

Nacton Church of England Primary

Newsletter

Summer 3



19th June 2018

Elmer Day: On **Friday 22nd June** we will be celebrating Elmer Day, the children can come into school in bright colourful clothing and pay a donation towards St Elizabeth Hospice as part of their Elmer Parade fundraising campaign. Don't forget to join us for tea and cake from **2.30pm**, any cake donations would be gratefully received. As we will be decorating our very own mini Elmer we have the ambitious task of raising £750, if you have any further fundraising ideas or know of any companies who would be willing to donate please let Mrs Ryan or Miss Smith know. A 'Just Giving' page has kindly been set up on our behalf so please share and help us to raise as much as we can.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nactonvillageprimarydoeselmersbigparade2019>

Summer Fayre: We will be hosting our annual Summer Fayre on **Saturday 30th June**. Hopefully the sun will be shining and we look forward to welcoming you and your families and friends for lots of fun.

Key Stage 2 Snack: our Key Stage 2 pupils are allowed to bring in a snack to eat at morning play time, please note that this snack should be a healthy snack and not be chocolate, crisps or sweets. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Internet Safety: The UK Safer Internet Centre have put together a 'Parent's Guide to Fortnite' which is attached for you. We are aware that quite a number of pupils play on this game and there have been recent media reports about the addictive nature of Fortnite and other online games. If you have any concerns about your child's gaming tendencies then please do speak to Mrs Ryan.

September 2018: As announced in our previous newsletter we will be welcoming back Mrs Boyle and two new teachers to our school in September. To support the pupils in their transition to new classes and new teachers we will be having a couple of transition sessions, these give the children an opportunity to work in their new classroom (if applicable) and meet their new teachers.

Sporting Events: A number of our pupils will be taking part in sporting events this half term, including Kesgrave High School's athletics event (Year 3-6), a sports afternoon at Orwell Park School (Year 6) and Sailing Day (Year 6).

School Performances: Our Key Stage One pupils will be putting a performance of 'The Selfish Ladybird' on **Wednesday 11th July** and **Thursday 12th July** at **2.30pm**. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be performing 'The Timelord' with an afternoon performance on **Tuesday 17th July** at **2.15pm** and an evening performance on **Thursday 19th July** at **6.30pm**.

Sports Morning: After the success of holding our Sports Morning on the Cricket field last year we are going to do the same this year on **Wednesday 18th July** at **9.30am**. Parents and carers are invited to join us there for a number of different sport activities before returning to school for a family picnic lunch. No hot school dinners will be served that day, if your child is entitled to free school meals then please let us know by **Monday 16th July** if you would like your child to have a free packed lunch.

Leavers Service: As a school we will be celebrating the Year 6s time at Nacton School on **Monday 23rd July** at **10am** at St Martin's Church. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. The service will be followed by a Leaver's lunch, which is a menu selected by the Year 6 pupils.

End of Year Assembly: On the last day of term, **Tuesday 24th July** at **2.30** we invite parents/carers to join us for our end of year assembly in the school hall.

Jewellery: Please ensure that your child doesn't wear jewellery to school other than stud earrings. Many thanks.

GDPR: The contact details for our Data Protection Officer can be found on our website along with our Privacy Notice and a link to the MATs website to find our Data Protection Policy. This can all be found under the Policies tab.

News from Nacton Pupils

Year 6 Residential: On Monday 11th June 2018 the Year 6 pupils travelled to Bawdsey Manor for PGL. At PGL we had five thrilling days. On Monday we did Robot Wars which was lots of fun. On Tuesday we had the opportunity to do the giant swing and trapeze. On Wednesday we did buggy building and problem solving. On Thursday we had Jacob's ladder and a disco in the evening. Thursday was the best day! On Friday we completed the challenge course and sensory trail. Then we went back to school and went home. PGL was epic and it was a great experience, our favourites were the giant swing and aeroball.

Emma and Jake (Year 6)

Suffolk Music Day: On Monday, 18th June 2018, we went to Dance East. In the morning we played our guitars, then we learnt a new song called 'We are Nearly at the End of a Lovely Show'. We practised with other instruments, the clarinets were very loud! In the afternoon the performance arrived! We were all very nervous when our parents arrived with Mrs Ryan. We had to perform a solo piece of music on our guitars called La Colombian, we thought we did very well. Mrs Ryan said 'I was so impressed with how well the Nacton pupils performed, they sounded brilliant.' After our performances we got back to school, had a little play then went home.

George and Amelia (Year 5)

A parents guide to Fortnite: Battle Royale

At the UK Safer Internet Centre, we regularly deliver online safety training sessions to pupils, parents and teachers. Recently we have noticed an increasing number of young people talking about the game 'Fortnite'. In this blog we are giving 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?

You need to create an account

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 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.