



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents,

It's a pleasure to introduce the newsletter this week. Thank you to all of you who have been along to sports day this week – which unusually was not disrupted by rain!

Both the Reception and Key Stage 1 sports day and the Key Stage 2 sports day were a great success. A big thank you to Mrs Wynn as PE Lead for coordinating the events and to all the staff who enabled them to go ahead so well. The children had a lovely time.

There are various other photos this week out on Twitter or on the school website – so do have a look. A big well done to 3G2 who won last week's battle against 3G1 in Times Table Rock Stars!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Exec. Principal

Voluntary contribution for school visits:

I think there is a mis understanding about voluntary contributions for school visits and so I am sharing this to clarify and update you...

When we send out the information for school visits (not including residential), the contribution you make to the visit is voluntary across those going on the visit, it covers the cost of the visit – it doesn't make a profit. Your child goes on the visit irrespective of how much you have paid. We are increasingly finding that parents are not making the voluntary contributions. School does not have the money to pay for educational visits for children – the funding is simply not there.

We are acutely aware of the financial pressures that many of you are facing. There are various visits we were planning but haven't proceeded with because they were either too expensive or the notice for them was too short. There are other visits that we have altered to reduce the cost.

From September, we will set a deadline date for voluntary contributions of visits to be received that is before the date we can cancel the visit with the organisation that we are visiting and the coach company that we are using - I.e., enabling us to cancel without incurring charges. If we haven't received enough voluntary contributions, we won't be able to allow the visit to carry on, as we don't have the funding to

keep making up the difference for so many pupils and we will then cancel the visit and refund the contributions made.

For those of you who have children who are eligible for Pupil Premium, LAC or PLAC or EHCPs; the funding your child receives doesn't cover educational visits. Voluntary contributions still need to be made for your children.

We are always happy to talk to parents who will have difficulty paying for visits and in those circumstances we can put in place a plan to pay over time. Please have a conversation with the school office about this.

Many thanks,

Mr Davis

### **Year 6:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July are secondary school transition days for many of our Year 6 pupils. The Year 6s who are still in school on those 2 days will be making a start on the legacy project, so please can they wear old clothes that they don't mind getting paint on. Thank you.

## **Year 6 Science: Light**

This week, year 6 have continued exploring their unit on light, with a particular focus on these questions...

How are shadows formed?

What shape are shadows?

Does everything have a shadow? Are there any objects that do not cast a shadow?

Can an object have more than one shadow?

How does the shadow change when the distance between the object and the light source changes?





## Year 6 Legacy Project

For Year 6's legacy project this year, we are converting one of the old storage containers into an outdoor library. There are many materials and resources we will need, so we are asking if anyone has any of the following at home that they are willing to donate to our project:

- Colourful paint that can be used on metal surfaces (and paintbrushes)
- Cushions, beanbags etc.
- Material that could be turned into bunting

Please send any donations to the office by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

We are very grateful for your support.

### House points



<b>Wrekin</b> <b>1357</b>	<b>Stiperstones</b> <b>1216</b>
<b>Haughmond</b> <b>991</b>	<b>Caer Caradoc</b> <b>1085</b>

Well done, Wrekin!

## Lunchtime WOWS!

READY	RESPECTFUL	SAFE
Evie 5O1 All of year 6 James E 1R1	Sienna RO1 Evie 2R2	Layla 6O2

## Sports News



Jessica, Sophie and Lucy, from 2R2 all played in a girls under 13's softball cricket tournament on Sunday for Allscott Cricket Club.

They all played extremely well, even though they were the youngest team there. They have a few more tournaments coming up over the summer. Well done girls!



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FORTNITE

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First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

## IN-APP PURCHASES

Not all of Fortnite is free. Save the World mode, for example, can become quite costly. An in-game currency called V-Bucks is used to buy items such as cosmetics, which are not a necessity to play the game. It can feel like buying them is essential, however – even for adult players. Making sure no payment methods are linked to the game's store is a good idea when children are playing Fortnite.

## REPEAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fortnite now offers a monthly repeat subscription which costs £9.99 (or equivalent). This package offers different non-essential benefits every month – including fancy cosmetics, rare weapons, V-Bucks and special bonuses. Signing up, therefore, can be tempting for dedicated players. However, subscriptions cannot be paid for with V-Bucks earned in the game, only with real-world money.

## COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY

Fortnite isn't purely a competitive experience (some modes prioritise cooperation), but the rivalry aspect remains central. Battle Royale is an especially ruthless mode, where the last player or squad left standing wins. Games can become heated, and players' desire to win can often cause excessively aggressive or 'toxic' behaviour towards others – via the game's audio chat, for instance.

## POSSIBILITY OF SCAMS

Popular games like Fortnite are often targeted by unscrupulous individuals trying to trick or exploit genuine fans. In Fortnite, scammers have been known to offer children free V-Bucks or vast amounts of V-Bucks in exchange for rare items – often asking the player to click a particular link. These scammers are seeking access to your child's account, personal information and payment details.

## USER-CONTROLLED CONTENT

Some elements of online video games can't be rated for age appropriateness because the developer doesn't have control over them. In Fortnite, for instance, things like voice or text chat, usernames, trades and other player-generated content may not always be suitable for children. It also means that the makers aren't liable for anything a stranger might say to young Fortnite players online.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### STAY AWARE OF SPENDING

Free-to-play games (that is, ones without up-front costs) can still be big financial drains. In Fortnite, for example, the Battle Pass – a set of rewards to improve players' experience in the game – can be either earned through playing or bought with real money (with additional incentives for the latter). With supervision however, this can be a great lesson in money management for children.

### TALK ABOUT TALKING

Communication is key in the squad-based Fortnite modes, and children will quickly realise that talking with team-mates online helps to increase their win rate. It's a good idea, therefore, to chat with your child first about speaking to strangers online, trading, scammers and other potential risks. Remind them that they can always come to you for help if they run into problems online.

### ENCOURAGE BREAKS

Gaming sessions can reach marathon lengths, especially when your child is on a winning streak and doesn't want to stop. Sitting in the same position for hours, of course, isn't healthy but it's an easy habit to form. Encouraging young ones to break regularly for drinks and so on will help them stay hydrated, rest their eyes and release some of the tension from competitive gameplay.

### DISCUSS OTHER APPS

Games like Fortnite can lead on to third-party apps (Discord, for example) where players can join a voice, text or – in some cases – video chat about the game. Certain add-ons also let children talk with other players from their local area, which clearly presents a potential risk. When discussing Fortnite with your child, you might also want to ask them about other apps they use while playing.

### Meet Our Expert

Chloe Goodwin (aka. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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## **The Friends of St Peter's Newsletter**

Thank you to all our parents who came along and supported our refreshments pop-up gazebo on both sports days! We are incredibly grateful for every purchase that was made!

### **Frozen Fridays are Back!**

**Friend's of St Peter's**

# **FROZEN FRIDAY FUNDRAISER**

**Sale proceeds will go to the  
Friend's of St peter's.**

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**Every Friday till the end  
of term, we will be on the  
school playground or by  
front gate for an end of  
week treat.**



## Up and Coming Non-Uniform Dates



**NON SCHOOL  
UNIFORM  
FRIDAY 30TH  
JUNE**  
In exchange for  
**TOMBOLA PRIZE OR BOOZE**

ALL DONATIONS ARE COLLECTED AT GATES BEFORE CHILDREN ENTER SCHOOL.

## Summer Fayre – 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 – We Really Need Your Help



JOIN US FOR OUR  
**Summer Fayre**  
FRIDAY 14TH JULY  
3.15PM TO 6PM

**FREE ENTRY**

Bring your friends and family, to join in the fun!

Join us for lots of fun including  
bouncy castle • independent stalls •  
tombola • games • ice cream •  
entertainment • food stalls  
and much much more!

**ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Card and cash welcomed

If you think you could lend a hand with set-up, take down, or manning a stall, then please get in touch. We love putting on the bigger events but there is a lot that goes into it. We are always very grateful for any help offered to us, and we have such a laugh together. Come and join in!

To put on all the games and stalls we have planned, we require at least 20 extra volunteers, and as many pairs of hands to set up and put away as possible.

We still have some spaces available for outside stalls. If you would like to take up a pitch, please contact us via our email or get in touch on our Facebook page.

## **New Intake Days**

The Friends of St Peters will be in school for the new intake days. Along with refreshments we will have our pre-loved uniform shop open for new and existing parents. Come along and bag yourself all of your children's uniform requirements for the next school year at a fraction of the high-street price whilst doing your bit for the environment.

## **Bonkers Bouncing – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

This will be a FREE event held during school hours for all the children to enjoy! We will have a host of bouncy castles and assault courses on the school's field. Further details and permissions will be released imminently.

## **Girls Gingham Summer Dresses**

If you have any gingham summer dresses, that you are going to throw away, due to damages or stains, please consider donating them to the Friends.

Our lovely Roxanne has been busy making bows for bobbles and hair clips from dresses we have received that are not suitable for resale. These will be available to purchase at our uniform sales during July.

There is a photo on our Facebook page of her creation!

## **Preloved Uniform**

Our preloved logo uniform is now available to buy online via our webpage. This includes jumpers, cardigans and as they become available, fleeces. They are all £1 each, so grab yourself an absolute bargain and do a little bit for the environment too!

All the uniform that is donated to us is freshly laundered, sorted, old name labels removed and neatly folded ready for resale.

If you have any unwanted uniform, that's still, in good condition, we would love to take it off your hands. They can be left in the grey boxes next to the school office.

## **Please sign up to our PTA-Events Website and follow our Facebook page.**

If you haven't already, please register on our website.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsfstpetersbratton/>

Please follow our Facebook page for updates on our events.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/661860548200181/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/661860548200181/?ref=share_group_link)

## **We thank you all for your continued support!**

*The Friends of St Peter's*



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Holiday Club – bookings open
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Squirrel School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for tombola prizes – Friends event
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Squirrel School
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reception Squirrel School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 visit to Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception 2023 new pupil induction morning
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception 2023 new pupil induction morning
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Squirrel School
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Holiday Club – bookings close
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer fete – Friends event
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Squirrel School
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 visit to Think Tank Birmingham
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service St Peter's Church Wrockwardine 2pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school 2pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	'Bonkers, Bouncing, Give Back' Free event – Friends event
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	PD Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	PD Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer holidays