



Coronation Day - King Charles III

We had the best day on Thursday celebrating the coronation of King Charles III! All classes spent the day completing lots of different activities, from creating a hand-painted coronation blanket to writing letters of congratulation to the King! This was all finished off with a totally delicious royal lunch made by our fantastic kitchen team. A brilliant day all round!



Dates for your Diary

8th –11th May

Year 6 SATs week

Thu 25th May

Blists Hill trip—6S

Back normal home time

Fri 26th May

Year 5 parent lunch— details to follow

Fri 26th May

Blists Hill trip—6J

Back normal home time

Mon 19th June

Sports Day Years 5 and 6—am. Parents welcome

Tues 20th June

Sports Day Years 3 and 4—am. Parents welcome

Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Xander B	Charlie P	Letitia C	5H	Olivia C
Miles C-H		Millie H	5S	
Sky E		Daisy D	5/6P	
Anika G		Phoebe B	6J	
Mollie-May E-L		Aubree E	6S	
Leo W				



Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Our year 3 and 4 children had their first swimming session this week at Oakengates pool and they were all truly amazing. Every child regardless of their ability put 100% effort into the session. Abilities ranged from confident swimmers to those who had never been in the pool before.

If you are a resident of Telford and Wrekin the great news is that they offer free swimming to any Telford and Wrekin resident under the age of 25. They also offer swimming for £1 for the over 50's and residents in receipt of a concessionary status. To qualify for this offer you would need to register for a TLC card at any of our centres.

Swimming is a life skill that is important for all children to have. Unfortunately we only have a sort period of time in school to help them learn to swim so any additional support you can offer outside of school is much appreciated.



Wraparound Care

Mrs Edwards has been working hard to create a lovely space outside for the children at Wrap round Care to use in the summer. They will be able to use this outside area for eating their snacks and relaxing in with a good book or board game. If you have any old books, board games or colouring books Wrap-around Care are always on the look out for new activities for the children to keep them busy. Thank you.



Year 6 Important Dates

Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May
6S Blists Hill Trip	Thursday 25th May 2023—trip on ParentPay
6J Blists Hill Trip	Friday 26th May 2023—trip on ParentPay
Sports Day—Year 5 and 6	Monday 19th June during the morning. Parents are welcome.
Year 6 Parent Lunch	Friday 23rd June at 12pm—letter to follow
Year 6 Secondary School Transition Days	Mon 3rd and Tues 4th July—unless otherwise notified by the secondary school directly
Year 6 at Arthog—Group 1	Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th July
Year 6 at Arthog—Group 2	Wednesday 12th July to Friday 14th July
Year 6 Leavers' Disco in school	Wednesday 19th July 5pm-6:30pm—details to follow
Year 6 Graduation in school	Thursday 20th July (am) parents invited—time to be confirmed

Attendance: Well done to 3B and 5/6P who remain at the top of our attendance leagues again this week, for upper and lower school. 3B had an amazing 100% attendance with 5/6P a little behind with 96.67%. Our whole school attendance figure this week was 95.17%, just a touch down from the week before, but still above the national average. Thank you all for your effort with ensuring your child attends school.

School Matters!



ONLINE SAFETY

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

IN-APP PURCHASES

Not all of Fortnite is free. Save the World mode, for example, can become quite costly. An in-game currency called V-Bucks is used to buy items such as cosmetics, which are not a necessity to play the game. It can feel like buying them is essential, however – even for adult players. Making sure no payment methods are linked to the game's store is a good idea when children are playing Fortnite.

REPEAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fortnite now offers a monthly repeat subscription which costs £9.99 (or equivalent). This package offers different non-essential benefits every month – including fancy cosmetics, rare weapons, V-Bucks and special bonuses. Signing up, therefore, can be tempting for dedicated players. However, subscriptions cannot be paid for with V-Bucks earned in the game, only with real-world money.

COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY

Fortnite isn't purely a competitive experience (some modes prioritise cooperation), but the rivalry aspect remains central. Battle Royale is an especially ruthless mode, where the last player or squad left standing wins. Games can become heated, and players' desire to win can often cause excessively aggressive or "toxic" behaviour towards others – via the game's audio chat, for instance.

POSSIBILITY OF SCAMS

Popular games like Fortnite are often targeted by unscrupulous individuals trying to trick or exploit genuine fans. In Fortnite, scammers have been known to offer children free V-Bucks or vast amounts of V-Bucks in exchange for rare items – often asking the player to click a particular link. These scammers are seeking access to your child's account, personal information and payment details.

USER-CONTROLLED CONTENT

Some elements of online video games can't be rated for age appropriateness because the developer doesn't have control over them. In Fortnite, for instance, things like voice or text chat, usernames, trades and other player-generated content may not always be suitable for children. It also means that the makers aren't liable for anything a stranger might say to young Fortnite players online.

Advice for Parents & Carers

STAY AWARE OF SPENDING

Free-to-play games (that is, ones without up-front costs) can still be big financial drains. In Fortnite, for example, the Battle Pass – a set of rewards to improve players' experience in the game – can be either earned through playing or bought with real money (with additional incentives for the latter). With supervision, however, this can be a great lesson in money management for young people.

TALK ABOUT TALKING

Communication is key in the squad-based Fortnite modes, and children will quickly realise that talking with team-mates online helps to increase their win rate. It's a good idea, therefore, to chat with your child first about speaking to strangers online, trading, scammers and other potential risks. Remind them that they can always come to you for help if they run into problems online.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

Gaming sessions can reach marathon lengths, especially when your child is on a winning streak and doesn't want to stop. Sitting in the same position for hours isn't healthy, of course, but it's an easy habit to form. Encouraging young ones to break regularly for drinks and so on will help them stay hydrated, rest their eyes and release some of the tension from competitive gameplay.

DISCUSS OTHER APPS

Games like Fortnite can lead on to third-party apps (Discord, for example) where players can join a voice, text or – in some cases – video chat about the game. Certain add-ons also let children talk with other players from their local area, which clearly presents a potential risk. When discussing Fortnite with your child, you might also want to ask them about other apps they use while playing.