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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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Staff news

I am pleased to let you know that **Mrs Snowden** will be returning to school next week; she will be easing in slowly so won't be taking over all her teaching duties straight away, but she will be back working most afternoons next week. I know the whole school community will be delighted to see her return. Miss Dowle will still be with the class for a bit longer while Mrs Snowden transitions back.

Attendance and punctuality

This week's whole-school attendance was a great 96.5% - up again from last week! The top classes were:

1. Rowling Class 99.3% **2. Morpurgo Class 98.6%** **3. Dahl Class 98.1%**

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. **We also have a bigger class prize/reward at the end of each term for the class that has the highest attendance overall for that term – the winning class for Term 4 overall was Donaldson Class, who also won in Term 3! Who will it be this term?! Not long left to wait until we found out!**

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.

Open Classrooms

Our next Open Classrooms session will be on Thursday 23rd May, from the end of school until 15.40. *Apologies for the short notice of this session!*

Parents and Carers need to be leaving the classrooms at 15.40 as the teachers have other meetings and commitments to get to straight after these sessions. We will ring the hand bell down the corridors to signal the end of the session! If you have children in multiple classes, please can we ask that you are mindful not to arrive in the last child's class too late because the teachers cannot extend the time after 15.40 – you may need to go to the different classes on different days over time rather than visiting several on the same day.

Children's news

Year 6 cricket festival

Ten children from Rowling Class took part in the Chippenham Cricket Festival on Friday. We played three matches, winning against Redlands and unfortunately losing to St Peters and St Marys. Despite this we had a great time and showed brilliant teamwork and resilience. Mrs Cooper and Mrs Martinson were very proud of the way the children represented our school. Well done to all on the team.



Year 6 Bikeability

Some of our Year 6 children have been doing Bikeability today (what those of us who are a bit older remember as cycling proficiency!). It is great to see children taking part in this important programme.

Bikeability Level 1 teaches you:

- Maintain your cycle: make sure your ride is in tip-top condition and make simple repairs
- Glide: smooth, calm and collected
- Control your bike: including setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping. You'll even learn to pedal one handed!
- Pedal: without feeling wobbly or out of control
- Be aware of your surroundings: looking behind and turning around obstacles

Bikeability Level 2 teaches you to:

- Start and stop with more confidence
- Pass stationary vehicles parked on a road
- Understand the road: signals, signs and road markings
- Negotiate the road: including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts
- Share the road with other vehicles



SATs completed!

Year 6 completed their national SATs tests this week and we could not be prouder of the focus, resilience and pride with which they went about it all. However, at Frogwell we firmly believe that...

SATS don't measure sports,
SATS don't measure art,
SATS don't measure music
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATS don't see your beauty,
SATS don't know your worth,
SATS don't know the reason
You were put upon this Earth.

SATS don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATS don't time how quickly
You can run a mile.

SATS don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATS are just a tiny glimpse
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table
With your pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember you're the best!



The children have been presented with their leavers' hoodies, which they are wearing with Frogwell pride regardless of the temperature outside! 😊 Thank you to Parent Pond and all those who have supported their fundraising to provide these lovely souvenirs of their time at primary school.

Mini Police club

At our most recent Mini Police club, we were visited by the police car. We learnt about the different sirens (did you know there are four different tones?) and how the police prevent and deal with speeding vehicles. The children tested out their running speeds with the mobile speed camera! They also learnt how the police caution works and issued Ms Neville with a **pretend** (!) caution for a **pretend** (!) speeding offence, before she was handcuffed and drive away in the police vehicle. The children also had the chance to sit in the police car themselves. We have also found out that the Mini Police club will be running again next year for a new cohort of Mini Officers, which is brilliant news. We have one more session this year where the children will be presented with their certificates.



Parent Pond news

News from The Parent Pond!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 22nd May
May Madness Discos
Monday 17th June
Euro 2024 Bake Sale
Wednesday 19th June
Annual General Meeting
Friday 28th June
Non Uniform Day
Saturday 6th July
FrogStock



Want to learn more about what we do or ways that you could help? Drop us an email!
theparentpond23@gmail.com



Details for all our upcoming events can be found on Classlist. If you haven't joined us there yet you can download the app from either the App Store or Google Play and search for The Parent Pond!



Please note all presale events such as discos are only available for purchase on Classlist and tickets will not be available on the day.



Diary dates

Wed 22nd May	Parent Pond children's discos
Thurs 23rd May	Open Classrooms 15.15-
Friday 24th May	End of Term 5
27th – 31st May	Half term
Monday 3rd June	Return to school for Term 6
Mon 17th June	Parent Pond Euro 2024-themed cake sale (KS2 to supply cakes/bakes)
Wed 26th June (AM)	Sports Day (weather dependent). Picnic lunch afterwards. Parents / Carers invited.
Wed 3^d July (AM)	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 28th June	Non-uniform day in exchange for tombola items
Sat 6th July	Parent Pond 'FrogStock' summer fair
Wednesday 24th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly 14.30 Last day of school year

Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

The school will be closed to children on:

- Friday 5th July 2024

Free School Meals – are you eligible?

As you may know, all children nationally in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to 'universal' free school meals, regardless of family income. This changes from Year 3, where only those children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits are eligible for free school meals. If your child is in Year 2, please check if you will be eligible for FSM in September – see the list below and please apply!

Please apply even if you do not intend for your child to actually eat the meals! FSM registration brings more funding into the school via the Pupil Premium and this is used to support the school's provision for disadvantaged learners.

Eligible children in Year 6 will also need to be reapplied for in order to qualify for FSM at secondary school.

Free school meals can be awarded only if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Apply:

This data is correct at April 2024 but is subject to change.