

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October ~ Half Term.
Thursday 1st November ~ Outdoor Classroom Day
Thursday 1st November ~ Halloween Disco.
Friday 2nd November ~ Attendance Clinic
Tuesday 6th November ~ Parent Evening
Wednesday 7th November ~ Parent Evening
Thursday 8th November ~ Book Fayre arrives in school
Monday 12th - Friday 16th November ~ Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 20th November ~ Pantomime—Dick Whittington
Monday 3rd December ~ Tree Decorating Service - 2.15p.m
Tuesday 11th December ~ Christmas Carol Service 6.30p.m
Tuesday 18th December ~ Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19th December ~ Community Lunch, Children Break up for Christmas and Lantern Parade 6.30p.m
Thursday 20th December ~ Inset Day
Monday 7th January ~ Children return to school.



Urgent reminder

As of TODAY we will **no longer be accepting any cash in school** (with the exception of School Lunch Money as this is payable to Chartwells) Please ensure you have activated your scopay account online.

Headteacher's Certificates for last week

Reception: All of Hedgehog Class.

Willow: Kianna & Ethan.

Beech: Kellan.

Hazel: Kaden & Macy.

Oak: Kayleb & Maisie.

Maple: All of Maple Class.

Holly: Masiey & Ben.

Mathematicians of the Week!

Well done to the following children who received Maths certificates for their achievements in our celebration assembly on Friday:

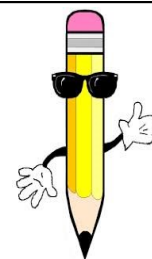
Rec Isla, **Willow** Taio, **Beech** Reece,
Hazel Charlie, **Oak** Piran,
Maple Rebecca, **Holly** Taiya-Mai.



Handwriter of the Week!

Well done to the following children who received Hand Writing certificates for their achievements in our celebration assembly on Friday:

Rec Rowan, **Willow** Lily,
Beech Chloe, **Hazel** Woody,
Oak Lily **Maple** Holly.



Cashless Confusion

Please remember that school lunches **CAN NOT** be paid for online at present, this is something that will hopefully happen in the future.

Please ensure that lunch money is given into class on a Monday in a named envelope with your child's name & class clearly marked on the front.

Please **do not** pay it online to another item as we are unable to transfer this money once it is on the system.

Also if you require an emergency before or afterschool care place you should inform the office and when it has been agreed you need to pay the money owed onto scopay. Please **DO NOT** send cash into school.

If anyone is having issues using scopay please let the office know as from the 19th October we will no longer be accepting any cash in school



Tempest Photos

All children should have brought home their school photo proofs. Parents wishing to order should send them back to school in the envelope provided as soon as possible to ensure delivery in time for Christmas.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

On Thursday 1st November, we will be celebrating International Outdoor Classroom Day. Every class will be working on a variety of activities outside.

We are hoping to go ahead whatever the weather!

Therefore, we are asking children not to wear school uniform, but clothes that you don't mind getting mucky. They will need a coat and suitable footwear -ideally wellies. Feel free to send in waterproofs and hats and please ensure that everything is named. We have such a great outdoor space at our school and we want to make best use of it by connecting children with Nature.

Halloween Disco—November 1st

Halloween Disco Tickets and food orders are now available to buy online via scopay.

NO CASH will be accepted in school.

Once paid for online, tickets will be given out to the children on Tuesday 30th October in time for the Disco. The last day for ordering food online will be Tuesday 30th October.

Winter Wear

Please make sure that children come to school with warm/waterproof clothing: coats, hats, scarves and gloves for playtimes and the journey to and from school. It may also be advisable for children to wear their wellies/waterproof shoes when walking in and going outside.

Please make sure they bring their inside shoes/plimsoles to school for lesson times.

Also if your child is riding their bike to school can you please ensure that they are wearing a cycle helmet.



Trip & Swimming contributions

School Trips and Swimming are heavily subsidised by the school. We ask parents for a donation toward these so that we can provide a broad and balanced curriculum that will be memorable and exciting for our children. Although these contributions are voluntary we will be unable to maintain the number of trips and experiences that we currently provide if parents do not contribute. Please ensure that you pay using scopay. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Poppies

After half term our learning ambassadors will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion (any donations gratefully received.) Please send your child in with some loose change.

We also have some friendship bracelets, flexi rulers, wrist bands, reflective tags, pencils and erasers (suggested donation of a £1.00.) Thank you.



Book Fair

The book fair is in school for a week from 8th - 15th November. Parents are welcome to come in at the following times: Friday 9th & Wednesday 14th after school at 3.10pm.

Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th - 8.30am- 8.55am before school to browse.

The children will have time to have a look during the school day. The school gets a percentage of all sales which we use to purchase books for our School. Thank you for your support



Improving Punctuality

We are still experiencing quite a lot of disruption in the mornings with children being brought in late to school. This is upsetting for the children who are late and disruptive for the rest of the class. We politely request that all children are brought in to school on time. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that children are punctual.

If you are late bringing your child to school please ensure that you sign them in at the office and provide a reason for why they are late and ensure their lunch is ordered. If children are not signed in correctly by the parent we cannot guarantee that they will be provided with a lunch. Thank you for your support.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Just a reminder that consent for the Nasal Flu Vaccination needs to be completed online. If you have any issues with this then please contact Kernow Health CIC - details below. We do have a some paper copies of the consent form if you are unable to complete it online but it is your responsibility to post them back to the address below. (please ask at the office if a form is needed)

Kernow Health CIC

School Immunisation Programme

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Cornwall

TR1 3LP

Main Office Tel: 01872 221105/ 221106/ 221107

Email: Kernowhealth.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net Website: www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk



Parents Consultations—Reception to Year 6

Parent evenings will take place on the 6th and 7th November. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment with their class teacher.

This year appointments for parent consultations will be booked online via the school website <https://www.troon.cornwall.sch.uk>

You will find them in the Parents section under parent consultations. You will have to register and create a password for your account. Just follow the blue link. Thank you.

Par Trip

This week Maple class travelled up to the Par running track to take part in a 'run a mile challenge' organised by Go Run For Fun, a charity focused on encouraging children to take more exercise. The children ran a mile around the running track with other children from the Rainbow MAT as well as children from schools in the St. Austell area. They had a brilliant time running with the other children and even got a free t-shirt as part of the event. Fingers crossed we can inspire more children to keep fit through running. Check out @MapleTroon twitter feed for pictures.



Geevor Trip

On Wednesday the children from Year 5 & 6 took a trip to Geevor Mine. We got the chance to try out some old mining techniques, including hand drilling, breaking rocks and using a handbarrow. Panning for gemstones was also a particular favourite!

Our guides took us on a really informative tour of the site where we saw the shaking tables, compressor drills and even 'Jack' the mucking machine in action. Our day ended with a walk around the tunnels of Wheal Mexico, where we got an understanding of just how small some of the mines were!





'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 cosmetic 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 admirable for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing 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 (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whatever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes said it had seen "dozens" 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 signing 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.

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 until 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.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones in the game to hear footsteps 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 misbehaving, 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 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 whilst 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

PEGI 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, PEGI 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 slap", making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.



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Top Tips for Parents



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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<http://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/> <https://www.forbes.com/sites/erikain/2018/03/12/fortnite-accounts-hacked-how-to-protect-yourself-and-what-to-do-if-youve-been-compromised/#14bc9e7ca719>