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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Orchard

Mr Verner has recently been approved to adopt and he is set to be matched to children before the end of the academic year.

Mr Verner's intention is that his leave will start from 15th June, which will mean he will say 'goodbye' to his class before the end of term. This is obviously a very exciting time for him and we send him on leave with our warmest wishes for not too many broken nights' sleep.

Mrs Cobham and Miss Griffiths will be teaching our Reception classes from September 2018, supported by Learning Support Staff Mrs Druery and Mrs Symmons, with Miss Griffiths taking responsibility for Early Years overall. No other staff member yet knows their year group or class destination.

SATs week

I am sure that you are aware that next week is when children have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt in their Primary School years. 40-60% of test questions come from the Year 3 – 5 curriculum. We would like every pupil at our school to switch off electronic devices at 6.00pm at the latest, in order to prevent 'blue light' from interfering with sleep patterns. Research shows that this can prevent ability to both fall asleep easily and wake up alert. We would like to wish all the Year 6 children good luck!

Participation in PE

We are following national guidelines about promoting healthy activity and schools have been directed by the government to provide every child with encouragement to have at least 30 minutes of physical vigorous activity during the school day. There is a government expectation that this is increased for each child to 60 minutes a day with a vigorous activity after school such as; swimming, going to the park, bouncing on the trampoline, a bike ride or walking to school etc. This is on top of PE provision of two hours each week. In the rare event that medical opinion prevents your son or daughter engaging in physical activity, we need a note from you, stating exactly what the medical advice is in relation to how many days it is anticipated restrictions to apply. An old-fashioned note is better than an email into the office, which might not be read by a class teacher until first break.

General Data Protection Regulation

You are all probably aware that new Data Protection Regulations an EU directive will come into effect from 25th May 2018. As a result, please find attached our updated Privacy Notice.

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement?

Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Ms Reece's attention and I'll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter. Thank you
Yours sincerely,

Candida Reece, Head teacher

Recent Events

Y3/4 Tennis Tournament



On Wednesday 9th May, I took 8 children from Years 3 & 4 to a tennis tournament at The Weald in Hassocks. The children enjoyed playing

lots of different tennis activities and doubles matches. Thank you for our supportive parents and grandparents who cheered us on and helped with transport - thank you! Miss Griffiths

Other News

Y4 Religious Speakers

We are looking for any parents/carers/relatives who are happy to talk about their religion (all religions) and where they worship (locally) to come into school to talk to Year 4 on a Wednesday morning. The current RE topic is 'religions in our neighbourhood' which runs until the end of this academic year.

Fortnite

Please see information below about a game that a lot of young people are playing and the possible risks around it. There has been quite a bit in the news around the game lately.

**PC Theresa Broad DB770
Prevention Youth Officers
Mid Sussex and Crawley**

What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is a game that has been in development since 2011 but has seen a boom in popularity since September 2017, when the game's developers released its most popular mode, *Fortnite*



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Battle Royale. This mode is free-to-play and sees gamers from around the world taking each other on in last-man-standing ‘battles’ involving up to one hundred players.

How do you play?

Fortnite is available on Xbox, PS4, PC, *iOS* and soon Android operating systems. This availability across numerous platforms and the fact that the game is free-to-play has been a large factor in *Fortnite*’s popularity. You need an account to play, including a verifiable email address, but there are no age-checks.

How old do you need to be to play?

The game itself is rated 12+ by PEGI, Pan European Game Information, for its frequent scenes of mild violence and is deemed unsuitable for children under the age of 12. This rating is simply advisory.

Who’s playing it?

With a reported 45 million players worldwide, *Fortnite* is truly a global gaming craze. Its vast popularity and use among children is beyond doubt. As with all games of this type, it is likely that children younger than 12 are engaging with the game.

[Fortnite: what do you need to know?](#)

Is it addictive?

Fortnite Battle Royale offers simple and enjoyable gameplay, which encourages extended playing time by making it extremely easy for players to move from one ‘battle’ to the next. It is important to discuss with children their use of and time spent on the game, and to make decisions on when and how much they play.

Are there any other risks?

Fortnite Battle Royale features an in-game chat function, which allows on-screen or voice communication between players. This function, as with any in-game chat, could expose a child to inappropriate language, conversations and behaviour. It is important children are aware of these risks and privacy settings that they can use, including the ability to disable voice chat entirely. They should also understand the importance of not sharing personal and private information with strangers.

Are there concerns over *Fortnite*’s in-game currency?

Fortnite uses an in-game currency called V-bucks to enable purchases of costumes, custom pickaxes and season battle passes. Children may feel incentivised to buy battle passes for the equivalent of £7.99 a season (each lasting approximately 3 months) which offer perks and

rewards. Certain unaffiliated sites also offer free V-Bucks in return for account or personal details. It is important children know never to share personal details or passwords outside of their *Fortnite* accounts.

How can young people report their concerns?

- *Fortnite* offers an in-game feedback tool in the Main Menu of the game to report bad player behaviour to Epic Games, the creator of *Fortnite*.
- You can also seek advice and make a report about abusive or inappropriate behaviour to CEOP (the National Crime Agency’s Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>.

Further Reading:

On PEGI video-game ratings:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>

On the excessive playing of video-games:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/can-children-becomeaddicted-online-gaming>

Dates for your Diary

(Dates for the academic year

can be found on the calendar on our website)



MAY	Month of testing throughout the school
14 th	SATs week in Y6
17 th	The Orchard Marvellous Middle (parents/carers are not invited on this occasion)
18 th	Cygnets Royal Wedding word search competition
21 st	Class and Leavers photos
22 nd	Parents/Carers meeting regarding the residential trip to Liddington at 3.20pm in the classrooms
25 th	INSET DAY
JUNE	
4 th	INSET DAY New Parents meeting for children starting school in September 2018 at 7pm
11 th -15 th	Y6 Trip to Liddington
16 th	LMA Summer Fayre
18 th -22 nd	Science week
21 st	KS2 Junior Music morning at St Wilfrids
22 nd	No celebration assembly due to the National Physics Society visiting
28 th	Y5 Trip to the Big Bang at Ardingly
JULY	
4 th	London Meed Transition Day Y6 Transition Day to Downlands and TBHA



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- 9th Y6 Swimming
- No Y3 swimming
- 10th Transition Day to Warden Park
- 11th Y6 production at 5.30pm
- 12th Reports to parents/carers
- Y6 production at 6pm
- 13th Sports Day from 1.15pm
- 16th-20th Y6 Bikeability week
- 20th Sports Day Reserve
- 23rd Y6 Awards Ceremony 9-10am
- Y6 Leavers event at 7pm



We have a fun-packed half-term holiday club planned for primary aged children (5-11).

Sports, games, craft, songs, friendship, bible stories, and other fun activities.

WEDNESDAY
30
MAY

10 AM
- **4 PM**

£3.50

Please sign up using this link:
www.centrechurch.uk/olympics

Bring a packed lunch and a PE kit and join us for a day of fun!



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YOUNG CARERS FUN AFTERNOON

A YOUNG CARER IS SOMEONE WHO IS LIVING WITH A PERSON WHO HAS AN ILLNESS, DISABILITY, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, OR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

12.30PM - 4.30PM 29 May

Fairfield Community Centre, Western Road

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TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR GET MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JEN ON 01444 238207 (9AM - 3PM) OR EMAIL jennifer@burgesshill.gov.uk