



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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# Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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## Home-School Agreement

On Monday we will be sending out our Home-School Agreement for the year, which can be viewed now in the Policies section of the school website. We will be asking all parents / carers to digitally sign via the Teachers 2 Parents system to show they support the Agreement. **If for any reason you do not agree to support and sign the Home-School Agreement, please contact the school as soon as possible to make an appointment to discuss this with a member of the Governing Board.**

## Attendance

Our full updated Attendance and Punctuality Policy is attached with this newsletter and can also be found on the school website. The policy reflects the national statutory changes that came into force in August 2024. It sets out all our procedures and the role of parents and the school. Please do read it as it affects every family. There is also a shorter two-page summary of the key points which is a quicker read for reference in the future, but it is important to be aware of the expectations and parameters of the full policy.

The whole-school attendance for the first two weeks of term was 96.5%, which is really good – keep it up, everyone!

The top classes were:

**1. Jeffers Class 99.7%**      **2. King-Smith Class 99.5%**      **3. Halls Class 97.7%**

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, and one for the whole year!**

## Policies

The following policies have been reviewed or updated and are published on the school website:

- Attendance and Punctuality full policy
- Attendance policy key points summary

We also have a new policy, the '[Late collection of children policy](#)', which outlines our expectations of children being collected on time after school, clubs or wraparound car and the procedures we will follow if they are not. This policy is on the school website and also attached to this newsletter.

## Children's news

**Rosie S** has been awarded her Royal Academy of Dance Grade 2 Ballet and achieved distinction – amazing achievement, Rosie!

## Open Classrooms

We will be holding an Open Classrooms session on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 15.15 until 15.40. This is a chance for parents and carers to visit their child's classroom with them and have a look at the work they have been doing. We will be holding Open Classrooms once a term.

## Important reminders

- Long hair must be properly tied back for PE lessons and Forest Schools please due to safety. It is best if long hair is tied back all the time and school due to the risk of headlice spreading more easily, but for PE/Forest Schools it is essential.
- **No hoop earrings or any other jewellery** at school please – a single pair of small stud earrings and a basic (non-smart) watch are all that is allowed, again for safety reasons and risk of loss/damage.

## **Safeguarding**

'Safeguarding' and 'Child Protection' are terms you may hear used a lot in schools and in the media, but what do they actually mean?

**Safeguarding** refers to the whole umbrella of processes we use to protect all children and to provide safe and effective care. This includes all the procedures designed to prevent harm to a child, including:

- Being alert to signs and symptoms of abuse or neglect and noticing changes in children's behaviour or presentation that suggests they may need support
- Carrying out risk assessments for activities and trips to ensure they are planned as safely as possible
- Health and safety checks to make sure the school environment is as safe as possible
- Following strict 'Safer Recruitment' procedures to make sure all staff and volunteers are suitable to work with children
- Helping children learn how to be safe online
- Teaching children about road safety, stranger danger, healthy lifestyles, safe and healthy relationships etc
- Making sure children have people they can talk to at school about worries, plus things like 'worry boxes' to make it easier to signal if something is wrong
- Checking where children are if they are not at school
- Improving children's attendance and punctuality at school because this impacts on their overall wellbeing
- Having pastoral systems to support children

**Child Protection** is part of the bigger safeguarding process, protecting specific individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes the child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child. The school has a legal obligation to report any concerns about a child if they feel that a child may be subject to neglect or physical, emotional or sexual abuse, or risks outside the home. If we have such a concern, we will contact the Wiltshire Integrated Front Door (IFD) to ensure that concerns are dealt with in a manner which puts the well-being of the child as priority. We appreciate that parents and carers can find these events very worrying and upsetting. Whenever possible, we will discuss concerns with parents before seeking advice to safeguard a child; however, there are some circumstances when we are obliged to seek support from a professional trained to investigate safeguarding concerns.

**Who is responsible for Safeguarding in school?** The short answer is... EVERYONE!

All staff and volunteers are responsible for being alert to the signs of neglect and abuse and for reporting them to the Safeguarding Lead Team. All school staff have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn. All staff receive safeguarding training and regular safeguarding updates in areas such as online safety and the Prevent duty. The Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead have additional multi-agency training so that they can carry out their responsibilities effectively. The Safeguarding Leads give advice to staff and also liaise closely with other services such as Children's Social Care.

**Frogwell's Safeguarding Lead Team is:**



**Ms Rachel Neville**

- Headteacher
- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Designated Teacher for Looked After Children



**Miss Jasmine Kennedy**

- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Resource Base Leader

The Nominated Governor for Safeguarding is [Alison Burge](#).

## Parent Pond events

Run after school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – see the poster below. This event was a big success last year so we hope to see lots of people there again this time!



SCAN TO BOOK TICKETS

THE PARENT POND  
Families supporting Frogwell School

**FUN RUN!**  
**WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER**

**3.20PM - FROGWELL SCHOOL FIELD**  
**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!**

**EVERY RACER WILL RECEIVE A MAGNET,  
CERTIFICATE, SNACK AND DRINK!**

**£2 PER CHILD - BOOK YOUR TICKET VIA  
CLASSLIST. SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE.**

**£2**

### 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative

Parentkind, the charity that supports school PTAs, have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

## Welcome to Frogwell School's PSFA!

### **Who are we?**

PSFA stands for *Parent, School and Friends Association*. We are a group of volunteers that support the school through fundraising. We are parents/carers of children at the school - just like you!

### **What do we do?**

We organise events for the children such as Movie Nights and Discos - as well as after school Bake Sales and Seasonal Fairs for the whole family to enjoy. Our efforts help provide resources, experiences, and opportunities for all pupils. In 2023 we raise £4180 which funded a whole-school cinema trip, Year 6 Leaver's hoodies, and much more!

## DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR EVENTS - DOWNLOAD THE CLASSLIST APP!



- 1 FOLLOW US ONLINE**  
Facebook @theparentpond  
Instagram @the\_parent\_pond
- 2 DOWNLOAD CLASSLIST**  
Scan the QR code to download the app and book event tickets.



## Diary dates for 2024-25

We will be running tours of the school for prospective parents looking for September 2024 mainstream Reception places on:

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.45
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 09.15
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 13.45

Parent / Carers should contact the school office to book a place on their chosen tour – first come, first served! These tours give a realistic picture of a normal working day in the school – we do not set up a special or 'out of the ordinary' experience as we believe it is essential to see a standard, typical school day. If you know anyone who is looking for school places, please do let them know about these dates.

Parents looking for Resource Base-specific places should contact the office for an appointment and should remember that there is a different admissions procedure and criteria for RB places.

<b>W/B 16<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	Year 6 residential trip to The Beacon
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	Parent Pond Fun Run straight after school
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Flu nasal immunisations
<b>W/B 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Life Education workshops (PSHE)
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	School photos
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Open Classrooms for Term 1 (15.15-15:40)
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	Last day of Term 1
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	TD day – school closed to children
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Start of Term 2 for children
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Whole school pantomime trip to Wyvern Theatre
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School discos
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Last day of Term 2
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Christmas holidays
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Start of term 3, children back to school

### Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2024/25

The school will be closed to children on:

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> July