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Flagg News

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Strawberry Fayre

We are really looking forward to our annual Friends of Flagg 'Strawberry Fayre' fundraising and family fun event this **Saturday 10th May** from **12-2pm** in school. There will be games, stalls, crafts and refreshments.

Please return any raffle tickets both sold and unsold to nursery by Friday, thank you.

As always, we are in need of additional volunteers. There is a list in school today. Please sign up if you are able to help. Please bring any cakes for the cake stall or scones for the cream teas into nursery on Friday or Saturday, thank you.

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 so please come along and support us. Fingers crossed for good weather!



Welcome

A big welcome to our new children and their families this term: George, Eric and Levison. We look forward to working with you and hope you enjoy your time with us.

A Sad Farewell

Very, very, sadly, Sarah Capper will be leaving us soon. Her last day in nursery will be on Thursday 22nd May. Sarah has been at Flagg for ten years and we will all miss her greatly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah for her dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism over the past ten years. She has been our childcare manager and forest school leader and brought with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. We wish her all the very best for the future. Sarah's role will be covered by existing staff until the end of the school year and we are currently recruiting for September.

Tilly Clarke will also be leaving us at the end of the summer term. She is having a gap year travelling before embarking on a BEd degree to qualify as a teacher. Tilly has been with us for four years, starting as an NVQ student, then a year as a volunteer on her day off and finally as a teaching assistant after a period of travel. We are delighted that Tilly is taking the next step towards what I'm sure will be a bright future in education.

Both of these roles (Senior Teaching and learning assistant, level 8 and Teaching and Learning Assistant, level 5) are now advertised on the DCC website under "Education: non-teaching/support services" so if you know anyone who might be interested in joining our friendly, nurturing team then please tell them to have a look.

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 2025 are invited to a meeting either on Monday 12th May at 6.30pm or Tuesday 13th May at 9pm. 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 the Tuesday meeting to answer any questions and address any anxieties you or your child may have about starting school.

The Reception teachers from the 12 primary schools that our children are moving on to have all been invited to Flagg to meet the children.



Forest Schools

Forest School sessions have been offered to those children who start primary school in September on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for four weeks. Sarah Capper our forest schools leader and Helen Brittain-Carlidge (qualified teacher) will be leading these sessions. **Please note that the forest school group does not get back to nursery until 3pm.**



Parent:teacher meetings

There will be parent teacher meetings on 13th and 16th 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 20th 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 10th 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 Matlock Farm Park

We are looking forward to the trip to Matlock Farm Park on Thursday 26th June. Bears will be supervised by staff and Cubs (all children not going to primary school this September, including those who are in Bears class in nursery) will be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Children with staff will have a separate tour and talk and those with an accompanying adult are welcome to set their own itinerary. I will be available to support the group with parents and Mrs Woodruff will lead the group with staff. I have reserved 2 lunch rooms but hopefully the weather will be good and we can have a massive Flagg picnic. Please arrive by 9.15 am on the day if you are coming on the coach. Thank you.



Sports Day and family picnic At Taddington School



We will be holding a sports day and family picnic on Tuesday 17th June. We will be sending a consent letter home about this shortly. At 12.15 please pick your child up from Flagg and join us at Taddington school. If your child isn't in nursery on Tuesday, then 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, activities and sports toys to play with. This event will finish at 2.30 pm so that we do not overlap with school parents picking up. If the weather is bad on 17th June, we will postpone until 1st July.

Leaver's assembly

There will be a final singalong and presentation for parents of children leaving us this year at 2pm on Monday 21st July. All parents of Bears who are leaving in July are welcome including children who do not usually attend on Mondays and their parents, please arrive at 1.45 if Monday is not your normal day, thank you.



Lunchboxes

Now that the weather getting a bit hotter 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.



Governors Section

We are delighted to welcome two new Governors to our friendly and highly effective team: Katie Edwards, mum to Lottie and Rose and Tom Osbourne, dad to Sophia. We are looking forward to working with them and we hope that they enjoy their time on the Governing Body.

At the last Governors meeting on 30th April the Governors approved the budget for the financial year 2025-26, discussed pupil achievement, safeguarding, staffing and health and safety.

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 10th May	Strawberry Fayre 12-2pm
Monday 12th May	Ready for School meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 13th May	Ready for School meeting 9am
Tuesday 20th May	Photographer in school
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 2nd June	Back to School
Tuesday 10th June	Big Toddle 12.30pm
Tuesday 17th June	Sports day 12.30pm at Taddington school
Friday 13th June	Parent consultations
Monday 16th June	Parent consultations
Thursday 26th June	School trip to Matlock Farm Park
Tuesday 1st July	Backup sports day
Monday 21st July	Leaver's assembly 2pm
Wednesday 23rd July	Break up for the summer holiday
Thursday 24th July	INSET day, school closed for children
Thursday 4th September	INSET day, school closed for children
Friday 5th September	INSET day, school closed for children
Monday 8th September	Back to School