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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

20th December 2023

Attendance and punctuality

Whole-school attendance for the year to date is 94.3%, which is 0.6% higher than nationally.

The top classes this week were:

1. Halls Class 96.2%
2. Donaldson Class 96%
3. Potter Class 95.7%

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. *We have also announced which class has had the highest attendance in Term 2 and it was **King-Smith Class** with an average of 96.3%. King-Smith will be working with their teacher to select a special reward next term.*

Please remember that school starts at **08.45** and arrivals after this time are classed as **late**. Children can arrive into class from 08.40. The gate is kept open until 08.50 to enable parents to leave the site but if your child arrives after 08.45 they will get a late mark. Any arrivals after 08:45 but before 09.10 will be classed as 'late before the register closes' and will have to enter via the school office. When a child is late after the register is closed (after 09.10), then this is legally classed as a session of unauthorised absence. **Lateness is very disruptive to children's school day and means they miss important learning that takes place at the start of the day. It can also cause distress and anxiety. All children arriving through the office late must be signed in by their parent/carer and a reason for the lateness given.** 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.

Staff news

Sadly, we have two staff members leaving us over the next few weeks.

One of our long-standing TAs, Miss Reeves, is leaving this week after thirteen years working at Frogwell. We will miss her very much and wish her all the very best for her new job.

Ms Galvin, our Pastoral Support Manager, will be leaving on 12th January to take up an exciting new job with Wiltshire Council. Ms Galvin has brought so much to our school and has developed our work with attendance, Thrive and pastoral care; she will be greatly missed but I know the seeds she has sown will continue to grow after she leaves. We will be looking to start the process of recruiting a new PSM in the new year.

Children's news

Out of school achievements

Maisie T has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence from Little Kickers football club.

Natalia C-B has achieved her Stage 1 Learn To Swim award.

Children at Froggy Fun Club made lovely gingerbread houses last week!



Mini Police club

We have had our second Mini Police club and this time we were visited by police dog handlers including PC Steve Duffy and his colleague Emma, along with their dogs Champ, Frankie and Gunner. The children learnt about how the police use dogs to support their work and even got to see Gunner in action finding some hidden (fake!) weapons, drugs and cash. We also watched a demonstration of Frankie immobilising an 'assailant' (PC Duffy using a 'bite sleeve'), which was very impressive. The children had lots of great questions and enjoyed meeting the dogs. Our next Mini Police session is on Wed 17th January.



Christmas events

Nativity show

Children from Potter, Donaldson, Halls, Dahl and some of McKee Classes performed their wonderful show 'I Spy Christmas' for their families last week. They did a brilliant job and we all enjoyed it. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to organise the show.



Key Stage 2 carols

We had a fantastic carol performance at Ladyfield Church on Monday and it was great to see so many family members there. The children sang and performed poems beautifully and £50 was raised in donations too from the Parent Pond refreshments. Thank you to all the staff who helped the children learn the songs and practice, and especially to Mr Filer and Mrs Gosal who led the event.

Christmas lunch

Thank you to Mrs Waldron and Miss Roberts for the delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday. That is a lot of pigs in blankets to cook!

Christmas discos

Thank you to Parent Pond for organising our fantastic discos, and also to the staff who volunteered to help with supervision. Events like this are not part of the staff's jobs so they are reliant on people's goodwill and generosity to give up time to make them possible. The discos went really well and we had some amazing dancers! Key Stage 2 ended their disco with a fake snowball fight which was great fun! Unfortunately, I was too slow with the camera and didn't manage to get any photos – apologies!

Christmas gifts from Parent Pond

A huge thank you to Parent Pond who have provided every child with a gift of a book for Christmas.

Diary dates for 2024

Thurs 4th January	Return to school for Term 3
Wed 31st January	Morpurgo Class visit to Sheldon School (taster day)
Tues 6th February	Chippenham Schools Dance Festival at Neeld Hall (evening – Halls Class). More info to follow!
Friday 9th February	Last day of Term 3
12th – 16th February	Half term
Monday 19th February	TD day – school closed to children
Tuesday 20th February	Children return to school for Term 4
Tuesday 5th March	Class photos for Reception and Year 6
Thursday 21st March	Morpurgo Class visit to Hardenhuish School (taster day)
Thursday 28th March	TD day – school closed to children
Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April	Easter holidays
Monday 15th April	Return to school for Term 5
Mon 22nd/Tues 23rd April	Year 3/4 residential trip to Grittleton House Adventures
Friday 24th May	End of Term 5
27th – 31st May	Half term
Monday 3rd June	Return to school for Term 6
Wednesday 24th July	Last day of school year

Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

The school will be closed to children on:

- Monday 19th February
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024

**Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year to all our families,**

**With best wishes from everyone
at Frogwell Primary School.**



Be an attendance **HERO!**



Here
Every day
Ready
On time

Can **you** help your class win the weekly attendance award?
Remember.... **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

