



## Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### School news

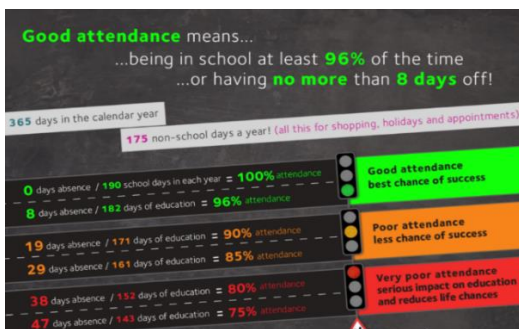
#### Staff news

Today is Mrs Shan Smith's last day at Frogwell School. Mrs Smith has worked at Frogwell since 2002 so she has seen many hundreds of children go through the school. During those twenty years, Mrs Smith has contributed a huge amount to our school and has supported many of our children with the most complex needs. We wish her all the very best for her retirement and we will miss her very much!

I am very pleased to inform you that we have a new School Business Manager starting after Christmas – welcome to Mrs Cheryl Attrill. Our current SBM, Mrs Dowd, will be with us a for a little while longer to support the handover to Mrs Attrill for this key role in the school.

#### Attendance

Parents and carers will have been emailed a copy of the school's **new Attendance Policy**, which all schools are recommended to have. This is an important policy that outlines the school's expectations for attendance and punctuality, how you must report absence, what we will do to address absence / lateness issues, and the role of the Local Authority and Education Welfare Service. Please do read it and take note of the key points. You can also find the policy on the school website [www.frogwell.co.uk](http://www.frogwell.co.uk).



Whole school attendance for the school year so far is **94.1%**, which is a little below the national average so we need to keep working together to improve it. Illness has really affected attendance over the last few weeks.

This week's top three classes for attendance were:

- Rowling Class (94.7%)
- Lewis Class (93.3%)
- Morpurgo Class (92.8%)

The highest attending class wins extra playtime!

#### Poppy appeal

We have received a thank you card from the Royal British Legion thanking us for supporting the poppy appeal in November. The school raised £261.66, so thank you all for your generosity.

#### Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration



Thank you to all the parents, carers, friends and relatives who came to watch the two performances of the Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration today. Unfortunately, due to the icy conditions we were unable to go to Ladyfield Church with the whole school as planned, but we made the best of things by adapting the event and holding it in the hall. The children enjoyed singing their festive songs and performing their poems and instrumental pieces. We hope all the adults enjoyed it too! It was also great to be joined by some of two of our school governors, Nigel Linacre and Teresa Hutton.

### Governor news

We were joined in school last week by Helen Baker, our outgoing Chair of Governors. Helen has come to the end of 18 years of service as a governor and during that time she has contributed a great deal to the school. Helen spoke to the children in assembly and we presented her with a signed Frogwell shirt, a bit like the Year 6 children have when they leave school at the end of the year! Thank you very much to Helen for her many years with Frogwell.



### Lewis Class science

Written by Nevaeh and Lilly J: *This term we have been learning about sound in science. We designed our own musical instruments and made them out of recycled materials like cardboard boxes, toilet roll tubes and tin cans. We also used balloons, elastic bands, dried rice and even chopsticks! We thought about how we could adapt our instruments to make low- or high-pitched sounds. We learnt that sound is caused by vibrations which travel through the air into our ears. We had fun doing it.*



### School uniform

We are noticing some children are coming to school wearing non-uniform items. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in uniform, in line with our policy and home-school agreement, including a **royal blue** jumper (not navy!). This includes the need for PE kit that is in line with the policy, not colourful or sports logo items. *If you need financial assistance with uniform items, please do talk to us as we have access to a fund to support families with this.* The uniform policy is at the end of this letter for your reference – please stick to it as children wearing non-uniform items often feel like they 'stick out' which can make them uncomfortable and anxious.

### Christmas shop and raffle winners

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the children's Christmas shop, which we held today. The children absolutely loved choosing a gift for someone at home and having it wrapped, plus the whole event raises money for the school. Thank you to Mrs Gosal, Mrs Martinson and Miss Jukes in particular for making it possible in advance and on the day.

We also drew the raffle today. The money raised from the raffle and Christmas shop combined came to **£384**, which we will use for enrichment activities for the children next year.

Raffle winners – the six lucky winners drawn were the parents of Alexa A (Donaldson), Bobby P (Lewis), Miles T (King-Smith), Jaxson S (King-Smith), Elrond C (Dahl) and Lilly D (Lewis).

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our families,**

**With best wishes from everyone at Frogwell Primary School.**



**Diary dates for 2022-23**

<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas shop</li> <li>• Last day of Term 2</li> </ul>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2023</b>	Christmas holidays
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023</b>	Start of Term 3
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023</b>	Panto 'Beauty and the Beast' at school (afternoon)
<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

# School uniform policy

## (including rules on jewellery etc)

At Frogwell Primary School we believe that school uniform is important for the following reasons:

- it helps promote a sense of pride in the school and a feeling of belonging
- it is practical and distinctive
- it helps us quickly and easily identify Frogwell children when out on trips etc
- it is not distracting in class
- it helps make children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance

All children are expected to wear the school uniform. School logo jumpers and other items can be purchased from our online store at <https://www.gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/frogwell-primary-school/>

Plain (non-logo) items of uniform are readily available in supermarkets and these are equally acceptable.

It is essential that all items of clothing are clearly named as matching lost items of un-named identical clothing to the owner is very difficult and a waste of valuable teaching time for staff.

### Clothing

- **Royal blue** school sweatshirt or cardigan (plain or with school logo)
- Grey skirt, trousers or smart school shorts
- **Pale blue** polo shirt / cotton shirt (optional school logo polos are available to order via our online shop)
- Blue checked summer dress
- Black, grey or white socks or tights

### Shoes:

- Sensible flat black school shoes or smart plain black trainers (not boots please). All shoes should be plain black, without any white stripes etc.
- Sturdy sandals are permitted in the summer but these must be securely attached to the feet and suitable for active play (no flip-flops, sliders or similar).

### PE Kit:

- Plain black / navy shorts, plain white t-shirt (optional school logo PE tops are available to order via our online shop)
- Daps for indoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Plain black / navy joggers and a plain black / navy sweatshirt or 'hoodie' may be worn for cold weather outdoor PE in the winter.
- Please remember to pack socks for those who wear tights with their normal school clothes.

### Swimming kit:

- Sensible one-piece swimming costume for girls (no bikinis or tankinis please)
- Sensible trunks / fitted shorts for boys (no baggy shorts please)
- Swimming hats are strongly encouraged by school and the swimming pool
- Towel

### Hair, make-up, jewellery etc

- Children should not come to school with 'fashion' hairstyles including dyed hair colours, mohicans or tram lines / shaved patterns.

- Long hair should be tied back.
- Hair accessories should be kept simple and small (e.g. no 'JoJo bows' or fancy hairbands).
- Make-up and nail varnish are not to be worn to school. False / acrylic nails are not allowed
- The only jewellery permitted is a watch and one pair of small stud earrings (earrings must be removed or covered for PE for safety reasons). Hoop earrings are not suitable for school due to the risk of them being caught and pulled during active play or in busy environments.
- Temporary tattoos are not to be worn to school.
- Parents are responsible for making sure that any weekend or school holiday make-up etc is completely removed before children come back to school. This includes where children have worn make-up etc as part of theatrical or dance performances out of school.

We hope children are proud of their school uniform and that it makes getting ready for school easier for parents. We appreciate parents supporting us, and their child, by ensuring they are dressed appropriately for school. This is a good habit for children to get into for their future at secondary school and in employment.