



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 a brilliant 97.45%. The top classes were:

1. Potter Class / Donaldson Class / McKee Class / Dahl Class 100% (there was great excitement in assembly today when we had 4 classes on 100% - a first!)

2. Halls Class 99%

3. Rowling Class 97.2%

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 19th August, including substantial changes to the penalty notice system and hopefully you have seen the letter from Wiltshire Council about this which was emailed out yesterday. 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.

Staffing news and updates

As you know, Mr Filer will be leaving us at the end of term. I know some parents have been anxious about this and worried that there won't be a SENCo – this is not the case! From September until Christmas we will have an interim SENCo working with us on Mondays and Fridays. Her name is Mrs Haines and she is also the SENCo at another Chippenham school; she is a very experienced SENCo and has helped out several other schools on an interim basis where they have had recruitment challenges. Many of you are used to being able to have very easy access to Mr Filer because he has worked full time, but the SENCo role is only a part of Mr Filer's job so the new SENCo will only be working two days per week. Parents will therefore need to adjust to a more structured way of accessing the SENCo and communicating with her and should not expect to be able to have responses within 5 working days except for extremely urgent matters. Mr Filer is meeting with Mrs Haines before the end of term to hand over information about individual children.

In the autumn we will then be recruiting for a permanent SENCo to start in January 2025.

FrogStock summer fair

Thank you to everyone who braved the very un-summery weather to come to the Parent Pond summer fair on 6th July. The rain didn't dampen the spirits and it was a lovely event despite the dreadful weather. Thank you to Parent Pond for all the hard work that went into organising this event – we look forward to hearing how much was raised! Please do make contact with Parent Pond if you have any time to offer at future events – we had parents at the fair who helped run stalls for short periods of time, so even small blocks of time are helpful!

Cinema trip

Please check your emails for information about the whole-school cinema trip on Friday 19th July.

Children's news

In school news

We have had two fantastic performances of 'Gladis Baker – Gladiator' this week from our Year 6 leavers and the Key Stage 2 choir. They sang and acted their hearts out and I know everyone in the audience was proud of them.



Exciting news!

I am thrilled to be able to let you know that over the next 18 months to two years, Frogwell is going to be seeing some wonderful improvements to our buildings and school site. Wiltshire Council are investing £1million plus into our school to make substantial internal refurbishments and upgrades to large parts of our existing buildings in order to create a new Resource Base with better facilities, improved classroom spaces for Early Years and more. We will be saying goodbye to our very old, poor condition mobile and Pratten buildings! This will be a large-scale project done in stages and led by the local authority; we will of course share much more information in due course and parents and children will have an opportunity to view design drawings etc as the project progresses. This is really exciting news for our school, both mainstream and Resource Base!

Diary dates

Wednesday 24th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly 14.30 Last day of school year
Monday 2nd September	Teacher training day
Tuesday 3rd September	Start of new school year for children

See below for 2024/25 term dates and the other TD days.



School term dates for 2024-25

School term dates 2024 to 2025

Term	Date range	Number of days
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024 to Wednesday 23 October 2024	38 Days
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024	35 Days
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025	30 Days
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025	30 Days
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025	23 Days
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025 to Thursday 24 July 2025	39 Days
6 term year	Academic year	195 Days

INSET / Training & Development days

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Monday 4th November 2024
- Tuesday 22nd April 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Thursday 24th July 2025

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>



Chippenham Cricket Club

Summer Cricket Camp

29th July - 16th August
Excluding 5th August

£30/ day or £20 for a
half day

Sibling and block
booking discount
available

9am—12pm

12:30 pm—15:00 pm



All abilities welcome

ECB Qualified coach

DBS Checked, First aid
trained & child safeguarding

Cricket Fun and Games

For Boys and Girls 5 - 15

Contact Mark Hick—chippenhamcccamps@gmail.com for booking information.

Spaces are limited!