



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 14 28th April 2023



Welcome to the Summer Term!

I can't believe we are here already!

Let's hope it begins to warm up over the next few weeks. Our children have settled back well after the Easter break. We are very pleased with the continued progress they are making and proud of their behaviour in school. Please take a look at our website to find out about our learning this term : Early Years: Caterpillars: Nursery Rhymes Nursery: New Life Reception: Traditional Tales, Key Stage One: Year 1: Oh I do like to be beside the seaside Year 2: Beautifully British

School is Closed: Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May



SCHOOL PLACES—SEPTEMBER 2023

We have availability for September 2023 in Year 1 (current Reception) and 1 place in Year 2 (current Year 1). If you know of anybody moving into the area and looking for a school place in these year groups please ask them to contact school for a tour.



CORONATION PICNIC

On Friday 5th June we will be celebrating the King Charles III's Coronation in school with an infant and junior whole school picnic with an infant and junior whole school picnic in Space for Sport. Children can wear

RED, WHITE and BLUE

Caterpillar am class can stay until 12:30pm and Caterpillar pm class can come from 12pm.

They will need their own packed lunch.

Butterflies and Ladybirds will be joining the picnic and will need their own packed lunch as usual. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be provided with a free picnic lunch from the canteen or can bring their own.

Children can bring a picnic blanket to share with 3 or 4 other children and will receive a gift from the school to mark this tremendous occasion.



Reading Angels

Would you like to volunteer in school? We have set up many of our volunteers as Reading Angels to support our children with additional reading opportunities.

If you would like to be a 'Reading Angel', maybe you are thinking about training to be a welfare assistant, TA or Teacher or just love the feeling of pride in helping our younger generation succeed. Contact me on head.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk or drop me a message on Class Dojo,

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

Deadline

Deadline for Family Photo orders through school is Thursday 4th May. Order using the link <http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk/>



PTA Update

Hopefully a lot of our parents have had the opportunity to enjoy our new Library that was raised with PTA funds last year.

This year we have asked the PTA to support the extension of our Library into the internal garden.

Are you a gardener/landscaper?

Could you help us with the design?



Our very active PTA have been busy organising many events for the rest of the Summer term including :

Wednesday 24th May Discos
 Wednesday 14th June Father's Day Shop
 Friday 23rd June - Joint Summer Fair
 Tuesday 18th July - Year 2 Leavers Party
 Wednesday 19th Ice Lolly Wednesday/ Break the Rules Day

Thanks in advance to this wonderful, dedicated team of parents who are raising money for our children and our school. Look out for more information to follow. Please continue to support these events and our team in any way you can.

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 SOUTH BANK TENNIS CLUB
 The Rookery, 63 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 7HR
www.southbankltd.co.uk

Southbank Tennis Club Open Day

Saturday 29th April 2023

11am to 4pm

Join on the day for discount membership



- Get on court for free at Southbank Tennis Club
- Adults of all abilities welcome and children from age 4+
- Join in a coaching session with our LTA accredited coach
- All equipment provided, just bring your trainers
- Come along and have a chat and see all that we have to offer

Contact Richard (Tel: 07812 172646) for further details.



For the last 5 years we have been working with the charity Deaf Active. Each year children in Year 2 thoroughly enjoy learning British Sign Language with Ian and Gemma whilst raising awareness of people who are Deaf and the language. The children and staff in Year 2 will take part in a whole school 30 minute session learning a song in BSL and some basic signs once a week for 10 weeks. The session will be jam packed and a load of fun for all involved. A final performance will be put on for Y2 parents on 13th July 2pm.



Important Dates for your Diary

Throughout May Year 2 children will be taking their SATs Tests in their classrooms.

1st May—Sun safety week

10th May Y2 Children's University Credit Deadline

16th May Y1 Trip to the Seaside

25th May Break up Half term

8th June Butterflies Trip Windmill Farm

13th June Ladybirds BOW Trip Windmill Farm

14th June PTA Father's Day Shop

19th June National Sports Week

23rd June Y1 and Y2 Sports Day am Birkdale High

29th June Whole School Move up Day

18th July Year 2 Leavers party

5th May Kings Coronation Picnic

12th May Eurovision Day

24th May PTA Discos

Tuesday 6th June Back to school

12th June -16th June Year 1 Phonics Screening

13th June Year 2 Children's university graduation

16th June Ladybirds EOW Trip to Windmill Farm

23rd Joint Summer Fair

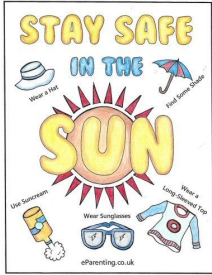
26th June ARTS WEEK

10th July SUMMER CONCERT Week

19th July Break up 2pm

Our school values are:

COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and LOVE AND KINDNESS



This year's Sun Awareness Week is the 1st–7th May 2023

Children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe in the sun. As the weather hopefully gets warmer please remember to send your child into school with:

a school water bottle, plain water only,

a cap and sun lotion that you have shown your child how to put on themselves. Roll-on varieties are very easy for children to manage.

Children still need to bring coats to school as they play outside during the day, even in light rain. As you all know, a warm morning can become a cold afternoon. Please don't send sunglasses into school and check that your child's cardigan or sweatshirt still has their name clearly visible. Handwritten names wash off easily. The children are taking them off more now in the warmer weather.



Well done to our Year 1 boys this week who were in the Regional Finals at Finch Farm with Miss Owen and Mrs Brewer.

I'm not sure who was more excited, the boys or Mrs Brewer!

The boys came 6th overall

Well done to our Year 1 boys!

Look out for more sports events coming up this term!



How excited are we all getting with Eurovision fever Liverpool 2023 just 2 weeks away?

We will be hosting our very own Eurovision Party on Friday 12th May. Children can wear Blue and Yellow / their own clothes on this day in support for the Ukraine. We will be starting the morning with a dance and a sing along with a local Abba tribute band, we will be learning some infamous Eurovision songs, learning our French numbers so 'Je te donne douze points a Royaume-Uni' as well as learning about the Ukraine. By the end of the day we will certainly know our Abba from our Bucks Fizz and our Sam Ryder from our Kalush Orchestra!



Snapchat update: My AI

You should be over 13+ to use Snapchat.

Snapchat have announced that My AI will now be available to all users, it was previously only available to paid subscribers of Snapchat+. My AI will show as one of your chat contacts and users will be able to ask it questions and have a conversation with it.

Snapchat are planning to incorporate an overview in their parental tools (Family Centre) to allow you to see if your child is chatting with My AI, but there is no confirmed date as to when this additional tool will be available.

There were concerns with My AI when initially released, for example it was providing responses that weren't always age appropriate. Snapchat have stated that 99.5% of responses now conform to their community guidelines, but we would recommend talking to your child about their use of My AI.

At present the only way to delete My AI is to become a Snapchat+ subscriber.

You can find out more here: <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/13266788358932-What-is-My-AI-on-Snapchat-and-how-do-I-use-it>



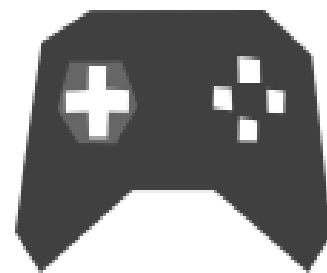
Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to one hundred players compete against each other.



What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available: <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

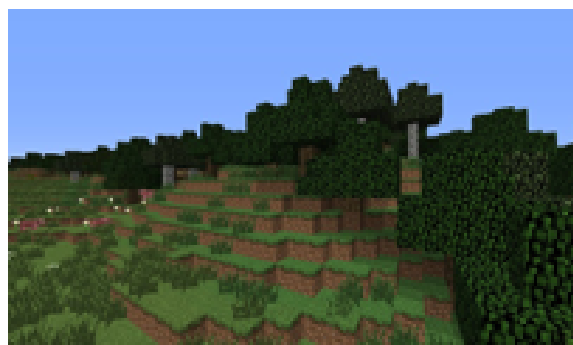
From the Financial Times – 'Capture: who's looking after the children?'

This is a 15-minute drama produced by the Financial Times looking at online harm, regulation and responsibility. The drama features Jodie Whittaker and Paul Ready. You can watch it here:

<https://www.ft.com/video/ea39f3a9-8993-477d-a763-317ba51c2e75>

Minecraft Legends

Minecraft Legends was released last month and is available across a variety of platforms. It is rated as 7+ by PEGI with a further content descriptor of 'violence.' As



mentioned earlier though, when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft Legends does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

What should I be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items to support (although not needed) game play. You can set up appropriate parental settings to restrict/prevent purchases.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.

You can find out more in this article:

<https://www.esrb.org/blog/what-parents-need-to-know-about-minecraft-legends/>

Rocket League

Rocket League is rated as 3+ by PEGI. In Rocket League, players use cars to play in football matches and is available for free across a variety of platforms.

What should I be aware of?

If your child is under 13, then their account will have chat and purchases disabled (unless you override these settings). For children over 13, you will need to disable/restrict these settings as appropriate. There is the option to play online with others as well as make purchases to enhance your car. You can set up appropriate parental controls by setting up an account with Epic Games and applying settings on your child's device as well.

Further information:

You can find out more in this article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting-pro/rocket-league/>

Microsoft Family Safety app

Does your child have a Microsoft device e.g. an Xbox? If so, you can access the Microsoft Family Safety mobile app, which provides you with a variety of free features including:

- The ability to set screen time limits to devices, apps and games.
- Set content filters and block inappropriate apps/games.

Additional features such as location sharing are available as part of a paid subscription.

To access the app, you will need to enter your mobile number or email address at the link below and Microsoft will send you a download link:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/family-safety>

Tackling Online Hate

One way in which we can tackle online hate is ensuring our children learn about what it is and how they can stop it. Internet Matters have created a quiz that you can complete with your child. As you progress through the questions, you will be given advice as well as questions to discuss and help you have a conversation with your child. The quiz is available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/the-online-together-project/tackling-online-hate-quiz/>

What is Online Grooming?

This is a really informative article from Thom:

<https://www.thorn.org/blog/online-grooming-what-it-is-how-it-happens-and-how-to-defend-children/>