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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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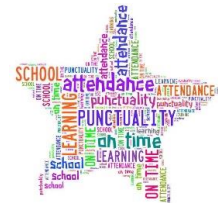
Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was 96.42%.

The top classes were:

1. Halls Class 100%
2. Rowling and King-Smith Classes 97.6%
3. Potter Class 97.5%

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. Please remember that the school is required to refer children who have 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence to the Education Welfare Officer, and that each school day has two sessions. Our full Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.



Nasal flu vaccinations

The annual nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on 27th September. Information has been sent out to parents and carers about how to give consent etc.

School uniform reminders

Please remember that children should be wearing full school uniform including uniform PE kit. Polo shirts should be **pale blue**, either with the kite logo or plain. PE jumpers/hoodies should be **plain** blue or black. The full uniform policy can be found as a reminder at the end of this letter.

We hope children are proud of their school uniform and that it makes getting ready for school easier for parents. We appreciate parents supporting us, and their children, by ensuring they are dressed appropriately for school. This is a good habit for children to get into for their future at secondary school and in employment. All the local secondary schools take a very firm line on uniform so it is something the children need to get used to complying with.

Occasionally we have children who have specific special educational needs that mean a 'reasonable adjustment' needs to be made to uniform (e.g. a child with sensory difficulties or motor control difficulties may need to wear plain black/grey joggers rather than traditional trousers with buttons and zips). These reasonable adjustments are discussed and agreed with parents if an issue is identified and a suitable alternative is found that is as close as possible to the standard uniform item. Please do let us know if this is the case for either of your children so we can discuss suitable ways forward.

If cost is an issue, as it is for many families especially during the ongoing cost of living crisis, we do have a fund from Chippenham Borough Lands Charity that can be used to **provide financial support for uniform items and school shoes, including PE kit**. Please let us know if you would like to access this fund, which can be done very discreetly (no information is provided to CBLC about who has benefited from financial assistance). Please also remember that Chippenham Uniform Exchange can help with very low-cost pre-owned uniform items.

Home-School Agreement

The majority of parents and carers have signed to show they support our Home-School Agreement – thank you! If you have not yet signed, please do so by Friday 29th September. If for any reason you do not agree to support the Home-School Agreement, please contact the school as soon as possible to make an appointment to discuss this with a member of the Governing Board.

Children's news

Mckee Class busy at Forest School!



Rowling Class visited Chippenham Museum and toured the town centre as part of their History unit 'How has industry changed Chippenham?'



Open Classrooms

We will be holding an Open Classrooms session on Monday 16th October from 15.15 until 15.40. This is a chance for parents and carers to visit their child's classroom with them and have a look at the work they have been doing. We will be holding Open Classrooms once a term and for Term 2 it will be on Wednesday 29th November.

Diary dates for 2023-24

We will be running tours of the school for prospective parents looking for September 2024 Reception places on:

- Mon 25th Sep 10.45
- Thurs 5th Oct 09.15
- Wed 11th Oct 13.45

Parent / Carers should contact the school office to book a place on their chosen tour – first come, first served!

Wednesday 27th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nasal flu vaccinations• 80th Anniversary Bake Off competition (judging during the day)• Parent Pond PTA Fun Run and sale/raffle of Bake-Off cakes (straight after school)
Mon 9th & Wed 11th October	Parents' evenings
Mon 16th October	Open Classrooms 15.15-15.40
Wed 18th October	TD day – school closed to children
Thurs 19th – Fri 27th October	Half term
Monday 30th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of Term 2 for children• Year 6 residential trip to The Beacon
Wednesday 29th November	Open Classrooms 15.15-15.40
Saturday 9th December	Parent Pond Christmas Fair
Wed 20th December	Last day of Term 2

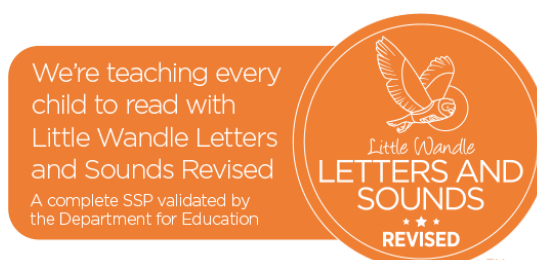
Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

The school will be closed to children on:

- Wednesday 18th October 2023
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024

School Facebook page

Have you seen our Facebook page for parents and carers? Make sure you find the **official** school page, which looks like this.



School uniform policy (including rules on jewellery etc)

At Frogwell Primary School we believe that school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- it helps promote a sense of pride in the school and a feeling of belonging
- it is practical and distinctive
- it helps us quickly and easily identify Frogwell children when out on trips etc
- it is not distracting in class
- it helps make children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance

All children are expected to wear the school uniform.

It is essential that all items of clothing are clearly named as matching lost items of unnamed identical clothing to the owner is very difficult and a waste of valuable teaching time for staff. School logo jumpers and other items can be purchased from Scholars in Chippenham town centre. Plain items of uniform are readily available in supermarkets.

Clothing

- **Royal blue** school sweatshirt or cardigan (plain or with school logo)
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or smart school shorts
- **Pale blue** polo shirt / cotton shirt (optional school logo polos are available to order via our online shop)
- Blue checked summer dress
- Black, grey or white socks or tights

Shoes:

- Sensible flat black school shoes or smart plain black trainers (not boots please). All shoes should be plain black, without any white stripes etc.
- Sturdy sandals are permitted in the summer but these must be securely attached to the feet and suitable for active play (no flip-flops, sliders or similar).

PE Kit:

- Plain blue / black shorts, plain white t-shirt (optional school logo PE tops are available to order via our online shop)
- Daps for indoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Plain blue / black joggers and a plain blue / black sweatshirt or 'hoodie' may be worn for cold weather outdoor PE in the winter.
- Please remember to pack socks for those who wear tights with their normal school clothes.

Swimming kit:

- Sensible one-piece swimming costume for girls (no bikinis or tankinis please)
- Sensible trunks / fitted shorts for boys (no baggy shorts please)
- Swimming hats are strongly encouraged by school and the swimming pool
- Towel

Hair, make-up, jewellery etc

- Children should not come to school with 'fashion' hairstyles including dyed hair colours, mohicans or tram lines / shaved patterns.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Hair accessories should be kept simple and small (e.g. no 'JoJo bows' or fancy hairbands).
- Make-up and nail varnish are not to be worn to school. False / acrylic nails are not allowed
- The only jewellery permitted is a watch and one pair of small stud earrings. Hoop earrings are not suitable for school due to the risk of them being caught and pulled during active play or in busy environments.
- Temporary tattoos are not to be worn to school.
- Parents are responsible for making sure that any weekend or school holiday make-up etc is completely removed before children come back to school. This includes where children have worn make-up etc as part of theatrical or dance performances out of school.

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Recycling school uniform for
children in Chippenham.
Easing the financial burden
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We accept all items of school
uniform including logo items, PE
kit, shoes and coats.

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