

# Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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# **Frogwell Primary School Newsletter**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

# Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October (16.30-18.30) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October (15.30-17.30), and then again in the Spring. These will be face-to-face short appointments, but you will be able to request a Teams or phone appointment if you cannot attend in person. These meetings will be focused mainly on how your child has settled into their new class, how they are getting on and any ways we need you to support at home. Online booking information will follow from the office in due course.

# Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was 97.1%, which is really good! The top classes were:

- 1. Donaldson and Halls Classes 100%
- 2. Lewis Class 99.1%
- 3. Rowling Class 97.6%

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

# Pastoral Care at Frogwell

Here at Frogwell we are really fortunate to have a large pastoral provision including a team of highly trained and experienced staff who can support children with their social and emotional needs. If you have any concerns about issues including low mood, behaviour, anxiety or anything else regarding your child's social and emotional needs please complete the Pastoral Referral Form, via the link below. This will be picked up by our Pastoral Manager who will contact you to further discuss support for your child. https://forms.office.com/r/hfZCmLLHWf

# **Parent Pond events**

The Parent Pond committee have been busy planning a schedule of events. The first event will be the Fun Run on 27<sup>th</sup> September which will be £1 per child entry. Children taking part should come to school in PE kit that day please.

There will also be a Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December.

# Nasal flu vaccinations

The annual nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Information has been sent out to parents and carers about how to give consent etc.

# Frogwell's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary

#### Bake Off competition

The school year 2023-24 marks 80 years since Frogwell Primary School first opened for the school year 1943-44. We will be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in different ways across the year, including a children's Bake-Off competition. If your child would like to take part, they need to create a celebration cake for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and bring it into school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September for judging. We will then be holding a sale



and raffle for the cakes at the end of the day (this is the same time as the Parent Pond Fun Run). **Please can parent/carers include a list of ingredients used to help those with allergies for the sale/raffle**. When we held a similar competition for Queen's Jubilee, we were bowled over by the children's creativity and enthusiasm; the cakes were amazing so we hope we will get a great response this time too!

#### Frogwell photos

There has been a lot of interest in the immediate community and across the town in our appeal for old photographs, memorabilia and memories of the school. Please get in touch with the school office if you have anything you wish to share with us.

#### Bikes and scooters on the playground

It is great that so many children are keeping active by travelling to school on bike or scooter. Please make sure your child does not ride their bike or scooter on the playground or around the car park area, otherwise we may not allow them to bring it past the gate anymore.

# Children's news

Well done to **Rosie S** who has achieved a High Merit in her Royal Academy of Dance Grade 1 ballet exam. Keep dancing, Rosie!

#### Busy days in Halls Class...



# What is bullying?

Bullying is <u>persistent</u> action taken by one or more people with the <u>deliberate intention</u> of hurting another person, either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms and it can happen in person, online via social media apps, via mobile phone texts or other messaging systems, or through physical notes.

There are four main types of bullying:

**Physical:** e.g. *persistent* hitting, pushing, kicking, pinching, other violence and taking things. **Verbal:** *persistent n*ame-calling, put-downs, sarcasm, racist or homophobic remarks, persistent teasing, threatening comments.

Indirect: spreading malicious rumours, deliberately excluding someone from social groups.

**Cyber/online:** this includes all areas of the internet, such as social media apps, email and internet chat room misuse. Mobile threats through text messaging and calls. Misuse of associated technology i.e. camera and video facilities.

This is <u>not</u> an exhaustive list of possible bullying behaviours.

If you are worried about bullying or think your child might be being bullied, please make an appointment to talk to their class teacher.

# School Facebook page

Have you seen our Facebook page for parents and carers? Make sure you find the official school page, which looks like this.

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# Diary dates for 2023-24

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

- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 10.45
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 09.15
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 13.45

Parent / Carers should contact the school office to book a place on their chosen tour - first come, first served!

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul> <li>Nasal flu vaccinations</li> <li>80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bake Off competition (judging during the day)</li> <li>Parent Pond PTA Fun Run and sale/raffle of Bake-Off cakes (straight after school)</li> </ul>	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evenings	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> October	TD day – school closed to children	
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term 2 for children	
	Year 6 residential trip to The Beacon	
Saturday 9th December	Parent Pond Christmas Fair	
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2	

Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

The school will be closed to children on:

- Wednesday 18th October 2023
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024