



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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Staff news

As many of you already know, Mrs Snowden has been absent from school this term due to illness. Miss Dowle has been teaching the class in her absence. Although we had been hopeful Mrs Snowden might be able to return to school after Easter, we have found out this week that she will need to be away next term too while she continues her recovery. Miss Dowle will remain with Halls Class next term and we are very grateful to her for all her hard work and support so far.

I would also like to welcome Mr Miles, who is teaching in Morpurgo Class on Thursdays and Fridays, plus some extra time in other classes on Wednesdays.

Attendance and punctuality

Current week attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was a really low 91%. There has been a significant amount of illness this week among pupils and staff.

The top classes were:

1. Morpurgo Class 95.3% 2. Halls Class 93% 3. Rowling Class and King-Smith Class, both with 92.9%

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. We also have 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 have chosen 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.



Be an attendance HERO!



Here
Every day
Ready
On time

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



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.

At the last Open Classrooms, sadly we had some problems 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.

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

We are holding our Spring Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings on Monday 25th March (15.30-17.30) and Wednesday 27th March (16.00-18.00). Booking information has been sent out separately by the office. *Please be aware that appointment slots are limited and teachers cannot offer multiple appointments for the same child. Where parents are separated, it is expected that they will share one appointment slot except for the very small number of families where there is a very strong welfare-related reason preventing it.*

Comic Relief Crazy Hair Day – 27th March

We are going to be joining in with Comic Relief but not on the usual day (for various reasons!). We will be having our day on **Wed 27th March**, which is the last day of term, but the money raised will still go to Comic Relief. This time we have chosen to hold a **Crazy Hair Day** where children can style their hair in wacky and wonderful ways, including using temporary hair colours if you wish. So long as the style is safe for children to wear for active play, have as much fun as you like! **Normal school uniform** needs to be worn please. We are asking for a minimum £1 donation to Comic Relief, but you can of course donate more if you wish. We hope the children will enjoy this special event!

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Thursday 21st March

On Thursday we will be joining in with World Down Syndrome Awareness Day by inviting everyone to wear their brightest and funkiest socks / odd socks to school (no money needed). The 21st day of March (the 3rd month of the year) was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome. Every year on March 21st, World Down Syndrome Day is observed to create awareness about Down Syndrome.

We will also be sending each child home with a sunflower seed. We would love the children to grow a sunflower at home and send/bring in photos of them being planted and eventually growing. The idea of the sunflower challenge is help everyone remember that we all grow and bloom in different ways and at our own pace. If you would like to learn more about Down Syndrome, then please visit <https://downsyndromeuk.co.uk/support-us/wdsd-2024/>



Children's news

Out of school achievements

Beatrice N has achieved her Stage 2 swimming award. Well done, Bea!



Tayah K has been awarded a medal for cheerleading from her dance and cheerleading academy after being in a show. Well done, Tayah!



Archie B submitted a design for the Chippenham Rugby Football Club Minis Festival Programme competition and he won! His design was made into the front cover for the programme for 10th and 17th March. Well done, Archie!



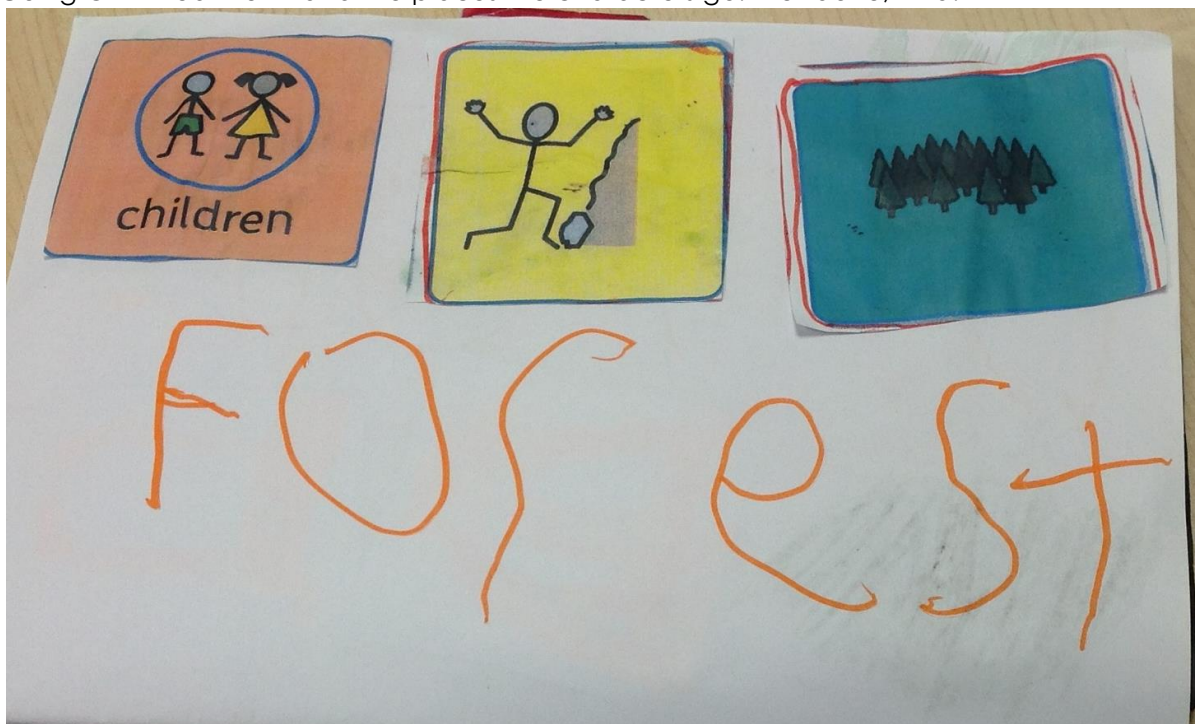
Bath Rugby trip

A group of children from Years 5 and 6 went to watch Bath Rugby v Gloucester on Saturday. They had a great day out, including forming the guard of honour, doing a half-time pitch parade and meeting some of the players and getting autographs (the most exciting part for many of the children!). The children were great ambassadors for the school. A big thank you to Miss Metcalfe, Mrs Manuel, Ms Nicholls and Ms Judd for providing staff supervision at the weekend!



Amazing learning!

Eliza has been working so hard with her writing and using her phonics. Her class have been learning the story 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' and the places the characters go. Well done, Eliza!



Diary dates

Monday 18th March	Open Classrooms 15.15-15.40 (bell will ring to signal the end!)
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
Wed 27th March	Last day of term / Crazy Hair 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:

- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024



EASTER 2024 - HARDENHUISH SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS COURSE

Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th April 2024

A graphic illustration featuring silhouettes of various sports activities. The top row shows a person performing a backflip, a person playing tennis, a person playing basketball, a person playing badminton, and a person playing archery. The bottom row shows a person playing football, a person playing basketball, a person playing tennis, a person playing badminton, and a person playing archery. The background is a gradient of red and orange.

@ 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, Dodgeball, Street Dance, 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 and Easter Egg Hunt!

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 £115 FOR ALL 4 DAYS
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT IS ALSO AVAILABLE

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