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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was 93.8%, which is a teeny tiny increase of +0.5% from last week. The top classes were:

1. King-Smith Class 96.9%
2. McKee Class 96.3%
3. Donaldson Class 96%

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. *We have also introduced a bigger class prize/reward at the end of each term for the class that has the highest attendance overall for that term – last term it was Halls Class who chose some lovely new train set toys for their class as their prize. Who will it be this term?* 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.

Non-uniform day 1st December

On Friday 1st December we are having a non-uniform day in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair tombola instead of money. Potter, EYFS and KS1 classes need to bring **chocolate items**. KS2 classes and McKee need to bring **bottle items** (alcohol is permitted but must be handed in by an adult to the front office for secure storage - things like bubble bath can be collected in classes). Please make sure that children's chosen non-uniform outfits are still suitable for school, i.e. safe for active play and obviously nothing inappropriate.

Important reminders

- Long hair must be properly tied back for PE lessons and Forest Schools please due to safety. It is best if long hair is tied back all the time and school due to the risk of headlice spreading more easily, but for PE/Forest Schools it is essential.
- No hoop earrings or any other jewellery at school please – a single pair of small stud earrings and a basic (non-smart) watch are all that is allowed, again for safety reasons and risk of loss/damage.

Dogs on school grounds

Please remember that **dogs are actually not permitted anywhere on the school site**, except assistance dogs. This includes dogs being carried as well as those walking. We have our own official visiting dog, Roko, who is risk assessed, carefully planned for and insured but other dogs may not enter the site. **This includes the area around the car park and along the front of the school, not just in the playground. We also cannot have dogs tied up outside so any dog owners will need to make other arrangements for their animals during school drop off and pick up times.**



Dangerous / inconsiderate parking

We are having some very serious issues with people parking in unsafe places or in ways that are disruptive to other road users / pedestrians. Anyone who is parking illegally (e.g. on double yellows) or in places that are likely to make things unsafe for children entering or leaving the school area will have their registration numbers noted and passed on to the police. Parking too close to the car park entrances or on double yellow lines puts our children at risk. Thank you to the many parents and carers who are noticing specific cars parking dangerously and alerting us – please keep reporting problems as we can only tackle this issue if we all work together to make sure the whole community understands it is not acceptable.

We all know the areas around all schools are very busy and congested at school drop-off and pick-up times, especially in the afternoon. Please make sure you arrive at school in time to park further away and walk up to school to collect your children – do not rely on arriving very close to 15.15 and expect to get a space in the car park. If the car park and the safer areas on Derriads Lane are taken, you will need to park further up the road and walk. **Do not dump cars on the bends by the entrance/exit to the car park or on double yellow lines – you will have your car details passed on to the police.**

Safeguarding

'Safeguarding' and 'Child Protection' are terms you may hear used a lot in schools and in the media, but what do they actually mean?

Safeguarding refers to the whole umbrella of processes we use to protect all children and to provide safe and effective care. This includes all the procedures designed to prevent harm to a child, including:

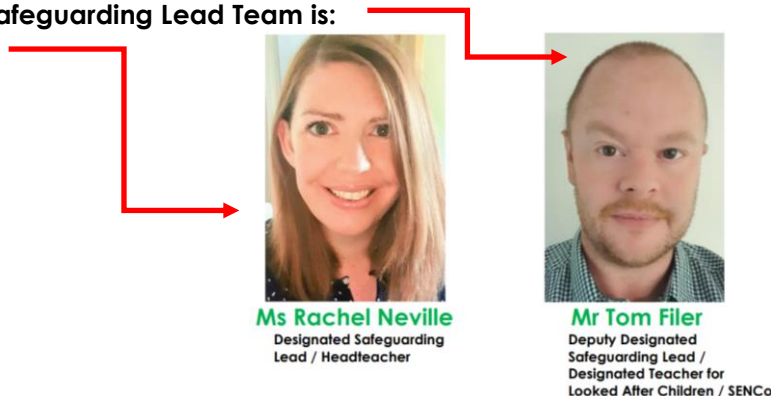
- Being alert to signs and symptoms of abuse or neglect and noticing changes in children's behaviour or presentation that suggests they may need support
- Carrying out risk assessments for activities and trips to ensure they are planned as safely as possible
- Health and safety checks to make sure the school environment is as safe as possible
- Following strict 'Safer Recruitment' procedures to make sure all staff and volunteers are suitable to work with children
- Helping children learn how to be safe online
- Teaching children about road safety, stranger danger, healthy lifestyles, safe and healthy relationships etc
- Making sure children have people they can talk to at school about worries, plus things like 'worry boxes' to make it easier to signal if something is wrong
- Checking where children are if they are not at school
- Improving children's attendance and punctuality at school because this impacts on their overall wellbeing
- Having pastoral systems to support children

Child Protection is part of the bigger safeguarding process, protecting specific individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes the child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child. The school has a legal obligation to report any concerns about a child if they feel that a child may be subject to neglect or physical, emotional or sexual abuse. This includes concerns about the child in the home and the wider environment. If we have such a concern, we will contact the Wiltshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to ensure that concerns are dealt with in a manner which puts the well-being of the child as priority. We appreciate that parents and carers can find these events very worrying and upsetting. Whenever possible, we will discuss concerns with parents before seeking advice to safeguard a child; however, there are some circumstances when we are obliged to seek support from a professional trained to investigate safeguarding concerns.

Who is responsible for Safeguarding in school? The short answer is... EVERYONE!

All staff and volunteers are responsible for being alert to the signs of neglect and abuse and for reporting them to the Safeguarding Lead Team. All school staff have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn. All staff receive safeguarding training and regular safeguarding updates in areas such as online safety and the Prevent duty. The Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead have additional multi-agency training so that they can carry out their responsibilities effectively. The Safeguarding Leads give advice to staff and also liaise closely with other services such as Children's Social Care.

Frogwell's Safeguarding Lead Team is:



Ofsted said...The *arrangements for safeguarding are effective*. Safeguarding records and practice are reviewed thoroughly. Leaders carry out the necessary safeguarding checks before staff begin working at the school. Staff and volunteers receive appropriate safeguarding training. They know how to report concerns about a pupil's safety and well-being. Safeguarding referrals to external agencies are made in a timely manner. Leaders escalate concerns if they believe they have not received an appropriate response from external agencies. Pupils are taught how to keep themselves safe. Leaders have plans in place to help develop further pupils' understanding of bullying, including cyber-bullying.

Children's news

Children In Need - Pennies for Pudsey!

The children had lots of fun today using the coins our families donated to make a big Pudsey face on the playground. It is surprising how much all those coppers add up to because so far Parent Pond have counted up £130 and they still have all the 1p coins to go! Thank you to Vikee, Jess and Grace from the Parent Pond who came in to help the children arrange all their coins to make our lovely Pudsey face! Thank you to families for your generosity for this great cause.



Fire Service visit

Donaldson, Potter, Halls and Dahl Classes had a fantastic visit from Wiltshire and Dorset Fire Service this afternoon! As part of our wider Personal Development and PSHE curriculum offer, each class had a workshop with the firefighters where they looked around the fire engine to see what they would use to put out a fire and they dressed a firefighter up to show the safety gear they wear. Year 1 and Year 2 learnt about when and how you would call the fire brigade and how to leave a building if it is on fire; they also learnt about smoke detectors as a precaution. The fire crew also showed the children a quieter siren and the flashing blue lights that they would see when they are responding to an emergency. All the children got to sit up in the cab and the Reception children even got to use the water hose, which was super-exciting! Today's visit is being followed up by Fire Talk visits to class for Years 2, 4 and 6 the week after next. Thank you to Mrs Andrews, our PSHE Leader, for organising this event and working with the classes all afternoon to make it such a success.



Out of school achievements!

Ivy B has moved up from Rainbows to Brownies!

Ethan P has been given a medal and trophy from FC Chippenham after taking part in an event at Stanley Park!

Diary dates for 2023-24

Wednesday 29th November	Open Classrooms 15.15-15.40
Friday 1st December	Non-uniform day for tombola donations
Saturday 9th December	Parent Pond Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December	EYFS/KS1 nativity (school hall) 14.15
Wednesday 13th December	EYFS/KS1 nativity (school hall) 09.30
Friday 15th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day
Monday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 carol concert at Ladyfield Church 14.15 (not whole school this year). There will be refreshments available from 13.45• EYFS/KS1 Christmas parties
Tuesday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Christmas lunch• Parent Pond Children's Discos
Wed 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 Christmas parties• Last day of Term 2

Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

The school will be closed to children on:

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

News from the Parent Pond (our Parent-School-Friends Association)



Tickets for our Santa's Grotto and Christmas Disco are available now on Classlist! Many thanks to those that have already signed up and secured their tickets. If you have not yet, please be sure to download the Classlist app and sign up to The Parent Pond, it's completely free and will allow you to view all upcoming events and pay for tickets ahead of time.

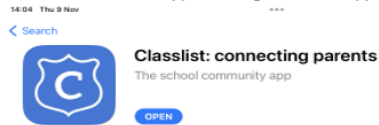
We will be offering drop in sessions for those that need assistance setting up Classlist so please keep an eye out for upcoming dates. Alternatively please email us if you have any problems or come and find one of us on the playground - we're happy to help!

If you're preparing to start your Christmas shopping please consider signing up to **easyfundraising** and shopping through their links; it is completely free to use but can help raise funds for The Parent Pond. If you have any questions for us, feel free to contact us at theparentpond23@gmail.com and be sure to follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all upcoming events and activities.

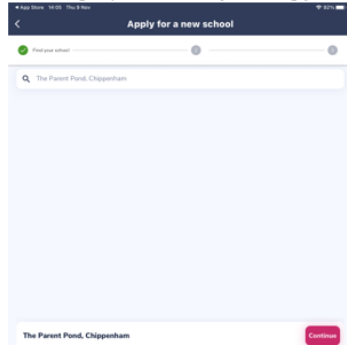
How to Sign up to Classlist

If you are new to the app

1. Download the app via Google Store or App Store



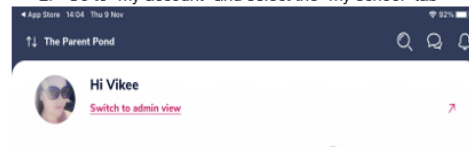
2. Sign up to Classlist by selecting your school



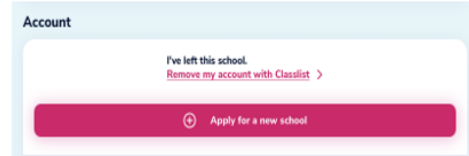
3. Create your profile

If you have used the app before

1. Sign into the app
2. Go to "my account" and select the "my school" tab



3. Apply for a new school



4. Enter "The Parent Pond"

If you have any problems, please contact The Parent Pond - theparentpond23@gmail.com and we will help get you set up

