



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2 – MAY 2018

Dear Parents,

Summer is here...they say!

With the warm weather, please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream already applied. Children also need a sun hat; water bottles filled and sun glasses if required. It is parent's responsibility to ensure your child has sun cream applied.

INSET Days 2018/2019

Please note the following INSET days for the next academic year.

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th November 2018
- Friday 21st December 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019

Lost property

There is a growing mound of unwanted uniform. It will be put outside at the end of the day for parents to retrieve. Any unclaimed will be sent to charity. Please name your child's clothing.

Payment – Polite reminder

To ensure the finances are maintained in an effective way, please ensure EVERY payment is completed in a sealed envelope with your NAME, CLASS, AMOUNT & REASON. There have been a small number of awkward situations recently caused by lack of clarity regarding cash payments. Please appreciate the awkward situation it causes. Whilst it may seem easier to write one cheque to cover many activities (clubs, lunches, trips etc) for auditing reasons, this becomes a real challenge. If at all possible, please pay things separately to make it easier in the office. Cheques are made payable to North Newton CPS, unless being made directly to people who run specific clubs (Piano, Art etc)

Online Payment

We are investigating using an online payment system which hopefully will improve the efficiency of our current systems. A large number of parents are eager for this improvement, and this will also reduce a great deal of administration time for many. If successful, it will be introduced from September.

Clubs

These are up and running for the summer term. Please call the office if your child cannot attend for any reason

EBBC – Breakfast Club

We have started receiving children who didn't used to use this brilliant provision. If you are interested, please pop into the office, complete a simple form and book your child in. (£4.00 7.45 – 8.45 including breakfast, £2.00 8.15 – 8.45 without breakfast)...ideal for when you require an early start! Please ensure you are fully paid up by the end of **EACH** week. If you are in arrears, please pop in to pay; cash is best, or cheque (North Newton CPS).

Holidays

An increasing number of parents are asking to remove their children from school for holidays. Please avoid this due to the disruption it causes to your child's education. Holidays are unauthorised apart from in extreme circumstances; I am not permitted to grant authorisation for the vast majority of reasons. If your child's unauthorised attendance is a concern, the attendance officer is notified and fines will be issued. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Online Safety

This week, we have been doing some further work raising the importance of Online Safety. Please discuss this crucial aspect with your child. We have focused on 'I am Healthy' in terms of self-image as well as being safe on the Internet. In addition, please read the attached information regarding **Fortnite Battle Royale** – a game which we are aware many children are playing.

Swimming

Payment for this half-term is now due. Please complete and return the attached for with payment. Hedgehogs are already aware.

Sponsored Fun Run News

Many thanks for all your help and support during the Fun run – what a lovely event and all children exceeded our expectations...some Reception children did more than 10 laps (2 miles) and some older children ran 4+ miles! In total, our children ran over 1200 laps equating to over 230 miles. Please return sponsorship forms, so we can action the Playground Equipment project and resources in school, for all children to benefit from! Remember – 100% PTFA funds raised goes back to the children.

Update: £643 already!

Screen Time Boundaries – Helpful Hints for parents

Digital devices at home deliver media, entertainment and internet access for the whole family. They also provide new opportunities for creativity and learning. How can parents and carers help children get off to a good start using digital devices?



This booklet helps with the conversation <http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Young-children-and-screen-time---a-guide-for-parents-and-carers.pdf> and has these top tips.

1. **Use digital devices together:** Get involved in your child's online activities. Have fun, play games and learn together online, just as you would in the physical world. It will then be natural for your child to turn to you if they experience anything upsetting online
2. **Set clear expectations:** Clear family rules can help your child have a positive start to their digital life and get the most out of being online. Ask your child to help create some family rules.
3. **Be informed:** Many digital devices, services and content providers offer a range of parental controls. You can choose the type of content and options that are suitable for your child.
4. **Establish good habits early on:** Both adults and children enjoy sharing moments with family and friends through online images and videos. Starting conversations and good habits early on is a great way to support children in staying safe online.

Thank you for all your cooperation and support
With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick Arnold'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Nick Arnold
Headteacher

SWIMMING PAYMENT
(10th April – 25th May, 2018)

NAME

I enclose payment for swimming for this half term as follows:

- Hedgehogs Class – (5 sessions) £14.00 (Due to 2 bank holidays) **ALREADY INFORMED & PAID.**
- Foxes Class – (7 sessions) £19.60
- Squirrels Class – (7 sessions) £19.60
- Badgers Class – (5 sessions) £14.00 (Due to Sponsored Run & INSET Day)

or £2.80 per week

I am exempt from charges and have provided proof

SWIMMING VOUCHERS

I attach . . . swimming vouchers.
Please deduct this amount from your swimming payment
(£2.80 per voucher)

SignedParent





Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2018/2019 Academic Year

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Key:

	School holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 26 October 2018 (40 days)
 Term 2: 05 November – 21 December 2018 (35 days)
 Term 3: 07 January – 15 February 2019 (30 days)
 Term 4: 25 February – 05 April 2019 (30 days)
 Term 5: 23 April – 24 May 2019 (23 days)
 Term 6: 03 June – 23 July 2019 (37 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2018/2019

Christmas Day Bank Holiday
 Boxing Day Bank Holiday
 New Year's Day Holiday
 Good Friday

25 December 2018
 26 December 2018
 01 January 2019
 19 April 2019

Easter Monday
 May Day Bank Holiday
 Spring Bank Holiday
 Summer Bank Holiday

22 April 2019
 06 May 2019
 27 May 2019
 26 August 2019

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Monday, 7th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 10 th May	8.45 – 9.10am PTFA Bottle Run
Saturday, 12 th May	2.00pm May Fayre
Mon, 14th- Thurs 17th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday, 14 th May	6.00pm Finance and Business Committee
Thursday 17 th	3.30 – 5.00pm GDPR Staff Training
Friday, 18 th May	Years 5/6 Sports Festival – Leadership, North Petherton
Friday 18 th – Sat 19 th May	PTFA KS2 Sleepover – details to follow.
Friday 25 th May	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Monday, 28th May – Friday, 1st June	Half-Term
Monday, 4 th June	8.45am School restarts
Thursday, 7 th June	4.00pm Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Mon, 11 th – Fri, 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday, 11 th June	7.30pm Board of Governors' Meeting
Thursday, 14 th June	9.15am Class/Team/Whole School Photographs – Timeless. Reserve Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Friday, 15 th June	2.00 – 3.30pm School Sports
Wednesday, 20 th June	9.00am – 12.00pm Open Morning for Parents & Prospective Parents Somerset Young Poets Day – all day event in school
Wednesday 20 th June	7.00pm Reception Intake September 2018 Evening
Friday, 22 nd June	2.00pm Reserve School Sports
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th June	Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip. Rock & Rapid, North Devon
Tuesday, 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day 1: RBSC
Wednesday, 4 th July	Year 6 Transition Day 2: RBSC (RBSC Open Evening 6.00pm) Whole School Transition Morning 9.00am -12.15pm.
Friday, 6 th July	Years 1/2 PE Sports Festival – Multi Skills, North Petherton
Fri, 6 th - Sat, 7 th July	NEWT FESTIVAL – Please offer your support to this festival.
Tuesday, 10 th July	Poetry Slam
Friday, 13 th July	9.30 – 11.00am Badgers PE Sports Festival, North Petherton PS
Tuesday, 24th July	2.15pm Leavers' Assembly End of School Year – 3.15pm



A Parent's Guide

What is it?



Fortnite: Battle Royale is a game which combines Minecraft-style building with shooting for survival. It has been described as 'Call of Duty for kids' and has 40 million players worldwide. It can be played on the PC, Xbox or Playstation. The game is fast and generally lasts no more than 20 minutes. It has a silly sense of humour and is popular with YouTubers such as DanTDM and JackSepticEye. Children may have seen their favourite YouTubers playing it and want to play it themselves.

With safety settings and the involvement of parents, it can be a positive and engaging experience. The action is cartoonish rather than gory, and players work together to plan strategies and tactics. Fortnite: Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 by the Video Standards Council for frequent scenes of mild violence.

What do I need to know?

The game

During the game, 100 players leap out of a flying battle bus on to a small island and then fight each other until only one is left. Hidden around the island are weapons and items, including crossbows, rifles and grenade launchers. Players must arm themselves while exploring the buildings and landscape. Zombie creatures are also hunting you, but you can collect resources to build structures where you can hide or defend yourself. As the game progresses, the safe zone shrinks, so players are forced closer together. The last player (or squad) is the winner.

Players can play by themselves, as a duo or as a squad (up to 4 players). Each time a match starts, you are playing against other Fortnite users, and can hear their conversation. Sound is very important to the game – footsteps, chests of loot opening – so players will want headphones so they can listen out for noises.

Although Fortnite is a multiplayer shooter, it has a bright, friendly visual style and it does not depict bloody violence.

The players

Fortnite is a multiplayer game, with an online chat option which can be turned off for players your child doesn't know. It's possible to team up with a friend, or group of friends, and compete as a duo or a squad. This adds a social element, and children can chat as they play using headsets and microphones.

Many children are now forming Fortnite teams, and spending a lot of their free time playing and practising the game together.

The cost

The game is free and players are able to unlock new items as they progress without paying anything. However, on the Xbox, you'll need a Gold Subscription to play online. Fortnite has an in-game currency called V-Bucks. It costs £7.99 to download 1000 V-Bucks. If you purchase a Premium Battle Pass for 950 V-Bucks, you can get exclusive clothing and items, with new items released every week. The items are purely cosmetic and don't affect gameplay or give you an advantage.

Security, settings and screentime

To avoid children speaking to strangers during the game, set up a **Party** of friends before they play. This means that they are only **able to communicate with people they know**, and other player's voices will be muted.

Although children will want to use headphones during the games, so they don't miss important noises, you should consider **setting the sound so it comes through the TV and headphones**. This means that you can hear what is being said during gameplay.

If they're playing on an Xbox or PlayStation you can use the **parental controls** to limit the length of gaming sessions. Fortnite matches can last up to 20 minutes, and children won't want to stop playing in the middle of a game as they will leave team-mates in the lurch and lose any points they've earned for that game. You could **use a timer**, or discuss in advance **how long you are happy for them to play**.

Blocking and reporting

Encourage your child to report bad gamer behaviour—this might be cheating, griefing or abusive behaviour. Fortnite have a support site where you can email a report to the developers for investigation. <http://bit.ly/fortnitereport> Make sure to include the player's full in-game name, spelled as accurately as possible. If it looks like the player is using unusual or uncommon characters in their in-game name, take a screenshot and send this too. If you are concerned about possible abusive or grooming behaviour from other players, consider using the CEOP Report Abuse tool <http://bit.ly/ceopreport>

Talk, share and enjoy

To really understand **Fortnite: Battle Royale**, play together with your child and talk with them about why they enjoy it. Talk about your concerns, and discuss how you can work together to keep safe. Encourage them to share their gaming with you and give them the confidence to come to you if they have any worries.

More help and support

<http://bit.ly/internetmattersfortnite>

<http://bit.ly/commonsensefortnite>

www.somersetelim.org