



Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

26th January 2024

Attendance

Current week attendance

This week's whole-school attendance has dropped again to just 92.3%, which is very low. There has been a lot of illness in school this week which has obviously impacted on the figures, but there are also several unauthorised absences as a result of children being significantly late for school. **Let's all try to get it much higher next week!**

The top classes were:

1. **McKee Class 97.5%**
2. **Morpurgo and Donaldson Class 97.3%**
3. **Potter Class 95%**

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 King-Smith Class. 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.

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" (you must 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.
 - Parents/carers also need to contact school on each day of their child's absence to update us, unless you have agreed a specific alternative plan with the Attendance Team.

Jewellery

Please remember that jewellery at school is not allowed except for a single pair of **small stud** earrings (no hoops or danglies) and a basic watch (not a smart watch). There should be no necklaces, bracelets etc and children will be asked to remove these if they are worn.

Children's news

Out of school achievements!

These children have achieved swimming certificates and badges:

- Ivy B - Stage 4 Learn To Swim award
- Henry M – Puffin award
- Alfie M - Stage 1 Learn To Swim award
- Beatrice N – 5m Rainbow Distance award

Well done to all our brilliant swimmers!



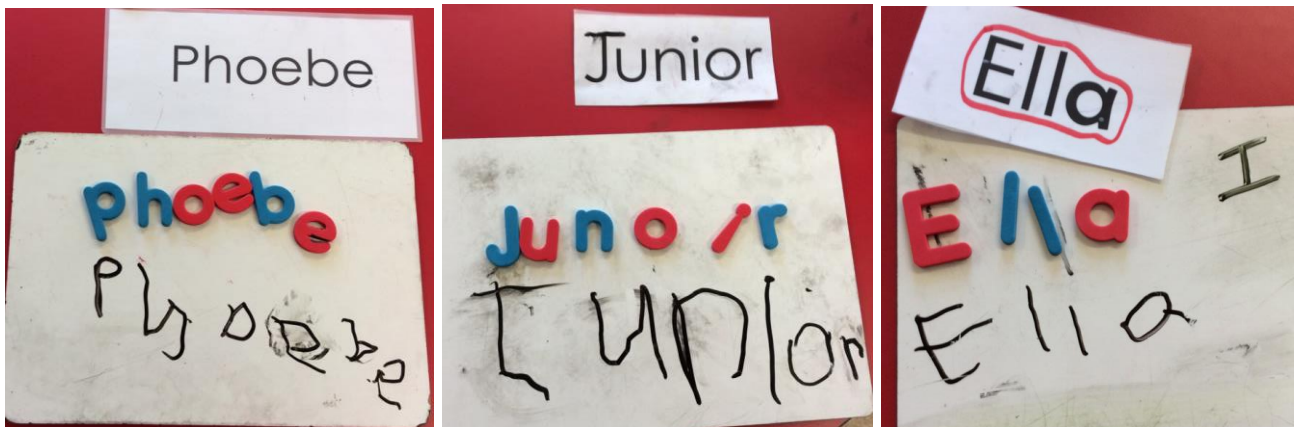
Online safety visit

On Monday, four children from Morpurgo Class joined two other local schools for a workshop on online safety at Hardenhuish School. The children learnt about cyberbullying, digital footprints and how to keep personal information secure. They all designed an app to teach children back at school about online safety. Mrs Cooper was very impressed with the children's computing skills. They were fantastic representatives of our school.



Potter Class writing

Some of the children in Potter Class have been working really hard on learning to write their names. There are so many skills involved in this, including sitting at the table, holding the pen, forming the letter shapes, focusing on the task and much more. We are really proud of them!



Halls Class sports event

The children in Halls Class went to the Chippenham Sports Partnership multiskills event at Hardenhuish School today. They had a fantastic sporty morning in the chilly bright sunshine!



Have you seen our new website? The address is the same, but it looks different! We hope you will find it easier to navigate and more useful. Please take a look at www.frogwell.co.uk



Diary dates

Wed 31st January	Morpurgo Class visit to Sheldon School (taster day)
Tues 6th February	Chippenham Schools Dance Festival at Neeld Hall (evening – Halls Class)
Wed 7th February	Open Classrooms 15.20-15.35
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
Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week (Year 6)
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 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024



SEND



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Are you a parent of a child with special educational needs or disabilities?

Is your child in alternative provision?

If so we want to hear from you.



Be part of positive change in Wiltshire by sharing your views as we plan SEND and Alternative Provision for the future.



Join our interactive sessions at:

Face to face on these dates with a break for coffee and cake.

- 10 January Calne Town Hall 10am – 1pm
- 16 January St John's Parish Centre Trowbridge 10am – 1pm
- 26 January Guildhall Salisbury 10am-1pm

Book online here: [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com)

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