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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 7th June 2018
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Attendance w/beg: 4th June 2018
 Whole School: 95.4%
 Class of the week: Birch – 99.58%

Chestnut 94.0%	Cherry 96.50%	Oak 93.23%
Ash 94.58%	Birch 99.58%	Elder 93.75%
Maple 93.33%	Willow 97.84%	

Letters Home

Oak Class – Mrs Marsh
 Elder Class – Miss Field

Payment Reminder

If you have not already returned payment and permission slips for Year 1 and 2 trip to Colchester Castle please can you do this as soon as possible. Tomorrow is the final deadline for ordering a school packed lunch.

Week Beginning 11th June 2018

School Dinners
 Week 2



Forest School
 Group A



Upcoming Diary Dates

June

13th New Entrants Meeting, 1:30pm
 18th KS1 Trip to Colchester Castle
 18th New Entrants Meeting, 10am
 20th Sports Day – All Year Groups
 21st Thriftwood Year 2
 21st Meeting at Hilltop Junior School
 28th Year 2 Dance Festival
 29th New Entrants Meeting, 10:30am
 29th Summer Fete

July

6th Wickford Transition Day
 11th Reserve Day for Sports Day
 11th Open Evening 5-7pm
 12th Helpers tea
 16th Hilltop's Got Talent, Y2
 17th Year 2 Leavers Assembly with crèche
 17th Last day of term

New EYFS

Yesterday our new EYFS children and their parents and carers came to visit us and meet their new teachers. It was wonderful to see lots of lovely smiley and happy faces. Welcome to Hilltop Infant School!

Mrs Marsh

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Marsh who will be leaving us tomorrow. She will be greatly missed by all the children and staff at school. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for all the hard work and commitment to the children she has given over the many years she has been with us.

Communication

Please ensure you regularly read our newsletter, letters home, twitter and text messages we send. This is our way of communicating with our parents and carers.

EYFS Clubs

The EYFS clubs will be taking place next Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately we had to cancel this week due to our new EYFS children coming into school.

Change to dinner menu Monday 18th June & Friday 22nd June

The dinner on Monday and Friday will be swapping. It will be fish and chips on Monday, this will only apply to our EYFS children as Year 1 and 2 will be on a school trip, and pizza on Friday.

Fortnite

For those of our families who have older siblings that may be playing this game, please find attached a parents guide to support your older children. We are aware that children are playing this game and would like to remind you that this has an age restriction of 12. Children under this age should not be playing this game and if we are aware of children playing we will be dealing with this in accordance with safeguarding procedures.

Online Child Sexual Exploitation

Recently published IWF research has found that children are being sexual abused online by offenders who coerce, groom or blackmail them. Although this is not a new phenomenon, the age of the children was particularly striking. Almost all the children abused in this way were under 13, nearly 30% were under 10. The children were in their own homes when this abuse took place, often in their bedroom or bathroom, using live streaming technology. In many cases, the children seemed to be unaware that recordings were being made of these live streams, which are then uploaded elsewhere.

Whilst secondary schools are often alert to these dangers, many primary schools will be shocked to see the young age of many victims.

Chief Executive, Susie Hargaves, said, 'We know that this information will be terrifying for most parents. That's why we are trying to warn parents, carers and professionals working with children, about the potential abuse of live steaming technology by offenders.'

You can find the full report here: Trends in Online Child Sexual Exploitation (IWF)

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/sites/default/files/inline-files/Distribution%20of%20Captures%20of%20Live-streamed%20Child%20Sexual%20Abuse%20FINAL.pdf>

Water bottles

Please ensure your child's water bottle contains plain water and that they come to school with a replenished bottle each day. As the weather warms up we will be ensuring the children are hydrated throughout the day.

Plants and containers

Thank you very much to everyone who took home some seedlings to nurture over the last few weeks. We would also like to thank you for the generous donation of plants pots and containers.

Uniform reminder

Just a few uniform reminders, nail varnish and temporary tattoos must be removed before coming to school. Hair bows should only be small red bows. Girls can wear summer dresses but not playsuits as they are not part of the uniform.

In the summer, flat shoes or sensible sandals with closed toes may be worn (sandals with open fronts can lead to toes being injured when children trip or if items are dropped on their feet). If black is difficult to obtain navy, red, white or brown may be worn. Sandals should have a strap at the back. "Jelly" sandals and slip on sandals are not permitted for reasons of safety. If your child is wearing sandals they do not have to wear socks but must have a pair of socks in their book bag for PE lessons.

Would you please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled to avoid confusion.

You can also purchase uniform online from our official partners: Tesco Direct or Emblem Group.

Parking



Janeway's Joke



What type of snake is the best at maths?

An Adder!

Rose from Elder class

If anyone else has a funny joke to make Janeway wag her tail, pop it on a bit of paper and hand it in to the office.



Shipmates Newsletter

Printing Help

We are appealing to anyone with contacts within the printing industry! Shipmates are in need of a printing company/professional who may be able to help with printing flyers, posters etc. To promote shipmates and school events.

Please do get in contact if you know of anyone who may be able to help with such things.

F.U.D.G.E (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads & Everyone else) raffle for Fathers Day

Look out for the raffle tickets that will be sent home this week in book bags. If you would like to purchase the raffle tickets, please put your name and contact number on the back of one strip and keep the other for yourself. It's £1 a strip and the prize is a 1966 World Cup framed picture. Signed by Geoff Hurst. If your child would like to have a chance at winning this for someone special please place your money and strip with contact number in the Shipmates post box. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 14th June.



Freeze Pop Friday

Thank you for your continued support in purchasing ice lollies! We will be selling ice lollies again this week, weather permitting.

Stalls for the Summer Fete

We are still looking for external stalls for our Summer Fete. There is a charge of £15 per stall and you need to have public liability insurance to cover you selling at an event. We are particularly interested in accessories (we already have hair bows) like bags, children's clothes or books. If you are interested please contact us asap on the email below, and let us know what you would like to sell on the day.

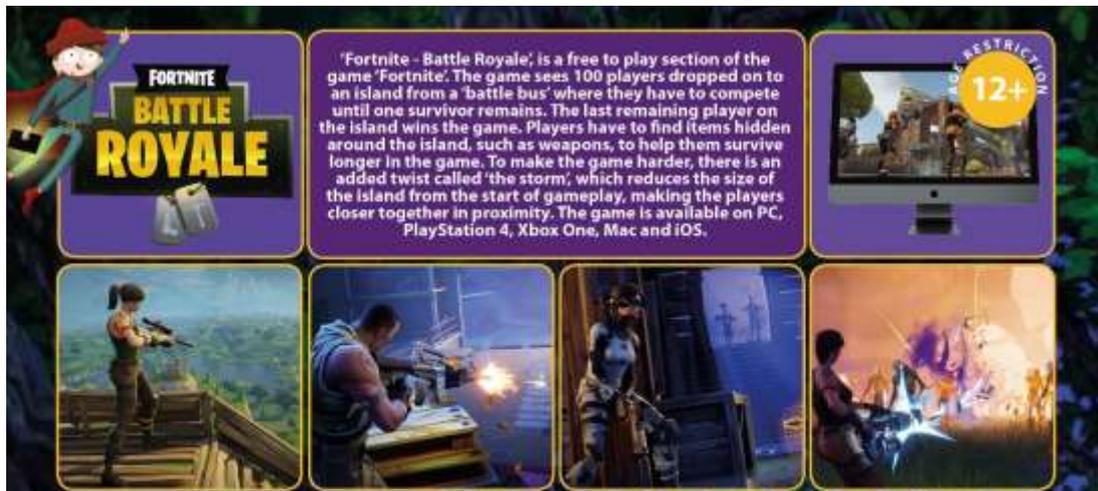
Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for the Summer Fete to run some stalls. If you can spare an hour please get in touch with us!

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.

Thank you for your continued support.

Shipmates email: Shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com



FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

'Fortnite - Battle Royale', is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus' where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find items hidden around the island, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game harder, there is an added twist called 'the storm', which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, making the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

New featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetics items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the look of the characters but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are made desirable for players to purchase and own, relations are awarded them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can play a series of challenges to receive more rewards (awarded) by progressing through different tiers. Whatever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

Have the Fortnites said it had seen 'breaches' of reports online by people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers. Hackers gained access to users' accounts in the game and spent hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When logging up with an email address, there is no proof of age required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check if your child has the game downloaded.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can converse online with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or violating, and work towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V Bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V Bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money, if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies with each game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and continue to play and they achieve the result they want. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for children to stop playing halfway through as it could affect their position in the game.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile in April 2018 meaning it can be played without a games console at home. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students while in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is on the game.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game is free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription to play the game which is chargeable.

WEAPONS AND VIOLENCE

ESRB has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, ESRB say 'more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slip', making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.



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Top Tips for Parents



#1 LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time your child is playing games on the devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to spend on games. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be hard to take them away from a game mid play. It may be worth using a limit of the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

#2 RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a paysafecard, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

#3 PREVENT THEM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means they wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. Your child will still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

#4 SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

#5 LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

#6 USE A STRONG PASSWORD

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.

Sources

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