

# St. Hardulph's Church of England Primary School – 20 April 2018



## Toy Sale



Thank you to everyone who supported the toy sale that took place at the end of last term which raised

£80 for PTFA funds. The donations of toys and books that were not sold are now in storage to be sold in aid of School at the Breedon Summer Sunday that takes place on 24 June 2018.

## Parents' Facebook Page

Did you know that there is a Facebook group for parents of children at St Hardulph's? This is a useful tool for parents and carers to communicate with each other, ask questions and share information. This is a closed group and is currently only for parents or carers who have a child / children at the School. If you would like to join the group, please search for 'St Hardulphs Primary Parents Group' within Facebook and request to become a member.

## NUTS

We ask parents to be careful to avoid children bringing nuts or nut products (including chocolate spread and some cereal bars or snacks) in to school.

We have some children with severe nut allergies that could potentially be life-threatening. For that reason we do not allow any children to consume products containing nuts in school.

## Summer Sunday – 24th June 2018

Our pupils have been invited to sing at the opening of this year's Summer Sunday event.

A letter about this, along with a reply slip was sent out earlier in the week. Please complete it and return it to school as soon as you can.

We would like as many of our pupils as possible to join us at this local community event.

## Parking

The school car park is for use by staff and visitors only.



Parents of children at school and others who are transporting them, should not park in the car park at the beginning and end of the school day.

Arrangements exist with the Three Horseshoes for cars to be left in their car park while dropping off or collecting.

Please do not park on the road near the school gates as this makes it difficult for other road users to see, and potentially dangerous when other vehicles are forced to overtake.



Blue badge holders may, of course, use the school car park at any time.

## Attendance

The government's expectation for school attendance is 96.5%.

The table below shows attendance since the start of the academic year.

Whole School	97.3%
Class One	96.2%
Class Two	97.8%
Class Three	97.8%
Class Four	96.8%



## Diary Dates

### 2017/18

7 May	May Day Bank Holiday
28 May – 1 June	Half Term Break
6-8 June	Kelham Hall residential trip for children in Year 6
5 July	Transition Day
6 July	Transition Day
12 July	School closes for Summer Break

### 2018/19

29 Aug	School opens for Autumn Term
15-19 Oct	Half Term Break
21 Dec	School Closes for Christmas Break

7 Jan	School opens for Spring Term
18-22 Feb	Half Term Break
12 Apr	School closes for Easter Break

29 Apr	School opens for Summer Term
6 May	May Day Bank Holiday
27-31 May	Half Term Break
11 July	School closes for Summer Break

## **Fortnite – Online game**

Concerns have been raised that some of our pupils are playing the online game Fortnite. There has been quite a lot of publicity recently, relating to the abuse of the game by adults wishing to make contact with children. A search on Google or any social media platform will pull up plenty of related articles and comments. We would remind parents to stay vigilant and make sure that they are fully aware of what is being accessed online by their children.

The following information was recently posted on Childnet:

### [A parent's guide to Fortnite: Battle Royale](#) (20 March 2018)

At Childnet our Education Officers go into schools each day to deliver online safety Education Sessions to pupils, parents and teachers. Recently in these [Education Sessions](#) we have been noticing 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, Battle Royale is a part of Fortnite where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royal, the free segment of Fortnite, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat.



Users are playing against people of different ages from across the world, and Fortnite has in game audio chat so that players can talk and interact with each other as they play.

### **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 in voice 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 this communication 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.
- **The graphics**  
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.

### **Childnet's 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.](#)