

Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Remembrance

This week we have been talking to the children about Remembrance. Year 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 welcomed a special visitor, Mr Peter Wilde who has served in the army. He spoke to the children about war, peace and conflict. He shared the story of Flanders Field and helped the classes understand a little more about why we remember those who have fallen and support the efforts of the Royal British Legion. You can find out more about the Legion [here](#).

Community Christmas Tree

This year, we are asking the children to bring in a Christmas bauble to add to our school 'Community Christmas Tree'. We would like every child to bring in a bauble. The bauble can be shop bought or hand made. If you would like it returned, it must have a name label on it please. This is a new tradition which attempts to demonstrate how we are all different and all unique. Whilst all being different, we come together to make one community. Baubles can be brought in to school from Week commencing 17th November.

Chair of Governors visits Frogwell

Our chair of Governors, Mr Nigel Linacre visited us earlier on in the week as Chair of Governors. As Chair of Governors, Mr Linacre visits me regularly, in our Chair's Strategy meetings, we discuss School Development matters including our 'Rapid Action Plan'. School visits are planned for the whole year which will be undertaken by our Governors is a real strength and a testament to the work of the whole Governing body and their commitment to our school.

Behaviour

I am extremely pleased to say that our value "Happy and Safe" is securely in the minds and actions of our children. I have enjoyed seeing them welcoming visitors, remembering to say please and thank you, opening doors for each other, remembering to say good morning and good afternoon and generally being delightful! Our new value "Supportive" is one of great importance as we explore how we can work together as a team, celebrating our differences and recognising that we all have different strengths, interests and indeed special interests.

We are particularly focussing on **encouragement** this term. Some children need to learn how to encourage themselves and others so do help your child by offering sentences such as 'Well done...you tried really hard with that', 'I can see you persevered' or, 'You were so brave to have a go at that'. Obviously, adults do know how to encourage but do give some thought to the skills that your child may need to become a great encourager! We aim to develop a culture of warmth; one where children feel safe and happy and have the skills to support themselves and others!

New Staff

This week has been especially joyful as we welcome some exemplary staff to the team. Welcome to Miss Walsh and Mrs Parker who join our Resource Base. We know that they will do an excellent job. Welcome on to the team!

Headteacher Meetings

Following on from my last newsletter, I will be holding more Headteacher meetings for Parents and Carers. As you may know, I am using these meetings to hear your views and gather together as many of you who are supportive of the school to share your ideas and help me understand our community as we move forward together. If you would simply like to come along to meet me; please do! The dates for these meetings will be:

Face to face meeting 3: 2-3pm Wednesday 26th November

Face to face meeting 4: 2-3pm Thursday 4th December

Virtual meeting 2: 6pm Tuesday 9th December. (Please note that a link for this meeting will be sent to you on Friday).

Developing Culture Deliberately

If you haven't already, please do look at our values below. At Frogwell, we are aiming to 'raise the bar' and support our children in learning how to have excellent conduct and manners. I have, once again been very pleased to see many children welcome visitors and be very considerate when travelling around the school.

Last week I mentioned how well everyone was doing with 'Good Morning' and 'Good Afternoons' and I am pleased to see that this small 'tweak' has swept across the school and, importantly presents very well to visitors and raises our cultural bar. For me our culture needs to be one, in line with our key value of respect. Given how quickly we have improved on this, I would like you all to consider the values below.

Our Vision and Values have been well developed here in school

- **Safe and Happy:** We want all children to feel emotionally and physically safe in our school and to enjoy coming here each day. We aim to make our school a happy place for everyone
- **Supportive:** We believe it is essential to provide children with the support they need to succeed both academically, socially and emotionally.
- **Respectful:** We want all members of our school community to treat others and themselves with respect. We believe in the importance of adults modelling respectful behaviours to help children to learn respect.
- **Aspirational:** We believe all children should be encouraged to have aspirations for the future regardless of their starting points. We aim to inspire children and build their confidence to aim high.
- **Inclusive:** We believe our school is a better place if we can include everyone and support those with different needs to experience success in education and in life.

Frogwell Parliament

I met with Frogwell Parliament (School Council) this week where we put the finishing touches to a survey. The survey asks children about three main areas

Playtime, Curriculum and Behaviour

They will share their results with me later on next week. Their findings will be shared via minutes on the school's website. They already have a lot of ideas including incorporating animals in to school life. I mentioned this to Parent Pond last night. We will update you on this in the next newsletter.

Parent Pond Committee Meeting

The Parent Pond Committee met last night to plan some exciting festive events for this term! Here's what's coming up:

Christmas Jumper Jumble – Date TBC

Bring any outgrown Christmas jumpers to the school office from Monday 1st December.

Jumpers will be available to browse and choose after school on the 10th for a small donation — a great way to recycle and get ready for Christmas Jumper Day!

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December

Children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumpers and bring in a gift donation to support our festive fundraising.

Further details about suitable donations will be shared next week.

Christmas Discos – Thursday 12th December

- **EYFS & KS1:** 3:30 – 4:30pm
- **KS2:** 5:00– 6:00pm

Tickets are £2.50 per child, with additional donations welcome.

Payments can be made via Classlist – Download Classlist [here](#).

If you are new to the school or Classlist, please pop in to see our Office Manager who can help.

Christmas Shop – Tuesday 17th December

Children can visit the Christmas Shop during the school day to choose and wrap a gift for a loved one. Each gift costs £2, and wrapping will be provided — a lovely way for pupils to share the joy of giving!

What a lot of lovely activities we have to look forward to this term!!

Miss Woods

Diary Dates

Wednesday 26 th November	Headteacher Meeting for Parents and Carers 2-3pm
Thursday 4 th December	Headteacher Meeting for Parents and Carers 2-3pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Virtual Headteacher Meeting for Parents and Carers 6pm
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm -2.45pm
Thursday 11 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.20am-10.00am
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Parent Pond EYFS & KS1 Christmas Disco 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 12 th December	Parent Pond KS2 Christmas Disco 5pm-6pm
Friday 12 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Festival at Hardenhuish
Wednesday 17 th December	Parent Pond Christmas Shop
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert at Ladyfield Church 9:30am
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Half Term
Monday 5 th January	TD – School closed to children
Monday 23 rd March	Spring Parents' and Carers' Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	Spring Parents' and Carers' Evening
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Half Term
Monday 27 th April – Tuesday 28 th April	Year 3 & Year 4 Residential to Grittleton House
w/c Monday 11 th May	SATS Week
Friday 22 nd May	TD Day – School closed to children
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Wednesday 17 th June – Thursday 18 th June	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 24 th June	School Reports
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 1 st July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	TD Day – School closed to children
Thursday 23 rd July – Monday 31 st August	Summer Holidays

