



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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## Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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**Happy New Year to everyone in the Frogwell community!**

### Staff news

We have some staff changes this term. Mrs Smith and Miss Simmens, two of our TAs, have moved on from Frogwell and we wish them all the best for the future.

We are joined by two new members of the staff team; welcome to [Mrs Georgi Bain](#) (new Teaching Assistant) and [Mrs Cheryl Attrill](#) (our new School Business Manager).

### Relationships and Sex Education policy

A small number of parents have approached the school this week with questions about our policy on Relationships and Sex Education, after hearing some rumours about what may be being taught in other areas of the country or internationally. I am really pleased that those parents spoke directly to the school about their worries as we have been able to reassure them that the content of our curriculum is fully in line with the statutory requirements set out by the Department for Education. The policy has always been freely available on our website, but I have attached a copy along with this newsletter too. The focus is on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and with adults. Everything is done in an age-appropriate way. Here is the link to the statutory requirements, should you wish to read them in addition to the school's policy <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/relationships-education-primary>.

Should you have any concerns, worries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

### Parking in the visitor car park

Following our recent Local Authority Health and Safety audit, it has been advised that all cars parking in the school's visitor car park should reverse in to the parking spaces. This is to increase visibility when pulling out and to improve safety. From now on, please can **all car park users reverse in to the spaces**.

### Playground gate arrangements at drop-off time

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, we will be reducing the number of gates open to enter the school in the mornings. We will only be opening the smaller gate to the playground. This is to reduce the number of points from which a child could leave the grounds if they were distressed or trying to run off. I appreciate that this will slightly increase the congestion on the gate for adults, but I am sure you will agree that pupil safety must come first. We will continue to open both gates in the afternoon.

### Parents' meeting for Fox and Donaldson

Please remember the meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan at 14.35 about Little Wandle phonics for parents of children in Donaldson and Fox Classes. Please enter via the front office. This meeting is to inform you about the way school teaches phonics and early reading with our new scheme, and how you can help at home – it is really important so we hope to see lots of you there!

## Coming soon – new Breakfast provision

Watch out for a letter in the next few days about an exciting new Breakfast provision that will be open to all families.

## What are the children learning about this term?

Potter/McKee (Resource Base)	Donaldson Class (EYFS)	Fox Class (Y1)	Dahl Class (Y2)
Oh, what a wonderful world! (Geography and / Science focused)	Where in the World? (all about bears!)	<b>Art:</b> What do I look like? <b>Science:</b> Humans <b>Computing:</b> Creating media – Digital painting <b>R.E.:</b> Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship? <b>PSHE:</b> Keeping myself safe <b>Music:</b> Introducing tempo and dynamics	<b>Art:</b> Expressive painting <b>Design Technology:</b> Wheels and Axles <b>Science:</b> Materials <b>Computing:</b> Programming A – Robot algorithms <b>R.E:</b> Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/her everyday life? <b>PSHE:</b> Keeping myself safe <b>Music:</b> Exploring feelings through music
King-Smith Class (Y3)	Lewis Class (Y4)	Morpurgo Class (Y5)	Rowling Class (Y6)
<b>Art:</b> Cloth, thread, paint <b>Science:</b> Forces <b>Computing:</b> Programming A – Sequence in music <b>R.E:</b> Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there another explanation? <b>PSHE:</b> Keeping myself safe <b>Music:</b> Composing using your imagination <b>French:</b> Le Carnaval de Nice / musical instruments	<b>Art:</b> Exploring still life <b>Science:</b> States of matter <b>Computing:</b> Programming A – Repetition in shapes <b>R.E:</b> How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do <b>PSHE:</b> Keeping myself safe <b>Music:</b> Developing pulse and groove through improvisation <b>French:</b> Colours / numbers	<b>Art:</b> Exploring pattern <b>Science:</b> Earth and Space <b>Computing:</b> Programming A – Selection in physical computing <b>R.E.:</b> Are Sikh stories important today? <b>PSHE:</b> Keeping myself safe <b>Music:</b> Exploring key and time signatures <b>French:</b> I can... / Phonetics 3	<b>Art:</b> Architecture- dream big or small? <b>Science:</b> Electricity <b>Design Technology:</b> Electrical systems <b>Computing:</b> Programming A – variables in games <b>R.E:</b> Is anything ever eternal? <b>PSHE:</b> Keeping myself safe <b>Music:</b> Gaining confidence through performance <b>French:</b> At the café

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

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## Diary dates for 2022-23

<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023</b>	Panto 'Beauty and the Beast' at school (afternoon)
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023</b>	14:35 – parents' meeting about Little Wandle phonics for parents of children in Donaldson and Fox Classes. <i>Come to front office for entry.</i>
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Evening – Town Dance Festival at Neeld Hall (Fox Class plus specific Y6 comperes)
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Last day of Term 3 for children
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Start of Term 4
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	Last day of Term 4
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	Easter holidays
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	Start of Term 5
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	Extra Bank Holiday for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	Year 6 SATs week
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	Last day of Term 5
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	Start of Term 6
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	Last day of Term 6