



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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# Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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## Attendance and punctuality

This week's whole-school attendance was an excellent 96.5%. The top classes were:

**1. Halls Class / Donaldson Class 100%**      **2. King-Smith Class 98.7%**      **3. Morpurgo Class 96.5%**

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 5 overall was **Halls Class**, who also won earlier in the year! They will now get to help choose their prize. There will be another class of the term for Term 6, then the overall highest attending class for the whole year!

*There are some national statutory changes to attendance and absence coming into force on 19<sup>th</sup> August, including substantial changes to the penalty notice system. The system will be much stricter and all schools are required to follow the new arrangements which have been passed through Parliament. We will be updating our school Attendance Policy over the summer and the new version will be shared with you all in September. There will also be some information coming from Wiltshire Council for all schools to share with parents.*

## Staffing news and updates

It is that time of year where there are lots of staff changes to share with you, some of which you may already have heard about on the grapevine and some of which may be more of a surprise to you.

### Staff joining

- We welcome **Mrs Vikee Brandebourg** as our new Admin Officer. Mrs Brandebourg starts next week, working alongside Mrs McCosh to have a thorough handover (more on Mrs Mc further down the page!).
- We will also be welcoming **Miss Jasmine Kennedy** in September. Miss Kennedy will be our new Resource Base Leader and will also be teaching Potter Class. Miss Kennedy will be visiting the school before term ends to start to get to know the children and have a really good handover from Mrs Gumbrell.

### Staff changing roles

- Mrs Jackie Parish, who has been a TA for the past few months, will be taking on the role of Pastoral Support Assistant from September, plus some TA time. This role is in addition to our existing PSA Miss Wakeham, who is our main point of contact and support for attendance. Mrs Parish will work alongside Miss Wakeham but her role will also include parent support work and providing some of our Early Help intervention with families.

### Staff leaving

We have several staff leaving this year and I want to thank them all for the amazing work they have done for our school whether they have been here a short time or for many years. Each one will be missed by the Frogwell team.

- One of our Resource Base TAs, **Mrs Dodd**, will be leaving us. Mrs Dodd has been a wonderful part of our team over the past year and we are sorry to see her go.
- **Mrs Barnard**, TA in Halls Class, also leaves us to move into an exciting new role in SEND. Although we are very sad to lose her, we know she is going to be amazing in her new job and we wish her well.
- **Mrs Martinson**, one of our long-standing TAs, is retiring so we have to say goodbye to her. I am sure retirement will be great, if a little quiet at first after years in a primary school!
- **Ms Nicholls**, Year 5 teacher, is also moving on. Ms Nicholls has been both a TA and a teacher at Frogwell over the years and she will be missed, especially her incredible textiles skills that the children love learning from her!

- Mrs Gumbrell leaves us to move to an exciting new position in specialist provision after ten years at Frogwell. Mrs Gumbrell has made such an impact on the development of our Resource Base and supported many children to flourish and she will be deeply missed.
- Our SENCo, Mr Filer, who has been with us over 11 years, is also leaving this term. During his time at Frogwell, Mr Filer has been a teacher in the Resource Base, SENCo and one of the school's safeguarding leads. In all those roles he has touched the lives of so many children and families and has provided fantastic support at times when people have really needed it, and he has been a key school adult for lots of our pupils and parents who I know will miss him.
- Last but definitely not least, the indefatigable Mrs Tina McCosh is retiring after many years at Frogwell. Tina has held a number of roles throughout her time here, joining as a TA and then moving into finance, admin, IT support and governance. She is the "right hand woman" to so many people in our school community, including children, parents and staff, and definitely including me! It is hard to imagine a Frogwell without Mrs McCosh in many ways, and although she won't be on the staff anymore, I'm sure we will still see her volunteering in school in the months and years ahead as she is someone who likes to be busy and contributing to her community.

When the end of term comes, I hope you will join me in wishing all our staff leavers well as they move on to their new challenges and endeavours. Each one will be missed as they have all helped shape our school into the welcoming place it is and made our staff the tightknit supportive team it is.

## New class information

Information about new classes and teachers will be emailed out on Monday.

## Open Classrooms

The last Open Classrooms of the school year will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 15.15 until 15.40.

## Children's news

### In school news

This week many of the children from Potter and McKee Classes went to the Chippenham Sports Partnership Para Games at Hardenhuish School. This is a wonderful inclusive event and the children had lots of fun taking part in different multi-skills activities.



## The school site



The school area inside the **yellow line** is a private property to which parents are only granted access by invitation of the school. This means the school's rules must be followed within this area by anyone entering. As you will see, this includes the area in the car park and along the front of the school, additionally outlined in **orange**.

Within the entirety of these premises, the following are **not** permitted:

- vaping or smoking
- dogs, even on leads (except assistance dogs and the school's own assessed dog)
- cycling or scooting (except on occasional official school activity days within the playground)

This all includes the area of grass along the front of the building, the area near the office entrance and the car park area and nearby paths.

Dogs may not be tied up outside so any dog owners will need to make other arrangements for their animals during school drop off and pick up times.

It should go without saying that the conduct of adults inside the school grounds, and in the vicinity of the school, should be civil and respectful at all times. Any form of abusive behaviour or swearing will not be tolerated and will likely be referred to the police. The school also has the right to restrict access to the school site – there is no entitlement or right of any person to be within the school grounds because access is by invitation only and that invitation can, and will, be withdrawn if conduct is inappropriate or causing distress to others.



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Thank you to our community for their support in helping make our school a pleasant place to be for all adults and children at drop-off and pick-up times.

### Diary dates

<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Parent Pond 'FrogStock' summer fair</b> <b>COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN!</b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Open Classrooms 15.15-15.40
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 leavers' assembly 14.30 Last day of school year
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Teacher training day
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Start of new school year for children

## Free School Meals – are you eligible?

As you may know, all children nationally in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to 'universal' free school meals, regardless of family income. This changes from Year 3, where only those children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits are eligible for free school meals. If your child is in Year 2, please check if you will be eligible for FSM in September – see the list below and please apply!

Please apply even if you do not intend for your child to actually eat the meals! FSM registration brings more funding into the school via the Pupil Premium and this is used to support the school's provision for disadvantaged learners.

Eligible children in Year 6 will also need to be reapplied for in order to qualify for FSM at secondary school.

Free school meals can be awarded only if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Apply: <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

*This data is correct at April 2024 but is subject to change.*



Here is a link to the summer holiday sports programme being run by Up & Under Sports at Hardenhuish School for ages 5-13.

<https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/summer-2024-hardenhuish-school-multi-sports-course-week-1>

