



April 2018 newsletter

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isiah 41:10

Welcome back to the summer term! It was wonderful to see our children back in school last Tuesday with all of their smiles and tales of adventures during the Easter break. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of different activities planned – fingers crossed the weather stays as fine as it has been and we can all spend lots of time outside.

As always, if you need to contact school regarding any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance or our school office. We will reply to your query as soon as possible.

Mrs Swift Head Teacher

Summer Term dates for your diary – details to follow

Throughout May	Y2 statutory testing
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 14 th May	Y6 “SATS” week
Thursday 17 th May	Y4 visit to Danelaw
Friday 25 th May	School closes for half-term break
Monday 4 th June	PDDay – school closed for children
Tuesday 5 th June	School re-opens for children
Thursday 7 th June	New YR parents meeting 5.30p.m
Monday 11 th June	Y1 phonics screening
Wednesday 13 th June	Y6 leavers service at Durham Cathedral
Wednesday 13 th June	New nursery parents meeting 5.30p.m
Tuesday 26 th June	KS2 Sports afternoon
Wednesday 27 th June	KS1 Sports afternoon
Thursday 28 th June	EY Sports morning
Thursday 28 th June	EY Sports afternoon
Tuesday 10 th July	EY Teddy trot
Friday 13 th July	Annual reports to parents
Friday 13 th July	Camp of Champions BBQ
Friday 20 th July	Y6 leavers service for parents and carers 10 a.m.
Friday 20 th July	School closes for summer break
Monday 3 rd September	PDDay – school closed for children
Tuesday 4 th September	School re-opens for autumn term

Please continue to look out for texts, emails and Facebook notifications of other events in school.

Class Worship Dates Summer Term 2018

Please find below a list of Class Worship dates for the Summer Term We look forward to seeing you in school to worship alongside our children. Worship starts at 9.15am.

Wednesday 2nd May Y1 Red class (please note change of date)

Thursday 10 th May	Y1 Green class
Thursday 17 th May	YR Blue class
Thursday 24 th May	YR Yellow class

Half-term

Thursday 7 th June	Y5 Moonstone class
Thursday 14 th June	Y5 Tangerine class
Thursday 21 st June	Y4 Azure class
Thursday 28 th June	Y4 Indigo class
Thursday 5 th July	Y3 Crimson class
Thursday 12 th July	Y3 Emerald class

Lateness

Following our Attendance Review in February we are closely monitoring “lateness” into school. It is so important that children arrive on time for school. Please remember school starts at the following times:

Nursery	a.m. session 8.40 a.m. p.m. session 12.20 p.m.
YR/1/2 (Rosehill)	8.55 a.m.
Y3/4/5/6 (Trinity)	8.50 a.m.

On wet mornings please remember to still enter school through class doors unless your child is late. Class doors will continue to close **at 8.50 a.m.**

Earrings

As part of our Health and Safety procedures, from September (or as soon as possible for those who are able to) we kindly request that children do not wear earrings to school. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, please ensure that this is completed at the beginning of the summer holiday so that children are ready to return to school in September without earrings. Please note in September children will be asked to remove their earrings and tape will not be provided to cover earrings.

I once had the experience of seeing an awful accident in a school I previously worked in which I would not like to see happen again. Thank you for your support and understating, Mrs Swift

Bikeability

Last week many of our Y5 children took part in Bikeability sessions in school. The following is from the Bikeability web site <https://bikeability.org.uk/what> :

“Bikeability is today’s cycle training programme. It’s like cycling proficiency, but better! It’s about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today’s roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.”

Our Y5 children certainly enjoyed the sessions and practised skills to keep them safe.



PE and Sport news

We have a very busy term ahead. Some of our Year 3 children are going to a Racket Skills Festival in May. 8 children from Year 5 will be competing in a dodgeball competition later this month. We also have various cricket and athletics events. We wish everyone the best of luck. Mrs Atkinson and Sports Crew

Water bottles

A reminder that children should bring water into school in their water bottles and not juice of any kind. Thank you.

Safeguarding updates

Photographs - why we say no.....

At our recent Easter bonnet parade an adult challenged me on why we do not allow photographs to be taken at school events. “They’re allowed to do it at the school down the road and I’ve checked with adults standing near me and they’re ok with it”.

In order to safeguard our children (some of whom are adopted and some who are Looked After Children) we request permission from parents/carers for photographs to be taken in school. Not all parents/carers give this consent and therefore to comply with this request we cannot allow photographs to be taken while at school events.

My daughter’s school has the same procedure and to overcome this I always take a photograph of her at home before an event or after the event.

We do not wish to upset people with this stipulation but it is our “Duty of Care” to ensure children and adults in school are safeguarded, Mrs Swift.

Morning routines

Please can we kindly requests that adults do not join children as they line up to come into school on a morning. Please stand away from class lines so that members of staff can clearly see the children in their line and ensure that children get safely into school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Safeguarding our children is everyone’s responsibility.

Changes to lunch arrangements

If you wish your child to change their lunch arrangements this should be done in writing to the school office teacher at least two weeks prior to the change – thank you.

Please see the Parents/Carers page on our school web site for the latest menus for our school lunches.

<https://website.htschool.net/newsletters>



Below our Attendance Report please find information about:

- Upcoming events at Stockton libraries
- A competition from Northern Gas Network (please send entries into school by 1st May)
- Fortnite – advice for parents/carers

Attendance Report

Please find below attendance for April (up to 26th April) for every class in school. It is so important that your child is in school every day. This month (albeit just for eight days) 11 classes have attendance over 96% (2 less than March) and congratulations to Y5 Moonstone who have the highest attendance in April.

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
FS1 Rainbow AM	91.1	0.0	6.0	2.9	100.0	91.1
FS1 Rainbow PM	94.6	0.0	4.5	0.9	100.0	94.6
FS2 Blue	96.9	0.0	2.5	0.6	100.0	96.9
FS2 Yellow	96.1	0.4	3.3	0.3	100.0	96.5
Y1 Green	95.9	0.4	3.0	0.8	100.0	96.3
Y1 Red	96.3	0.4	2.4	0.9	100.0	96.7
Y2 Orange	96.7	0.0	2.2	1.1	100.0	96.7
Y2 Purple	96.8	0.0	2.4	0.8	100.0	96.8
Y3 Crimson	95.2	0.5	3.1	0.8	100.0	95.7
Y3 Emerald	95.1	0.7	3.2	1.0	100.0	95.7
Y4 Azure	95.8	0.3	3.5	0.5	100.0	96.0
Y4 Indigo	96.0	0.3	2.9	0.8	100.0	96.2
Y5 Moonstone	96.6	0.4	2.4	0.7	100.0	97.0
Y5 Tangerine	95.2	0.2	3.5	1.1	100.0	95.4
Y6 Lavender	93.5	2.5	3.2	0.7	100.0	96.0
Y6 Magenta	92.8	2.3	4.0	0.9	100.0	95.1
Totals	95.5	0.5	3.1	0.9	100.0	96.0

A reminder that we expect parents and carers to ring school by 9.30 a.m. on the first day of absence – if we do not receive this phone call we will follow our school procedure to ensure children are safe.

Roary's Class Acts

I'm sure by now your child will have told you that Roary visited our school on Monday. He arrived with a friend from the Middlesbrough FC Foundation to launch our new attendance project – Roary's Class Acts. Roary's Class Acts programme was originally formed by a consortium including Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation, The Cleveland Centre, Middlesbrough Schools' Teaching Alliance, Middlesbrough Catholic Schools' Partnership and Emmerson Marketing in a bid to tackle issues regarding primary school attendance figures across Teesside.

To reward good attendance children will receive stickers, posters, door hangers and more and there will be a weekly competition between classes to see which class has the best attendance.

As a school are also hoping to be the most improved and highest achieving school which may result in P.E sessions ran by a MFCF coach, stadium tours and end of year celebration events.



Our children are really excited about the project and we are looking forward to celebrating attendance and giving out stickers and certificates very soon. Mrs Swift

Free Comic Book Day

**Saturday
5 May**

MEANWHILE

Comics available at
Billingham Library, Ingleby Barwick Library,
Norton Library, Stockton Central Library,
Thornaby Central Library & Yarm Library

ZAP!

BAM!

POW!

Celebrate and discover the amazing world of comic books on Free Comic Book Day. Free comic books available at your local library while stocks last. Comics suitable for children and young people of all ages.

See flyer for events at Stockton Central Library & Thornaby Central Library

For further information please contact lucy.carlton-walker@stockton.gov.uk / 01642 528501

ELMER DAY

SATURDAY 26 MAY 2018

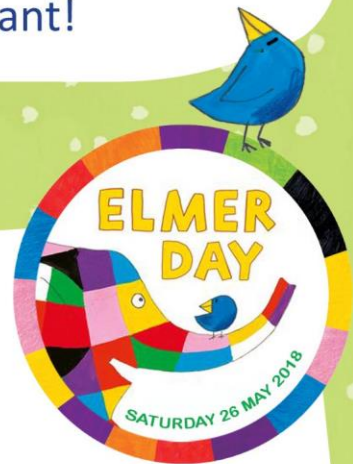


#ElmerDay

Join Stockton Libraries
to celebrate Elmer Day!

Dress in your **bri**ght**est** colours and join us for a celebration
of everyone's favourite patchwork elephant!

Fun activities will be happening at the following
libraries: Billingham, Stockton Central
& Thornaby Central.



**Story times, Elmer crafts & games,
it's all things Elmer and free!**

For more information pick up a flyer

or contact Lucy:

lucy.carlton-walker@stockton.gov.uk

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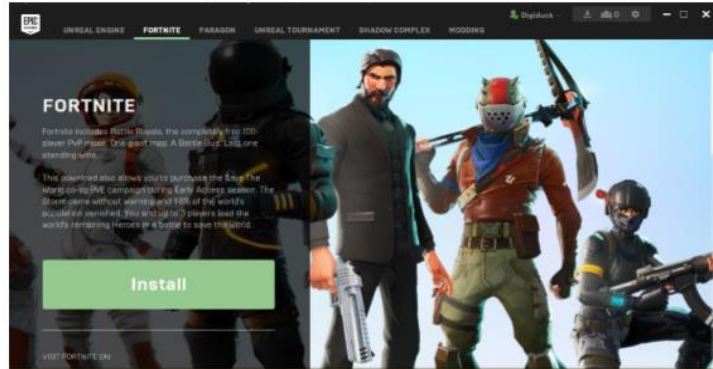


There has been an increasing number of young people talking about the game 'Fortnite'. The following information is aimed at providing guidance to parents about Fortnite, looking at what the game is and some of the things to be aware of.

What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is an online game, which includes Battle Royale, where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royale, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat.

Users play against people of different ages from across the world, and can talk and interact with each other as they play through the in-game chat feature.



What age rating is Fortnite?

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'. This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat.

What do I need to know?

In order to play Fortnite you have to create an account. To create this account you need to provide an email address (which you will have to verify) and display/user name. However you are not asked your age in order to create an account.

You are playing against other players

As Fortnite is an online game you will play against players of different ages from across the world. You cannot turn the in game chats off or choose who you play against.

You can make in game purchases

Although Battle Royale is free to play, other aspects of the game are not. There are packs which give you different access to the full game and extensions, bonuses and weapons. These start at £34.99 and go up to £119.99. The game does ask players to make additional in-game purchases whilst playing, though these are not required to play the game.

There is animated violence

Fortnite does feature violence when players are in combat with each other, the animation of the game is very cartoonish, and the violence isn't bloody or gory. However, it is worth noting that the aim of Fortnite is to defeat other players by fighting against them.

Where you can play

Fortnite is currently available on PC, Mac, PlayStation and Xbox, and will soon be available on IOS (apple products). It is downloadable from the Fortnite website, this download gives access to both the free and paid for versions of the game.




Our advice

Have an open and honest conversation with your child

- It's important to involve yourself in your child's online life and a simple and effective way to this is by talking to them about their life online. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child and find opportunities to talk to them about what they love to do online. Parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online at the same time.
- Asking your child about how they play Fortnite and what they like about it is a great way to start a conversation. Our conversation starters can help you to have this conversation.
- Play with them. It may seem daunting, but one of the best things that you can do is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes Fortnite so attractive to young people, as well as giving yourself an idea of the reporting tools available within the game.
- Know how to make a report. On Fortnite you can report players who are behaving inappropriately by using the in-game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu, you can also make a report by emailing the creators of Fortnite.
- See what other people think of Fortnite. Common Sense Media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>) allow parents and young people to give their reviews of games that they have played. They have created a very useful video guide to Fortnite with footage of the gameplay involved.

LEARN ABOUT
CARBON MONOXIDE
AND HOW TO SPOT THE SIGNS BY BEING A **CREATIVE WHIZZ**

CO signs to look out for:

 Pilot lights in boilers frequently blowing out	 Extra condensation inside windows
 Gas appliances that are burning with a floppy yellow or orange flame that is normally crisp and blue	 Soot or yellow stains around appliances

 **Symptoms of CO poisoning:**

- Dizziness
- Tiredness and confusion
- Stomach pain
- Nausea (feeling sick) and vomiting
- Shortness of breath and difficulty breathing

Send in your entries by **Friday 4 May 2018**, to:
COsafetyCompetition@energynetworks.org

CO SAFETY COMPETITION

GET CREATIVE, BE SAFE.

We're looking for creative kids to design a poster, poem or film to raise awareness of a poisonous gas, called carbon monoxide (CO). The competition is open to children aged 5 – 11 and there are some great prizes up for grabs – for the winning pupil and their school or organisation, such as Cubs or Brownies.

Visit our website for more information:
www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/carbon-monoxide

