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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was 92.6%.

The top three classes were:

1. Rowling Class 96%
2. McKee Class 95%
3. Lewis Class 94.3%



The highest attending class 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.

Safety reminders

Cycle helmets

Please remember that we only allow children to store their bikes in school if they are wearing an appropriate helmet. If your child is riding a bike to school without a helmet, we will not be allowing them to bring it into the school grounds.

Sun protection, hot weather and summer clothing/footwear

Please make sure you have familiarised yourself with our **Sun Protection policy** at <https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/frogwell-primary-school/UploadedDocument/566d589f-4c6c-4aed-831e-7cd2ada9021a/sun-protection-policy.pdf> . Although the weather is not yet as hot as last summer's extreme temperatures, we do still need to be careful about wellbeing and safety in the sun and warm weather. We have seen a surprising number of children without a water bottle this week, which is worrying.

Make sure your child has:

- Water bottle (they can refill these as needed throughout the day)
- Sun hat or cap
- Sun cream (please see the policy for details of what is needed and what school will be able to help with)

Please make sure that **summer sandals** are safe, sensible and suitable for active play and walking across different surfaces (e.g. steps, playgrounds, grass, bark chips, carpet, gravel and concrete). Unsecured sandals, sliders or flip flops, or any shoe that does not hold the foot securely are not acceptable. Sandals should have a secure ankle strap and adequate strapping across the foot.



School and children's news

Arabella S-B has achieved her Stage 2 Learn To Swim award – well done, Arabella!

Well done to the various children from Year 6 who undertook and passed their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability courses over the last few weeks. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme (we used to call it 'cycling proficiency'). It helps children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life.

Open Classrooms

Please remember the final Open Classrooms of this school year will be on **Monday 10th July, 15.05-15.30.**

Sports Day

Sports Day will be on Thursday 29th June at 10.00, with a back-up date of at 10.00 on 6th July in case of poor weather. Parents and Carers are invited to watch their children take part.

'The Island That Rocks' performances

Year 6 are performing their show 'The Island That Rocks' for parents and carers on Wednesday 12th July at 13:35 and 17:15. Details of how to get tickets will follow. Children in Years 3-5 have the opportunity to join the chorus and perform if they wish to, but this is primarily a Year 6 event and children will be a bigger part of a show as they reach the oldest class each year.

Relationships and Sex Education

Although Relationships Education is woven throughout the school year in all year groups, Years 4 and 6 will be covering their sex education modules this term, in line with our policy that can be found at

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/frogwell-primary-school/UploadedDocument/effd24f0-d4df2-4f74-b318-577ed56da1d4/relationships-sex-education-policy-sep-2021.pdf>

Relationships and Sex Education are a statutory part of the National Curriculum. Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from Relationships Education as all aspects of RSE which address objectives from the National Curriculum for Science are compulsory for all pupils. However, we realise some parents may have questions or worries about what will be covered. Please look at the curriculum map at the very end of the policy for more details, and do talk to Ms Judd (Year 4) or Mrs Cooper and Mrs Sheppard (Year 6) if you have any queries.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children only from the non-statutory components of Sex Education within RSE; these non-statutory elements are highlighted on the RSE curriculum map in Appendix 1 (*NB: the only content that is non-statutory is the Year 6 module 'Making Babies'*). Parents of children in Year 6 wishing to withdraw their child from these lessons must complete/adhere to the following:

- Read the policy, the schemes of work and review used resources
- Discuss concerns with a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team

If parents/carers still wish to withdraw their child after the steps above have been taken, they will be asked to put their request in writing to the Headteacher. Pupils who are withdrawn are expected to attend school as usual; they will be accommodated in another classroom or area of the school during the withdrawn session.

Please be aware that the content being covered across the school is no different to what has been taught at Frogwell for at least the last ten years; the only change was that it became statutory for all schools in 2020.

Parent Pond Special General Meeting

The Special General Meeting to formally launch the new Parent-Friends-School Association, Parent Pond, is on Wednesday 28th June at 18:00 in the school hall. This is open to all parents and carers and I encourage everyone to attend. The Parent Pond will only succeed if the school community really gets behind it and supports it. All parents, carers and staff are automatically members of the Parent Pond and we want to hear your voice and get you involved, no matter your past experience. If you are sitting there thinking "Is this for me? Will I be wanted there?", then the answer is **YES!** Please come along and support the new PFSA as it gets started and help shape this exciting new organisation that will be raising money for the school and putting on enjoyable events.

Diary dates for 2022-23

Wed 28th June	18:00 Parent Pond Special General Meeting (school hall)
Friday 21st July	Special surprise event for children (being supported by this year's fundraising events)
Fri 23rd June 2023	TD day – no school for children
Thursday 29th June	10.00 Sports Day
Wed 5th July	Rowling Class to Junior Good Citizen event (afternoon)
Thursday 6th July	10.00 Back-up Sports Day
Friday 7th July	Y6 Para Games
Wed 12th July	Show performances 'The Island That Rocks' at 13:45 and 17:15. This is for Year 6 pupils (from Rowling and McKee), plus those from Years 3-5 who have signed up for chorus parts.
Fri 14th July	Sheldon and Hardenhuish induction day for Y6
Week of 17th July	Sheldon additional induction week for Y6
Mon 24th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers' Party 16:00-17:30
Tues 25th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 14:15 Last day of Term 6

Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

In the new school year, the school will be closed to children on:

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Wednesday 18th October 2023
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024