



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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## Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### End of year message from the Frogwell staff team

As we come to the final few days of the school year, the Frogwell staff team would like to thank the parent, carer and family community for their support and engagement.

There have been lots of things to celebrate during the 22-23 school year, including in no logical order (!):

- Year 4 residential trip to PGL
- Year 6 residential trip to The Beacon in Devon
- Year 6 Bikeability
- Bath Rugby Schools Partnership Programme
- Trips and visits to a range of places
- Sports festivals and events through our participation in the Chippenham Sports Partnership
- Live music performances
- Ukulele lessons in Key Stage 2
- Sports Day
- Christmas carol concert and nativity, and Christmas celebrations for children
- End of year show 'The Island That Rocks'
- After school clubs including tennis, hockey, athletics, gymnastics, drama, choir, Lego, art, computing
- A range of lunchtime sports clubs
- Construction of the new play trail
- The establishment of a new PSFA, The Parent Pond
- Junior Good Citizen for Year 6
- Book Fair
- Coronation celebrations
- Chippenham Schools' Dance Festival at Need Hall
- A busy and active Student Council
- World Book Week
- Setting up a new SEMH enhanced provision and extending our pastoral offer through Thrive
- Improvements to the KS2 girls' toilets
- Chloe's Mobile Farm project for Resource Base
- Creation of our own Forest Schools area in the school grounds
- Travelling pantomime visit
- Fund-raising events including Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day and Christmas gift shops, non-uniform days, cake sales and ice lolly sales – with funds raised paying for our whole-school end of year cinema trip
- The introduction of Open Classroom sessions for parents and carers to pop in
- A new Board of Governors as part of the strategic leadership of the school
- And lots more!

Looking back on the year, we can see that so much has been achieved and there have been so many positive experiences for our children. We are looking forward to meeting all our new children in September along with a couple of new staff too.

Although no staff are leaving us, we do need to say goodbye to all the children who are leaving us to head off to secondary school. Some have been with us only a short time and some since Reception, but all will be missed. We have the Year 6 party on Monday and our traditional Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term for their parents/carers. Goodbye and good luck to all our leavers as they move on to Year 7.

We wish all our families a wonderful, safe and fun-filled summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all our pupils for 2023-24 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 08:45!

### Change to school day timings from September

Please remember **official school start time will be 08:45** instead of 08:50 (with gates still opening from 08:40). Any arrivals after 08:45 but before 09.10 will be classed as 'late before the register closes' and will have to enter via the school office. When a child is late after the register is closed (after 09:10), then this is legally classed as a session of unauthorised absence. At the moment the cut-off for the closing of the register is 09.15 but this will change to 09.10 as the school start time becomes earlier in September.

**The school finish time will be 15:15** instead of 15:00 (with gates opening at 15:10 for pick-up).

## Attendance

Whole-school attendance for the year to date is 93%, compared to 91.7% at the same time last year. While we need to get higher than 93% (the national figure is 93.7%), we are heading in the right direction so thank you for your support in this area. Persistent Absence (attendance below 90%) has reduced significantly from 36.9% at the end of July 2022 to 20% of the school now, which is great. This is higher than nationally – 17.7% of pupils nationally have been persistently absent this year so we all need to keep working on having children in school as much as possible in the new school year.



## Reminder – jumpers!

Please remember that our year-long transition from the old Frogwell logo jumpers to the new kite logo jumpers is coming to end now. From September, all children should be wearing either a kite logo jumper or a plain royal blue school jumper. New jumpers can be purchased from Gooddies online (logo) or from supermarkets (plain). Pre-loved jumpers are available from the Chippenham Uniform Exchange.



## School reports

You should have received your child's end of year report this week. If you wish to discuss the content of the report, please do make an appointment with your child's teacher. If you wish to send in any comments about the report, please email [admin@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk) marked for the attention of the Headteacher.

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

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. We would like to ask for your help as we know many people in our school community have long-standing or historic links to the school. If you have old photographs of the school, school events from the past etc that you would be willing to share with us, we would love to see them. We are hoping to create some sort of photo display of Frogwell through the ages that families can come to look at, although until we see what contributions we get it is hard to know what this might be. If you have things you would like to share, please give them in to the school office.

## Children's news

**Arlo W** has achieved his 10m swimming badge and certificate. Well done, Arlo!

**Esmie B** has been awarded the end of season parents' award trophy at Chippenham U11 Girls Football – what a great achievement, Esmie!

## Fox Class Food Technology

Fox Class have been busy designing, making and tasting fruit salads in their DT Food lessons this week!



## Cinema trip and ice-cream van

We hope the children (and parents!) enjoyed our almost-end-of-year cinema trip and the ice-cream van on the playground. A **massive** thank you has to go to Mrs Gosal for thinking up and organising the cinema trip, which was paid for by the proceeds of our fundraising events this year. The children had a great time watching either Elemental, Little Mermaid or Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken with their friends as a special treat complete with snacks and drinks.

## The Island That Rocks

The school hall certainly rocked for the Year 6 and KS2 choir performances of their end of year show. The children sang, danced, acted and performed and we were all so proud of them. We hope our audiences enjoyed watching their children shine.



## Summer Reading Challenge



We are encouraging all our children to take part in the national Summer Reading Challenge which is taking place at public libraries all over the country, including Chippenham and Corsham libraries. We had a visit from the Chippenham children's librarian, Tracy Hager, in assembly last week to launch the Challenge. It is free to take part and all you need is to have a library card, which you can get with proof of address by the parent/carer. The children can earn stickers and prizes as they read. This year's theme is 'Ready, Set, Go!'.

We will be celebrating Summer Reading Challenge participation in one of our September assemblies and rewarding those who complete it with Golden Book entries!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

All outstanding children's library fines have been written off so please do not avoid the library because you think you might owe money! Similarly, if you have overdue books, the libraries have said there is a no-comment, no-judgement return amnesty – they are just happy to see the books again so please return any you have without fear of being frowned upon!

## Coming up in the autumn...

**Chance to Shine cricket for Years 2-5**

**'Walk Safe' programme**

**Parent Pond Fun Run**

**School discos**

**Chippenham Museum visit for Rowling Class**

**School photographs**

**Parent Pond cake sale**

## Diary dates for 2022-23

<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Party 16:00-17:30
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 14:15 Last day of Term 6
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	TD day – school closed for children
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Start of Term 1 for children
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Parent Pond PTA Fun Run (straight after school)
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	TD day – school closed to children
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Start of Term 2 for children
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of Term 2

## Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

In the new school year, the school will be closed to children on:

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Wednesday 18th October 2023
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024



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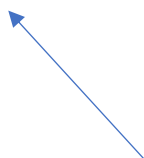
From: 31 July - 24 August  
Days: Mon - Thurs  
Time: 10am - 2pm  
Ages: 4 - 16 years



We are excited to welcome **PH Camps** to the FUEL partnership, who will be providing wide range of sports, arts and crafts, camp games and STEM activities throughout the programme. Alongside this a number of experiential activities such as dance workshops, alternative Sports sessions and hands on nutritional workshops will also be on offer.

**For further details and to book a space:**  
 🖱️ [Click here to book your place](#)  
 ✉️ [bookings@phsports.co.uk](mailto:bookings@phsports.co.uk) ☎️ 01225 701830

All applications will be assessed and participants will receive a confirmation from the supplier if they have been successful.  
 Spaces are limited, **apply early** so you **don't miss out!**



**FUEL Programme for  
children who are eligible  
for benefits related free  
school meals**



The camp will deliver a range of arts and crafts, hands on nutritional workshop sporting activities as well a nutritious lunch and snacks including:

- choice of hot meal and nutritious snacks provided
- Netball  
Football  
Hockey  
Indo-boarding  
Archery  
and much more
- Arts and crafts  
Camp games  
STEM  
activities
- Phunky Food  
Nutritional  
Workshops



**Food**

F is for Food! You will receive a nutritious lunch each day and you'll also have fun and keep fit!

**Unity**

Unity means making new friends in your community, while friendly staff are supportive and understanding.

**Energy**

Take part in a range of activities that will keep you energised, exercised and educated.

**Laughter**

There will be plenty of opportunities for fun and laughter throughout the programme and opportunities to learn new life-skills.



# Holiday Fun Wiltshire



Sheldon School, Hardenhuish Lane,  
Chippenham SN14 6HJ

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GAMES • SINGING • DANCE & MOVEMENT
- DRAMA • ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sessions are free to those receiving means tested school meals

To enrol, please go to [www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-wiltshire](http://www.revolutionpa.co.uk/holiday-fun-wiltshire). For any questions, email us at [office@revolutionpa.co.uk](mailto:office@revolutionpa.co.uk) or call us on 01793 792983 or text us on 07799691328



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## SUMMER 2023 - HARDENHUISH SCHOOL MULTI SPORTS COURSES

Week 1: 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July | Week 2: 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023



@ 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, 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!**

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