SCHOOL MATTERS

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 15th October 2021

From the Headteacher

We have noticed a few parents stopping and parking on the zig-zag lines at the beginning and end of school.



Can you ever legally park on the zig zag lines outside a school?

The short answer is no and there are no exceptions with fines ranging between £40 to £130 depending on the severity of the offence. Rule 243 of The Highway Code tells road users: "DO NOT stop or park near a school entrance except when forced to do so by stationary traffic."

Parent consultation meetings

The booking window will open at 12pm (Midday) on Friday 15th October and close at 3pm on Wednesday 2oth October. For new parents, your login details for eSchools, where bookings are made, have just been sent home with your child. Anyone who has forgotten their login details please contact the office.

Monday 1st November -	Year 6 Mr Morison & Year 5 Mrs Bradley
Tuesday 2nd November -	Year 4 Mrs Turner
	& Year 3 Mrs Laureys & Mrs Singfield
Wednesday 3rd November -	Reception - Mrs Raffell
Thursday 4th November -	Year 2 Miss Gaston & Year 1 Miss Pulling and Mrs Hall

Celebration for Finley

On Thursday 21st October we plan to hold a celebration of Finley's life and to name the classroom in Adventure Island after him. The celebration will be held at 2:45pm, parents are welcome to join us, please bring wellies (as it may be muddy!).

Plastic Bottles

With remembrance day coming up we are hoping to do a whole school display. Therefore if you have any plastic bottles (any size) please could they be brought into your class. The more the better! We need as many as possible by Thursday.

Next Friday, October 22 is an INSET Day. Children will not be in school on that day.

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For any Twilight after school club matters please phone the main school number.

Competition Time

Can you design a face for Guy Fawkes?

Friday November 5th is bonfire night and Guy Fawkes will be sitting on the village bonfire but he needs a face!

Please design one and send it in to school by **Wednesday 3rd November** to be in with a chance of winning a prize. Suggested size for the face is a paper plate. There will be prizes for Pre-School and Reception, Yr 1 & 2, Yr 3 & 4 and Yr 5 & 6. The winning overall face will be chosen by one of the parish councillors and will be attached to the Guy at the bonfire.

Please put your name and class on the back of your 'face' and leave in the box marked **'competition entries'** by the bridge after half term. Thank you!





Design and Technology Wow Week

From today until the end of term we are having a Design and Technology 'Wow' week in school. For children in Years 1 to 6 this has started off with an Aardmann workshop. Our thanks to the PTFA for supporting this. Next **Thursday 21**st **October**, we will be inviting parents in during the afternoon of to view the children's work. Look out for a school email message early week confirming timings.

From the PTFA

Bonfire Night!

The PTFA will be selling tickets in the playground at pick up every day next week for the 2021 Newton Poppleford village fireworks display on 5th November! Those that volunteer as safety stewards for the event will get free entry for you and a friend! Email terilouisemurphy@yahoo.com or text Teri on 07909 798441 for more details.

PTFA Committee 2021/22

Following the PTFA AGM on 13th October 2021:ChairTeri Murphy (Y1/Y4)Deputy ChairHenry Odbert (Preschool/Y1)TreasurerJon Leeson-Kings (Y4)SecretaryKate Clemens (Y4)

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Class PTFA Representatives 2021/22

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Preschool		Tanisha Ellis & Kelly Downs
Reception		Lindsay Bowden & Terrie Hall
Year 1		Georgia Trengove & Gemma Joyner
Year 2		Kelly Rogers & Chloe Pawson-Pounds
Year 3		Suzanne Henderson & Vicky Cozens
Year 4		Rich Davey & Emily Wiley
Year 5		Liza McLean & Pia Payne
Year 6		Lisa Smith & Rachel Taylor

This week's National Online Safety guide to FORTNITE Chapter 2. This came out in 2020 but is still a useful guide - What parents and carers need to know about FORTNITE Chapter 2.

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



Fortnite: Chapter 2 has finally landed! With a whole host of new in-game features including a brand-new map, more water-based activities, upgraded character skins and a more streamlined arsenal of weapons, this Fortnite is promising to be the best yet. Almost all of the changes are cosmetic which means the concept of the game remains the same, with players still aiming to be the last man standing. Players will no doubt find the game much more enjoyable with so much more to explore. For parents and carers however, it pays to remain vigilant.

parents need to know about



CHAPTER

BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Forthice as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt t beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If we for any couple he knowed forems forems the end. If you've over seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found. Each dat

SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also Illo skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't neguine additional mome to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fam in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for dabase. WHO (World Health Organisation have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include initiability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the ment gaming assion. Realistically, it must be down of the next gam caren to recognise these symptoms and ast accordingly if they think they are developing.

CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbor One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linited with your platform account. Doing this removes the age old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing enline with friends.

FREE TO PLAY ... OR IS IT?

While Forthike is technically free to play lin that you can download and play it without paying! It does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currancy used in game is called Y bucks' and can be bought with real money through the rama's calling of the Water to member than the top. The set of the technic set of the set of the set of the set of the technic set of the set o game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time

IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

For thile has been rated by the ESR8 lightertainment Software Ratings Board) as been, as it contains carboony violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood whes shot and instead of dying, they are simply beared up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers. the discretion of parents and carers.

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BUYING V-BUCKS

TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a pussion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fur

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