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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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Attendance and punctuality

Current week attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was 93.6%.

The top classes were:

1. **Donaldson Class / King-Smith Class 100%**
2. **Halls Class 97%**
3. **Rowling Class 93.8%**

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 – the winning class for Term 3 overall was Donaldson Class, who will be getting to choose a special prize with their teacher. 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.

Lateness

If your child is arriving late, you need to bring them to the front office. We are updating our late arrival procedures and **all children who are late will need to be formally signed in by their parent/carer and a clear reason given for the lateness.**

The following is an extract from our school attendance policy regarding lateness:

There are two types of 'late' mark in the register:

1. Children arriving between 08:50 and 09:15 will be marked as 'late before the register closes'
2. When a child is late after the register is closed (after 09.15), then this is legally classed as a session of unauthorised absence

However, the consequences of a child being later for school are far more than just a mark in the register. Any child walking into a class this late can feel:

- Anxious because they know they have missed whatever has already happened in the first few minutes of the day
- Embarrassed because they have to be seen arriving late (possibly again) by their peers
- Anxious that they have missed the input and cannot understand what is expected of them and the teacher cannot stop and go through it again as there are 20+ others who were in class on time
- Angry because it may not have been their fault but they have the consequence of the lateness to deal with

All of these things are upsetting and unsettling for a child of any age.

If a child arrives 15 minutes late every day for a year they may well have missed a full year of phonics teaching, spellings or mental maths.

Parents/carers should be aware that if a pupil accumulates 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence or unauthorised leave of absence within a specified 6-month period, the school must notify the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice will be issued by the LA to each parent for each child where that applies. This includes unauthorised absences as a result of lateness after 09:15.

Open Classrooms

Our next Open Classrooms session will be on Monday 18th March, from the end of school until 15.40. Parents and Carers need to be leaving the classrooms at 15.40 as the teachers have other meetings and commitments to get to straight after these sessions. **We will ring the hand bell down the corridors to signal the end of the session!** If you have children in multiple classes, please can we ask that you are mindful not to arrive in the last child's class too late because the teachers cannot extend the time after 15.40 – you may need to go to the different classes on different days over time rather than visiting several on the same day.

We have, sadly, also had some problems at the Open Classroom sessions where children have been behaving inappropriately in classrooms and corridors, including making lots of mess in the rooms and running around. It is essential that all children (school age and younger ones) are kept with their parents and that they are behaving sensibly. It is not OK that teachers have had to spend time clearing up rooms afterwards because children have thrown books, resources etc around. We really value this opportunity for parents to be able to look at children's learning regularly but we do expect the rooms, resources and staff's time to be respected.

Emergency Awareness Training

I am thrilled to let you know that next week all our classes will be having emergency awareness and first aid training workshops with the Wiltshire Air Ambulance as part of our ongoing curriculum offer for PSHE and personal development. The content will vary across the age groups, but can include as appropriate:

- how to make a 999 call
- recovery position
- CPR
- choking
- bleeding
- how to use a defibrillator



This will be a really important and valuable (and potentially life-saving) opportunity and I am so pleased we are able to provide this for our children. They will all receive a certificate to bring home and I hope you will talk to your child about what they have learnt. The workshops will be on Thursday 29th Feb and Friday 1st March.

Children's news

Out of school achievements!

Cariad B has achieved her 5m swimming award after lots of hard work. Well done, Cariad!



Ivy B was awarded a gold medal for Junior Small Caberet tap dancing with the 'Tapettes' at the West of England Dance Festival. Well done, Ivy!



Autumn A, Emilia C, Beatrice N and Evie M all took part in the Phoenix dance shows over the half term break at the Neeld Hall. They had many hours of rehearsals and a lot of outfit changes and the shows were absolutely fantastic. The girls were all brilliant on stage – well done to our dancers!

In school

Dahl Class have been working on a writing unit based on 'The Crow's Tale' and they made wonderful book covers that are on display near their classroom and in the main office foyer. Don't they look beautiful?



Here are some more photos from the Chippenham Dance Festival that Halls Class and Pradhi P took part in before half term at the Neeld Hall.



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

Thurs 29th Feb / Fri 1st March	Wiltshire Air Ambulance visiting for Emergency Awareness Training workshops
Tuesday 5th March	Class photos for Reception and Year 6
Thursday 21st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morpurgo Class visit to Hardenhuish School (taster day)• World Down Syndrome Awareness Day
Fri 22nd March	Donaldson Class to Easter Egg Hunt at Hardenhuish School
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

Be an attendance **HERO!**



Here
Every day
Ready
On time

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