

### Valentine's Café

We will be hosting a valentine's café on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in nursery. Your children will serve you with cakes and biscuits they have made for a small fee which we will put towards our school fund.



### All Creatures Great and Small and the Circle of Life

Our topic this term is "All Creatures Great and Small." We will be thinking about pets, farm animals, rainforest animals, dinosaurs, the environment and extinction. After the February half-term, we will be looking at life cycles. We will watch eggs hatch into chicks and caterpillars metamorphose into butterflies, we'll look at the life cycle of a plant or flower and we will also be thinking about our own life cycle. We'll look at pictures of the teachers as babies and we will also be thinking about the jobs we might like to do when we grow up. To support this, if you can spare some time to come and talk about your own job with the children that would be great. In the past we have had visits from farmers, nurses, midwives, vets, paramedics, builders and a blacksmith amongst others.

### INSET days

Flagg Nursery School is part of the Local Authority school system and so we have five INSET (In-service training) days like the primary schools. On these days the nursery is closed to children for staff training. This academic year the remaining INSET days are on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Training for staff this year includes safeguarding, maths in the early years, ICT in the curriculum, communication and language, neurodiverse advocates, GPDR and cyber security.

### Childcare funding and sessions

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit this website [Childcare & Early Years Education - Best Start in Life](#) to check what funding you might be eligible for. I have also attached a flier with more information. If you would like to increase your sessions during the summer term, please let us know now. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent teacher meetings
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent teacher meetings
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent teacher meetings
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Governing Body Meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2pm	Valentine Café
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Back to school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 9.30am	Zoolab animal workshop
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm	Zoolab animal workshop
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Living Eggs arrive
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Governing Body Committee meetings
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm	Easter egg hunt and singalong
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 12-2pm</b>	<b>Summer Fayre: the Strawberry Fayre</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for half term