



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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## Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Attendance

The whole-school attendance for the term to date is 96.1%, which is good, but for this week only it was a much lower 92.1%. Let's all try to build it back up!

The top classes were:

1. King-Smith Class 97.7%      2. Rosen Class 97.2%      3. McKee Class 95.9%

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, and one for the whole year!**

### Parking in the local area

The school is being contacted by a range of local residents who have concerns about the way some parents are parking cars at drop off and pick up times. Please can all parents and carers park only in places that are legal, safe and considerate. One of the key areas being identified as a problem is the grass area on School Walk, which is not a parking area. Local residents who have concerns are likely to report registration numbers to Wiltshire Council and the Police who may take punitive action – please, please, please park with kindness and consideration at all times.

### Lateness reminders

Please remember that any children arriving after 08.45 will be marked in as late, even if they come in through the playground gate. The school is required to keep a record of how many minutes late children are and if we have concerns that your child is frequently arriving late, we will share this 'minutes late' report with you.

Please be aware that if children are arriving so late that they have to come in through the office door, they must be physically signed in by an adult, with the reason for lateness given. No children should be arriving through the front door unaccompanied.

### Breakfast Club drop-off

Please can all parents who are dropping children off at Breakfast Club make sure the child is brought to the front door by an adult and handed over to staff. Children should not be arriving at the front door unaccompanied while parents wait in the car or by themselves.

### 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. There is more information, including the eligibility criteria, at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1669/Free-school-meals>

**Please** apply even if you do not intend for your child to actually eat the meals, or if your child is getting the universal free meal in Reception, Y1 and Y2! FSM registration brings more funding into the school via the Pupil Premium Grant and this is used to support the school's provision for disadvantaged learners.

Apply: <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

## What is bullying?

Bullying is persistent action taken by one or more people with the deliberate intention of hurting another person, either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms and it can happen in person, online via social media apps, via mobile phone texts or other messaging systems, or through physical notes.

There are four main types of bullying:

**Physical:** e.g. *persistent* hitting, pushing, kicking, pinching, other violence and taking things.

**Verbal:** *persistent* name-calling, put-downs, sarcasm, racist or homophobic remarks, persistent teasing, threatening comments.

**Indirect:** spreading malicious rumours, deliberately excluding someone from social groups.

**Cyber/online:** this includes all areas of the internet, such as social media apps, email and internet chat room misuse. Mobile threats through text messaging and calls. Misuse of associated technology i.e. camera and video facilities.

This is not an exhaustive list of possible bullying behaviours.

Our school Anti-Bullying policy says:

- *Bullying is persistent action taken by one or more people with the deliberate intention of hurting another person, either physically or emotionally.*
- *Bullying can take many forms and it can happen in person, online via social media, via mobile phone texts or other messaging systems, or through physical notes.*
- *Bullying does not just occur between children. Bullying can also be perpetrated by children on adults, by adults on children and by adults on other adults.*

The STOP poster below is one we use a lot in school to help children remember what bullying is and who they can get help from if they are worried. We display it in all classrooms and around school in the corridors where children can see it every day. We also have "worry boxes" in every class so children have an extra way to report anything they are worried about and get help



If you are worried about bullying or think your child might be being bullied, please make an appointment to talk to their class teacher.

## School Facebook page

Have you seen our Facebook page for parents and carers? Make sure you find the **official** school page, which looks like this.



## Children's news

### Out of school news

**Ariela V** has been awarded a certificate for her participation in this year's annual Bula Festival, a festival that celebrates South Pacific culture organised by the British Fijian community. Well done, Ariela!

### In-school news



Halls Class had a visit from Nurse Dodd to help them learn about the human body and what nurses do. She brought her stethoscope and bandages with her!



Gym Club



Almost all the Year 6 children went away on residential last week to the Beacon Centre in North Devon, where they had a fantastic time taking part in activities including climbing, zip wire, low ropes, bushcraft, beach trip, archery, orienteering, team games and a long walk to Lynton and Lynmouth along the coast path. They also had a brilliant talent show on one of the evenings where some of the children really shone! You can see a selection of photos from the trip below. As you will see in the pictures, the weather was just perfect – just look at those views! Opportunities like this can only happen thanks to the goodwill and generosity of the staff and volunteers who give up all their free and family time for five days to lead the trip; a huge thank you to school staff members Mrs Cooper, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Gosal, Miss Fry and Miss Metcalfe, and volunteer Mrs McCosh for making this possible and providing such a great experience for the children.



Year 6  
The Beacon  
September 2024





## Parent Pond events

The **Fun Run** that was planned for 25<sup>th</sup> September was postponed due to the poor weather forecast and is now rescheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> October straight after school. This event was a big success last year so we hope to see lots of people there again this time! **Please can children who are participating come to school in PE kit that day so they are ready to run straight away after school!**

Sensory Safe Treat Walk...



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You're invited to our

# SENSORY-SAFE TREAT WALK

JOIN US FOR A 'TRICK OR TREAT' WALK AROUND SCHOOL. DRESS-UP WELCOME!

ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THOSE WHO FIND THE DARK/HALLOWEEN OVERWHELMING, OR ARE UNABLE TO GO TRICK-OR-TREATING.

## TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

3.20pm - 4.00pm  
Parents/carers to stay

£1 PER CHILD.  
BOOK VIA CLASSLIST

COLOURING AND SWEETS PROVIDED

## Diary dates for 2024-25

We will be running tours of the school for prospective parents looking for September 2024 mainstream Reception places on:

- ~~Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.45~~
- ~~Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 09.15~~
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 13.45

Parent / Carers should contact the school office to book a place on their chosen tour – first come, first served! These tours give a realistic picture of a normal working day in the school – we do not set up a special or 'out of the ordinary' experience as we believe it is essential to see a standard, typical school day. If you know anyone who is looking for school places, please do let them know about these dates.

Parents looking for Resource Base-specific places should contact the office for an appointment and should remember that there is a different admissions procedure and criteria for RB places.

<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Flu nasal immunisations
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Fun Run straight after school
<b>W/B 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Life Education workshops (PSHE)
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	School photos
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Open Classrooms for Term 1 (15.15-15:40)
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	Last day of Term 1
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	TD day – school closed to children
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Start of Term 2 for children
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Whole school pantomime trip to Wyvern Theatre
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School discos
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Last day of Term 2
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Christmas holidays
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Start of term 3, children back to school

## Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2024/25

The school will be closed to children on:

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> July



**UP & UNDER SPORTS**

**OCTOBER 2024 - HARDENHUISH SCHOOL**  
**MULTI SPORTS COURSES**

Week 1: 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 | Week 2: 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024



@ 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, Trampoline, Martial Arts, Laser tag, Lacrosse, Archery, Basketball, Rugby, New Age Kurling, Street Dance, Team Building Challenges

**There will be daily competitions, prizes and Team Challenges involving multiple activities including an Inflatable Obstacle Course!**  
 Our activity days are structured around teamwork and working together and are delivered in a fun and engaging atmosphere

**£32 FOR THE DAY OR DISCOUNTED RATE OF £120 FOR ALL 4 DAYS**  
 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT IS ALSO AVAILABLE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK: 

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