



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome (back)!

If you are new to our school, may I extend a very warm welcome. If you have returned to Frogwell after the summer break, welcome back! It has been wonderful to see the children smiling and raring to go in their new classes, even if we have all been just a bit too hot! Our new Reception class have made an amazing start to their first year at school, and we have several new children in other year groups who we are very pleased to have with us.

We need to welcome some new staff members too. **Mr Laroze** and **Mrs Dodd** are new Teaching Assistants working on McKee and Potter Classes respectively.

Class name change!

Our Year 1 class has had a name change over the summer. Fox Class (Mrs Snowden) is now **Halls Class**, after the bestselling children's author Smriti Halls. You may have seen one of her books, 'Rain Before Rainbows', being read by actor Rege-Jean Page on the CBeebies Bedtime Hour! You can find out more about Smriti Halls and her books at <https://www.smriti.co.uk/>



Temporary cleaner needed - can you help?

There is an opportunity to join our friendly team on a temporary basis as a cleaner, initially until the end of December 2023. Previous cleaning experience in a school or similar environment is preferred but full training will be provided.

We are looking for someone 5 days a week, term time only, either 06:15 – 08:15 or 16:00 – 18:00.

Frogwell Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check.

If you would like to find out more about this vacancy, please contact our School Business Manager, Cheryl Attrill, on 01249 652815 or cheryl.attrill@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 9th October (16.30-18.30) and Wednesday 11th October (15.30-17.30), and then again in the Spring. These will be face-to-face short appointments, but you will be able to request a Teams or phone appointment if you cannot attend in person. These meetings will be focused mainly on how your child has settled into their new class, how they are getting on and any ways we need you to support at home. Online booking information will follow from the office in due course.

Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was 98.2%, which is fantastic!

The top classes were:

1. Donaldson, Dahl, Rowling and McKee Classes all had 100%
2. King-Smith Class 99%
3. Lewis Class 98.9%

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.



Medical and dental appointments

Parents/carers are expected to make medical or dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where this is not possible (e.g. hospital appointments), parents/carers are expected to obtain approval for their child's absence to attend such appointments as far in advance as is practicable. Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child misses the minimum amount of time necessary to attend the appointment (e.g. attending school before/after the appointment rather than automatically being absent all day).

The school will ask to see evidence of medical/dental appointments as part of the authorisation process, e.g. appointment letter/card, screenshot of text messages confirming the appointment, etc. This is not something we have done very much in the past, but we have been advised by the Education Welfare Officer that we should be seeking evidence of appointments that cause children to be away from school, even if only for a short time. **Please can parents/carers get into the routine of requesting leave of absence approval for medical and dental appointments in advance and providing the evidence, which can be emailed as screenshots to attendance@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk or shown in person at the school office if electronic means are not possible.**

Reporting absences

Parents/carers are expected to report all absences to the school using the methods outlined below.

Please do not rely on verbal messages to staff on the door/playground as absence reporting and follow-up is managed via the school's pastoral and admin teams, plus busy duty staff do not have the time to pass messages along.

All absences should be reported by 09:00:

- 1) Via the school website www.frogwell.co.uk. Go to the 'Parents' tab and choose 'REPORT AN ABSENCE'. This will take you directly to a simple online form where you will fill in your child's name, class, the date and give the reason for the absence.
 - 2) Via email to the dedicated email address attendance@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk
- It is essential that a clear and specific reason for the absence is given, not just "my child is ill/sick" (specify what the illness is).
 - Parents/carers need to inform the school if a child's absence is due to a traumatic event which the school needs to deal with sensitively on the child's return.
 - **Phone calls to the office should only be used if the above options have failed for some reason because voice mails are often unclear and hard to understand.**
 - If absence is not explained satisfactorily by parents/carers, it will automatically be recorded as unauthorised.

Parent Pond events

The Parent Pond committee have been busy planning a schedule of events. This autumn we can look forward to a cake sale, Christmas Fair, discos and more. The first event will be the Fun Run on 27th September – see the poster below.

Frogwell's 80th anniversary

Bake Off competition

The school year 2023-24 marks 80 years since Frogwell Primary School first opened for the school year 1943-44. We will be celebrating the 80th anniversary in different ways across the year, including a children's Bake-Off competition. If your child would like to take part, they need to create a celebration cake for the 80th anniversary and bring it into school on Wednesday 27th September for judging. We will then be holding a sale and raffle for the cakes at the end of the day (this is the same time as the Parent Pond Fun Run). **Please can parent/carers include a list of ingredients used to help those with allergies for the sale/raffle.** When we held a similar competition for Queen's Jubilee, we were bowled over by the children's creativity and enthusiasm; the cakes were amazing so we hope we will get a great response this time too! **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.**

Frogwell photos

We would also like to ask for your help as we know many people in our school community have long-standing or historic links to the school. If you have old photographs of the school, school events from the past etc that you would be willing to share with us, we would love to see them. We are hoping to create some sort of photo display of Frogwell through the ages that families can come to look at, although until we see what contributions we get it is hard to know what this might be. Maybe you have examples of school uniform or Frogwell memorabilia from past decades? If you have things you would like to share, please give them in to the school office.

Nasal flu vaccinations

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

A message from Bath Rugby...

Free tickets to Bath Rugby's first three home matches!

We have developed an exclusive offer for local schools and are happy to be offering free children's tickets (up to 16 years old) and discounted adult tickets (just £10) to our opening home matches. This is a limited offer so ensure act soon to avoid disappointment.

This offer is aimed at family bookings (rather than large school groups) so please share with parents who will be able to book tickets directly.

To access the offer please use the following link:

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/bathrugby/Authentication/Login?groupref=83&digest=0f47cd1354f2df38208836ec601c8e67f29c251ee7ca018ea96bbb3cdc9f7810>

For anyone unfamiliar with our booking process, we've included some short instructions below:

- Create account or sign-in
- Select the match you want to purchase tickets for (please note the offer is only valid for matches on 16th September, 23rd September and 7th October)
- Select the quantity of tickets you need (max 4 per transaction)
- Choose the "EB" section on the map of the stadium
- Select ticket type (either Junior School or Adult School)
- Click "Add to Basket"

Your basket can be found using icon on the top right of screen. Click this icon to process your payment and confirm your tickets.

Please note children will need to be accompanied by an adult with a valid ticket to access the ground. Stewards will check the age of attendees with a "Junior" ticket.

We're looking forward to seeing you at The Recreation Ground very soon.

Children's news

Ivy B has been awarded her Royal Academy of Dance 'Class Award Primary in Dance' – well done, Ivy!

Rowling Class have been looking at the work of Brazilian artist Romero Britto in their Art lessons this week. They have created their own portraits inspired by his work. Here are some examples by Archie B, Toby H, Lacey J and Bella J.



Summer Reading Challenge



Well done to everyone who has completed the Summer Reading Challenge! We have celebrated the children's achievement in our weekly Celebration Assembly today and the finishers will be invited to a special celebration with Mrs Snowden too.

Diary dates for 2022-23

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
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
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



The Parent Pond's first

FUN RUN

Have a bit of back to school fun,
join us on Wednesday 27th September at 3:20pm
on the school field.

Every racer will receive a medal,
a certificate and a snack!

Tea, Coffee, Ice pops, and other refreshments
will be available for small donation

to The Parent Pond



All year groups and abilities welcome!

£1 entry fee per child

SEN Dance Sessions

Age

5 - 10

4.15 pm - 4.45 pm

Age

11 - 25

5 pm - 5.45 pm

Starting
11 September
2023

Melksham
Community
Campus



SOCIALISE & STAY ACTIVE!

W.I.D invites young people to join in with creating movement through having fun and exploring the space! With the use of colourful props and music, this session will be engaging, inclusive and interactive.

Join us for refreshments after each session.

To register, please contact -
sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk

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