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# Flagg News

Flagg Nursery School

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## Welcome

A big welcome to all of our new families, the new children are settling in beautifully. Each child has a designated key worker, if you are not sure who your child's key worker is, there is a list on the information board in the entrance hall. We would love it if you could share photos, videos or information about what your child is doing at home eg learning to ride a bike or a special pet with your key worker on Class Dojo. You can either sent them a message or post to your child's portfolio. You can also share holiday photos or photos of special events such as weddings so that children can look at the photos and chat to us about what's been happening in their lives.

## Staff and Governors

Here is a list of staff with their photos and a description of their role. All staff are happy to chat to you about your child at any time. If you would like a more confidential meeting, let us know and we can arrange a private meeting, a phone call or a Teams meeting.



Mrs Terri Bassett  
Teaching assistant in Cubs class



Mrs Jenny Smith  
Teaching assistant in both classes



Mrs Ann Bennett  
Teaching assistant in both classes



Mrs Sarah Torr  
Teaching assistant in Cubs class



Mrs Brittain-Cartlidge  
Teaching assistant in Bears class  
Supply teacher



Mr, Marc Whitlock  
Team leader in Cubs class  
Supply Teacher



Mrs Sarah Brown  
Head teacher  
Safeguarding lead



Mrs Fran Willis  
Teaching assistant in Bears Class



Mrs Sally Longley  
School Business Officer



Mrs Helen Woodruff  
Teacher and SENDCO

A full list of staff and qualifications can be found here:

<http://www.flagg.derbyshire.sch.uk/nursery-school-staff.html>

### The Governing Body

We are a local authority-maintained school which means that the headteacher is supported by a Governing Body. A list of governors can be found here:

<http://www.flagg.derbyshire.sch.uk/our-governors.html>

Our Governing Body met on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and we welcomed two new governors: Mr Chris Harrison (Harriette's dad) and Jenny Swarbrick (Elodie's mum). A big thank you to Chris and Jenny for volunteering, we hope that you enjoy your time with us.

The Governing Body is responsible for overseeing our school improvement plan, staffing, buildings, safeguarding procedures, provision for children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities), budget, health and safety, data protection, cyber security and monitoring the curriculum and outcomes for children.

The Governing Body agreed three school improvement priorities this year:

1. Focus on communication and language
2. Improving IT provision
3. Improving maths provision

One of our governors, Kate Pogmore (Tom's mum), has volunteered to be a link between parents and the governing body. If there is anything about nursery school life that you would like to flag up with our governors, please contact Kate either in person or by e-mailing [kpogmore@flagg.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:kpogmore@flagg.derbyshire.sch.uk)



### Nursery Sessions

If your child regularly attends breakfast club you can use part of your 30-hour entitlement for this (that is if your child is not already attending for the full 30 hours), please speak to Mrs Longley for more details. If you are using your full 30 hours, you can pay for breakfast club using Tax Free Childcare.

**Please remember to reconfirm your 30-hour code when asked to do so by HMRC**

If, once your child has settled in, you would like to increase the number of sessions they attend later this year please let us know as soon as possible because there are very few sessions now left available. We are not admitting any more children for the academic year 2025-26 and already have a long waiting list.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm: all welcome. If your child doesn't usually attend on a Friday afternoon, please feel free to join us at 1.50 pm. Please let us know in advance if you will be coming so that we know how many people to plan for. This will be an informal singalong and an opportunity to bring items to donate to the foodbank in Buxton. We will be accepting items for the foodbank all week, beginning Monday 13th October.



### Forest School Day at Taddington

Bears Class will be going to Taddington School on Wednesday 22nd October to take part in a forest school afternoon run by staff from Taddington. Children will travel by minibus from Flagg to Taddington at 1.00pm and we ask that you pick them up from Taddington School at 2.45pm. A letter will be sent out shortly to parents of children in Bears class.



### Friends of Flagg

Our PTFA, The Friends of Flagg, has organised various events over the past few years. Last year we raised almost £4,000 with a Halloween party, a Valentine Cafe, Easter chocolate bingo and the Strawberry fayre, our annual school fayre.

Money raised was spent on a trip to Matlock Farm Park, the dance coach, the sports coach, living eggs, wildlife workshops, the entertainer at the Christmas party, Christmas presents for the children and forest school. A summary of the school fund accounts can be found on our website:

<http://www.flagg.derbyshire.sch.uk/friends-of-flagg-ptfa.html>

The Friends of Flagg group is organising a Halloween Party and Pumpkin Treasure Hunt on Thursday 23rd October from 3.30-4.30 in the village hall. If you would like to help and get involved, please let me know and I will add you to the Friends of Flagg what's app group which is how we do most of our planning. Tickets will be available to buy next week in nursery, siblings and friends welcome. Thank you.



### Parent: teacher meetings

We are holding parent: teacher meetings on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you can't make these days, we will accommodate you anytime. The more you get involved in your child's school journey the more likely they are to achieve in the future. We aim to work in partnership with you for the benefit of the children and we recognise that parents are the child's first teachers. These meetings are a good opportunity for you to find out how your child is settling in or if they have been here for a while, to find out how they are progressing and what you can do to support them at home. It's also a good time to discuss any worries you may have. You can call or e-mail the school office to make an appointment or sign up on the sheet in school.

### Christmas Activities



I realise it is a little early to start thinking about Christmas, but you may need to book time off work:

**Tuesday 2nd December:** Bears class trip to Taddington school to see the panto, provided by Buxton Opera House

**Tuesday 16th December:** 2pm Christmas concert for Bears class, parents welcome, even if your child doesn't normally attend on Tuesdays

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas party day, children only: show by Barmy Bella, party games and food and a visit from Santa, all welcome even if Wednesday is not your usual day. Cubs for the morning session (unless usually booked in all day) and Bears for the full day.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** 9-11am Cubs class Christmas singalong and Christmas crafts, parents and carers welcome even if your child doesn't normally attend on Wednesdays

You will receive tickets for either the craft session or the concert and for the party so there should be no confusion about which group your child is in!

### Free School Meals

We do not provide school meals in nursery but if you are eligible for free school meals, the governing body has agreed to provide you with supermarket vouchers to assist with the cost of packed lunches. I will send a flyer about how to find out whether you are eligible along with this newsletter. If you are eligible, please let Mrs Longley know. Thank you.

### A Few Reminders

- Please send your child into nursery in shoes rather than wellies, children change into their wellies to go outside if it is very muddy.
- Please ensure that all footwear is the right size to avoid trips and slips and is easy to run and climb in so no crocs or high heeled shoes!

- Please send your child in trousers/leggings/tights that they can pull down by themselves: no skinny jeans or dungarees, this is especially important if they are toilet training.
- Please label all clothing which is likely to be removed like trousers after an accident, coats, jumpers, shoes, and wellies. We have 52 children on roll and can't always remember what belongs to whom, children don't always know either!
- Children are really enjoying their packed lunches, lunchtimes are lovely, calm and sociable. To make it a little easier please label lunch boxes. Remember that we are a nut free nursery so please no peanut butter, nutella or cereal bars in lunchboxes. Please also cut grapes and large blueberries in half to minimise the risk of choking.
- If your child is going to be absent due to a holiday, day trip or illness, please let us know. We will call you if your child is not in nursery on their allocated day and we don't know why; just so that we know that everything is ok.
- Please let us know if someone different will be picking your child up and ensure that they know the password.

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

<b>W/B Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Collecting tins and dried goods for Buxton Food Bank
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2pm</b>	Harvest festival, all children and parents welcome
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Bear's forest school afternoon at Taddington school
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 3.30pm</b>	Friends of Flagg Halloween party and pumpkin treasure hunt
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for half-term
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Back to school
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Bears class trip to see the panto at Taddington school
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</b>	Christmas concert: Bears class, parents welcome
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas party with Santa and magician, all children welcome
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9am</b>	Christmas crafts and singalong Cubs class, parents welcome
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas holidays
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	INSET day, school closed for children

*Sarah Brown October 2025*