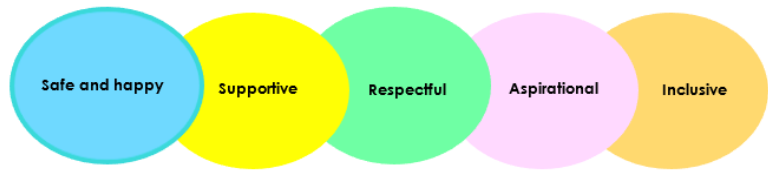




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# Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## School news

### **New play trail**

The play trail is ready! I am sure many of you will have seen the new play trail and heard your children talking about it over the last few days. Today most children have had a 'training session' with Mrs Dowd and Mrs Cooper to learn the rules for safe use of the trail, how many children are allowed on at once, the direction of travel etc. There will be a rota for the classes to use the trail so it won't be a 'free for all'!

Please remember that none of our play equipment may be used outside school time and parents / carers must **keep children away from all the equipment before and after school**. This includes all the items, not just the new trail.

### **Talking about school with your child**

Picture the scene: it is 3pm and your child has just come out at home time. "What did you do at school today?" asks their parent or carer. "Nothing," replies the child. Does this sound familiar? Six hours at school and they did nothing? Really? It can be very frustrating getting that "Nothing" when you are sure they *must* have done *something*!

Here are some suggestions for questions to ask at home time that might lead to a more interesting conversation!

- What was your favourite thing at school today?
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today? Why was it tricky?
- What was the most interesting thing you learnt today?
- If you could change one thing about today, what would it be?
- How would you rate your day 1-10?
- What made you laugh or smile today?
- What are you proudest of yourself for today / this week at school?



### **Thrive**

I am delighted to tell you that we are now officially allowed to use the Thrive logo as we have completed our whole-school training and induction for the approach. Our Pastoral Support Manager Mrs Galvin leads on this important whole-school approach to wellbeing that helps children and young people become more emotionally resilient and better placed to engage with life and learning. Mrs Galvin is supported by our other Thrive Licensed Practitioners, Miss Wakeham and Mrs Manuel.

### **Birthday sweets**

I need to remind parents that we do not allow sweets or cakes to be brought into school for children's birthdays. Many parents do not want their children to have sweets and there are so many birthdays in every class that the number of sweets would be unmanageable. We do of course still celebrate the children's birthdays in class. As an alternative to sweets, if you would like to mark your child's birthday we invite parents to use the sweet money to instead buy a book for the class or school library in which we will put a special 'birthday celebration' nameplate to show that it was donated to celebrate the child's birthday and the date. This is a much longer lasting memento of the child's special day. This is, of course, entirely optional.

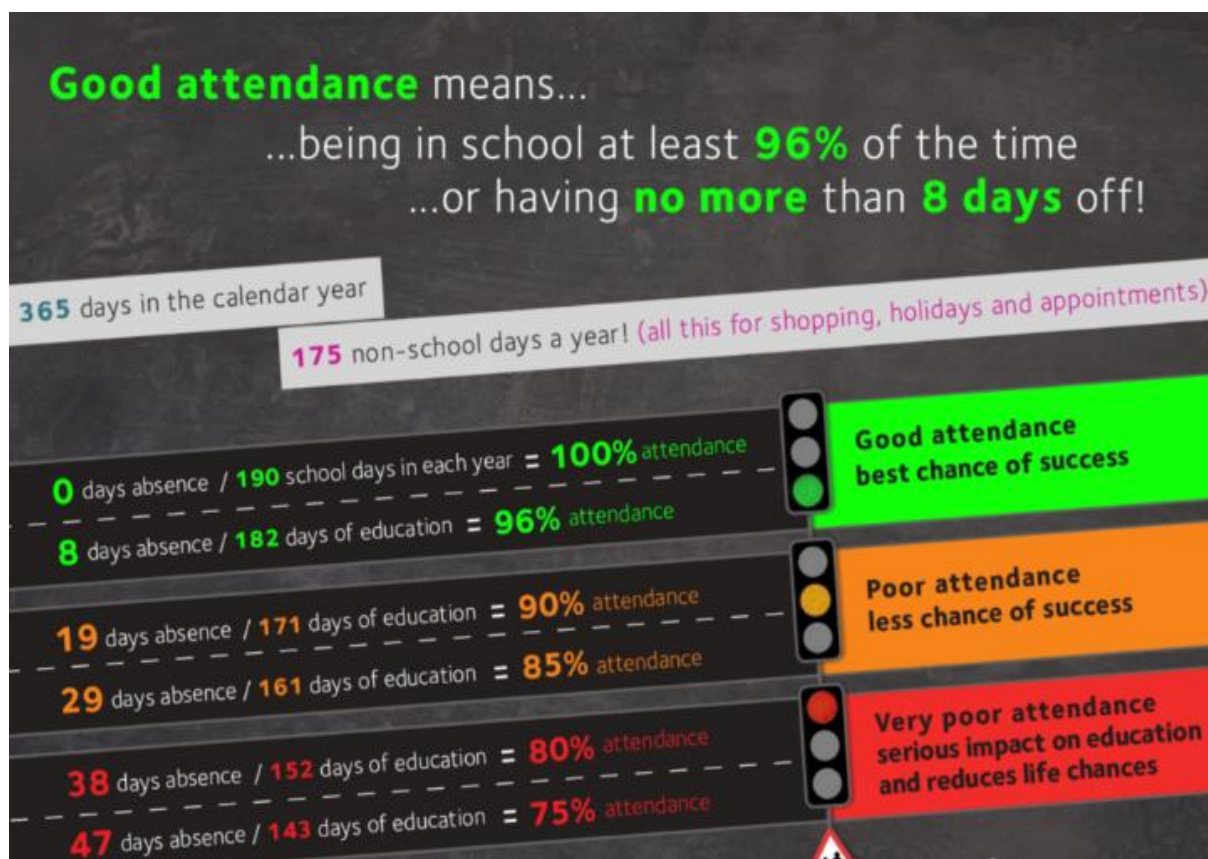
## Attendance

Some parents and carers will have received letters in the last few days informing them their child's attendance for the year to date has put them into the official "persistent absence" category (below 90%). We are required to inform parents and carers regularly if attendance drops below this level but we are aware that in some cases there has been a genuine and unavoidable reason for absence. During the first term, attendance data is also affected more by absence because the total number of possible sessions attended is lower than it will be later in the year. It is important that we make all relevant parents and carers aware of their child's percentage in all cases though, as sometimes they are surprised at the impact of a few days off and were not aware how much the absence had added up. In many cases, the percentage will improve as the short-term reason for absence has resolved.

Please remember that attendance is based on 'sessions' and that each school day contains two sessions (morning/afternoon). Lates after the register has closed (after 09.15) must be recorded as unauthorised absences. The school works with the Wiltshire Council Education Welfare Officer for our area where there are persistent concerns about a child's low attendance that have improved after a reasonable period of time.

Good attendance and punctuality at school are very important. If you are having difficulties with attendance or lateness, please do make an appointment to speak to our Pastoral Support Assistant, Miss Wakeham or our Pastoral Support Manager, Mrs Galvin, to see if we can provide support or advice.

Whole school attendance for the term has been **96.2%**, which is a brilliant increase on the same time last year!



Please be aware that the laws on no smoking anywhere on the school site includes **vaping**. It is against the law to smoke or vape anywhere in the school grounds, including the car park and school frontage areas.

Please can everyone remember that there is no parking allowed in the taxi spaces in the car park except for Wiltshire Council school transport taxis. Parking is limited and parents/carers will need to allow time to park up the road and walk along. Cars must **not** be parked, even with someone waiting inside, in the taxi area.

## **Reminders**

Parents and Carers are asked not to make any form of video or audio recordings or take photographs within the school grounds, other than those approved at official school events such as concerts.

Please remember bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the playground.

Children must not play on the climbing/balancing equipment before or after school – children should be closely supervised by the adult who is collecting them and kept with you while on school grounds.

Please do not allow children to be on the grassy bank behind the car parking bays for any reason.

Gates are locked at 08:55 in the morning so parents can leave the site but school officially starts at **08:50** so arrivals after that time will be marked as late.

Please do not smoke around the school entrance areas.

Please drive slowly and carefully in the car park and in the streets around the school, paying attention to pedestrians.

## **Diary dates for 2022-23**

<b>20<sup>th</sup> Oct – 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022</b>	Start of Term 2
<b>Week beginning 31st October 2022</b>	Year 6 residential trip to The Beacon
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022</b>	Last day of Term 2
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2023</b>	Christmas holidays
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023</b>	Start of Term 3
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Last day of Term 3 for children
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Start of Term 4
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	Last day of Term 4
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	Easter holidays
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	Start of Term 5
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	Last day of Term 5
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	Start of Term 6
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	Last day of Term 6

# Happy half term everyone!



# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING



## WORKING IN SCHOOLS

ONLINE TAUGHT COURSE SUITABLE FOR THOSE WISHING TO WORK IN A SCHOOL AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT

**JOIN THE ONLINE INDUCTION SESSION ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 10:00-11:00**

**COURSE DATES:**

**5 ONLINE SESSIONS 10:00-12:00**

**TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

**FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

**TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER**

**FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER**

**FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER**



**WORK TOWARDS YOUR DREAM JOB!**

**DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS TO WORK IN A SCHOOL**

**PLUS A SHORT WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT IN A SCHOOL TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW REWARDING THIS ROLE IS!**

**THIS COURSE WILL COVER:**

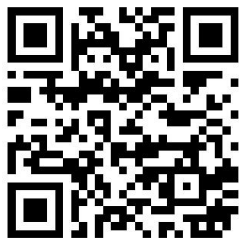
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- UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR
- CURRICULUM SUPPORT
- DIFFERENTIATION AND LEARNING STYLES
- OBSERVATION, FEEDBACK AND PLANNING.



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UP & UNDER SPORTS

## OCTOBER HALF TERM - MULTI SPORTS COURSE HARDENHUISH SCHOOL

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>, Fri 21<sup>st</sup>, Mon 24<sup>th</sup>, Tues 25<sup>th</sup> & Wed 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022



@ Hardenhuish School, Chippenham SN14 6RJ | 9am - 4pm

Open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 13

Learn new sports, improve your skills and have fun with your friends!

### **Fantastic variety of sports / activities | Sports include:**

Football, Mini Olympics, Tennis, Handball, Hockey, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Climbing, Dodgeball, Trampolining, Laser tag, Lacrosse, Archery, Basketball, Rugby, New Age Kurling, Team Building Challenges

**There will be daily competitions, prizes and Team Challenges  
involving multiple activities including an Inflatable Obstacle Course!**

Our activity days are structured around teamwork and working together  
and are delivered in a fun and engaging atmosphere

£30 FOR THE DAY OR DISCOUNTED RATE OF £135 FOR ALL 5 DAYS  
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT IS ALSO AVAILABLE

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