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## Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was very low at 91%.

The top three classes were:

1. Rowling Class 99.2%
2. McKee Class 98.1%
3. Fox Class 95.5%



The highest attending class 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.

### Change to school day timings from September

You may be aware the Department for Education has set a requirement for all schools to have a minimum 32.5 hour school week for pupils from September 2023. Frogwell's school day does not currently meet this minimum so from September we are proposing to extend our school day by 20 minutes per day, 5 in the morning and 15 in the afternoon.

This will mean the official school start time will be **08:45** instead of 08:50 (with gates still opening from 08:40). The school finish time will be **15:15** instead of 15:00. If parents and carers would like to make any comments or give feedback on this proposal, please email [business@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:business@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk) by midday on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### 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.

### School and children's news

#### Parent Pond update

The Special General Meeting to formally launch the new Parent-Friends-School Association, Parent Pond, took place on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who attended. A constitution was adopted and a committee has been elected:

<b>Chair</b>	Lauramay Graham	
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Tammie Scarff	
<b>Secretary</b>	Vikee Brandebourg	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sadie Stubbs	
<b>Communications Lead</b>	Jess Allin	
<b>Other committee members</b>	Grace Cartwright	Stacey Morgan
	Charlie Moorby	Mrs Snowden (staff)
	Laura Blackman	Mrs Gosal (staff)

Thank you to our committee for stepping forward. The first Parent Pond event will be the Fun Run on 27<sup>th</sup> September!

## Sports day

We had a wonderful Sports Day on Thursday with the whole school together and perfect weather. Our event was really inclusive for all ages and needs, and enjoyable with a great balance of participation events and a hint of competition for those who wanted it with our races. I would like to say a very big thank you to all the adults who came to support the children. We had our biggest ever men's, women's and toddler races too! So many parents and grandparents have spoken to me or contacted me to say how much they enjoyed the event and it was lovely to hear so many wonderful comments in support of our school; it really means a lot when people take the time to share their positive experiences and messages with us. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Filer for putting in a great deal of work planning, preparing and organising sports day, as it really is a massive undertaking for weeks in advance!



Beach trip to Weston-super-Mare

On Tuesday, Potter, Donaldson and Fox Classes went on the long journey to Weston-super-Mare to visit the beach. They had a wonderful time and really enjoyed building castles and playing games on the sand.



Rowling Class Chippenham Games

Last week, those members of Rowling Class who are moving on to Hardenhuish or Sheldon in September went to Stanley Park for the Chippenham Sports Partnership Year 6 Games. This was a really fun day (complete with face painting!) where the children worked in teams with pupils from other primary schools who are going to the same secondary school next year.





### McKee Class art

As part of their Access Art unit on 3D art, McKee Class have made their own vegetable head sculptures! They look so cool!



### Diary dates for 2022-23

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	McKee and Potter to Sports Partnership Games
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Rowling Class to Junior Good Citizen event (afternoon)
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Show performance of 'The Island That Rocks' 17:15 (this is a change to the original date due to clash with Hardenhuish induction evening) <i>This is for Year 6 pupils (from Rowling and McKee), plus those from Years 3-5 who have signed up for chorus parts.</i>
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Show performance of 'The Island That Rocks' at 13:45 <i>This is for Year 6 pupils (from Rowling and McKee), plus those from Years 3-5 who have signed up for chorus parts.</i>
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sheldon and Hardenhuish induction day for Y6
<b>Week of 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Mainstream class transition sessions with new teachers Sheldon additional induction week for Y6
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Special surprise event for children (being supported by this year's fundraising events)
<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