The Acorns Primary & Nursery School



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

October

Mon 30th – ALL back for Autumn Term 2

November

Thur 16th – Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) Rec to Y6

Fri 17th – Own clothes for Children in Need,

£1 suggested donation please

Fri 24th – AM, Y6 on Crucial Crew visit

December

Wed 6th - PTA Christmas Discos! 3:15 - 4:15 (Rec &

KSI) & 4:30 – 5:30 (KS2)

- **Tue 12**th 9:15am Butterfly & Reception Xmas Performance 10:15am KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Xmas Performance
- Wed 13th 1:15pm Butterfly & Reception Xmas Performance 2:15pm KSI (YI & Y2) Christmas Performance
- Thur 14th Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner

Day. £1 suggested donation to charity

Fri 15th – 9am & 2:30pm KS2 Carol Concert

3:15pm ALL FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS

Residentials: please put these dates in your diary:

Year 4 Residential to London: 21st – 22nd March 2024

Year 2 Residential to Tattenhall: 3rd – 4th July 2024

Year 6 Residential to Min-y-Don: 8th – 12th July 2024

ATTENDANCE

The Government's target for attendance in Primary Schools is 96%. In Autumn Term I, attendance of Reception to Year 6 has been **93.8%.** This is a HUGE concern. Please support us to ensure your child is enabled to be the best they can be by bringing them to school every day and on time, unless they are definitely too poorly to be here. Thank you.

DO YOU THINK YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE ADHD OR ASD?

If you would like to find out more about the 'Referral and Assessment' pathway for ADHD or ASD, then please come along to our information morning, here at The Acorns, on <u>Tuesday 14th November at 9.15am</u> Both the Specialist Nurse in Community Paediatrics and the ASD Pathway co-ordinator will be in school to talk about the process and answer any questions you may have. You do not need to book a place, simply come along on the day.

FLU VACCINATIONS

As always, the NHS will be in school this year carrying out the flu spray vaccinations for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. You will have received a letter about this via email, also containing the Parent Leaflet, both of which are also available on the website.

Please complete the online application form by Monday 13th November as this is when it will close. Pupils who have not had permission online by this point, will not be able to have the vaccination and parents will then need to book in at a weekend clinic as soon as possible. The information on your email contains the code for our school, which you will need when you provide consent.

DEPOSITS FOR RESIDENTIALS

Deposits for residentials are due imminently:

Year 2	Tattenhall	2 nd November	£20
Year 4	London	3 rd November	£IO
Year 6	Min-y-Don	6 th November	£40

Please do NOT miss the deadlines, as there is no longer 'wiggle room' with residentials.





You are invited to our October half-term Community fun events @ St Thomas & All Saints Church

'Pop Up' Cinema evening

Saturday 21st October 2023 5pm

Can you guess the film??? Want to be a part of our world? Theres something fishy going on! Grab your dinglehoppers! Get your hair brushed & come join us, no booking required Popcorn/drinks included Hot dogs/pizza 50p

And

Boogie 'n' Brunch

Tuesday 24th October 2023 11am-1pm Craft, party games, and get out your best moves on the dance floor! There may even be prizes to be won. Plus, a party lunch included too. Booking essential for this event. Please email CommunityEPortParish@hotmail.com with number of adults and children attending, and details of any food allergies we need to cater for, plus a contact number to secure the booking.

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.



CHAPTER

ents need to know about

BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar sotup. Taking Fortnics as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever 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 uickly once 100 free players have been found.

SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a Every 10 weeks or so Forthitle is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skihs 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 require additional money 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 hest of daily challenges.

IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young puople. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debates. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Forthile. Signs of addiction can include initiality when most playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carens to recognise those symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.

CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Formite is that it can be played cross platform. This means that ne matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One set); they can play with hiends 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 linked 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 celline with Hends.

FREE TO PLAY ... OR IS IT?

While Forthite is technically free to play (in 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 currency used in game is called 'V Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not sary, are cosmetic only and that V Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.

IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

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

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BUYING V-BUCKS

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TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

GAMING WITH STRANGERS

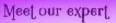
Top Tips For Parents

CAN DEVELOP SOME



LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBL

PLAY THE GAME



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