

Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 01.11.24

Be safe, Be ready, Be respectful.

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a lovely half term break. This is always a busy term with lots of exciting events coming up, particularly as we approach the end of the term. Please keep an eye on the weekly calendar, which is updated regularly and is always included within the newsletter.

Topic Showcase afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our most recent 'Topic Showcase' on Tuesday afternoon. We hope you enjoyed visiting each of the classes, speaking to the children, taking part in some experiments/activities and learning about some of the fabulous work they have been doing in class.



Spooky Disco

Thank you to all of the children who came along to our Spooky Disco on Thursday evening. Fantastic, and frightening costumes, lots of dancing and treats consumed! Thank you to the PTA for organising and to everyone who came along to help out on the night.



Oak Class trip to the Houses of Parliament

Oak Class are all looking forward to their trip to the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday. You will have received a letter via Arbor earlier this week containing final details. Please remember that it is an early start with the coach leaving school at 7am. If your child is not attending the trip they will be joining Maple Class for the day.

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time during half term to complete our online 'Thank you' portal. Your comments are most appreciated. . If you would like to send a brief 'thank you' to a member of the Claybrooke staff team, please feel free to do so via this [link](#). Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr P. Rock
Head of School



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Well done to those who received certificates this week:

Excellent Work: Dexter, Bonnie, Nixon

Values: Quinn, Seren, Arya, Millie, Grace, Griffin, Joe, Taylen



Hot Chocolate superstars: Elsie, Jeremiah, Sawyer, Bradley and Ashton

Whole school attendance

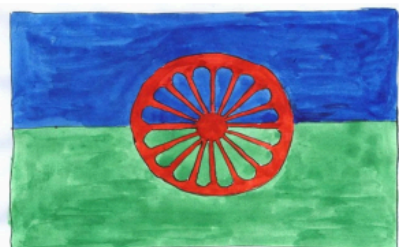
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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Harborough District Children and Young People's Charity alongside
residents of Mere Farm presents:

Traveller's Tea



Tuesday 19th November 2024

3.30pm - 5pm at Claybrooke Primary School
Free event and all welcome

**Join us for some Traditional
Gypsy food, games & activities**

*Latest vacancies within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust.
(click on the links below)*

[SG - Teacher vacancy](#) *Teacher role at St Margarets, Stoke Golding*

[Trust advert - Midday Supervisor roles - Trust advert](#)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

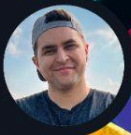
The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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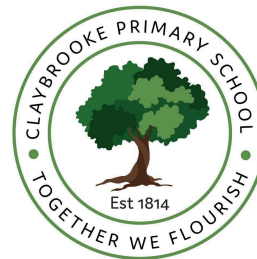
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Claybrooke calendar 2024- 25



Please see provisional dates for the upcoming academic year. (All dates are subject to change.)

Autumn Term 2024

Date	Event
w/c 21/10	HALF TERM
Wed 06/11	Oak Class trip to the Houses of Parliament
Fri 15/11	Children in Need cake sale in the hall. (3:00 - 3:45) All welcome. *
Tue 19/11	Travellers Tea event in the school hall. 3:30 - 5pm. All welcome. *
Thurs 21/11	PTA Christmas Craft 9 - 11:30am
Fri 29/11	'PTA 'Wear what you want' day. Bring items for Christmas.
Fri 06/12	PTA Christmas Bazaar (TBC) 5:30 - 7:30pm *
Wed 11/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 1:30pm (TBC)
Wed 11/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 6:00 pm *
Mon 16/12	Willow Class panto trip
Fri 20/12	Break up for Christmas holidays
	End of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2025

Date	Event
Mon 06/01	School re-opens
Fri 17/01	Young Voices Concert (Only for those signed up)
Tue 11/02	Consultation evenings
Wed 12/02	Consultation evenings
w/c 17/02	Spring Half-Term Week
Mon 24/0	School re-opens
Mon 24/02	Forest school begins for Oak Class
Tue 25/02	Topic Showcase 2.30-3.00 *
w/c 03/10	Reading Festival Week
Thurs 06/03	World Book Day: Stay & Read 8.45-9.15 *
Wed 02/04	Warning Zone trip. Y6 only
w/c 14/04	Easter Holidays
w/c 21/04	Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
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Mon 28/04	School re-opens
Mon 28/04	Forest school begins for Willow Class
w/c 12/05	Y6 SATs week
Date tbc	Saffron Lane Athletics
w/c 26/05	Summer Half-Term Week
Mon 02/06	Start of Summer 2nd
Mon 02/06	Forest school begins for Maple Class
Wed 11/06	School Sports Day
Wed 18/06	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 02/07	Oak Class Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 *
Tue 08/07	Leavers' Assembly 9.30-10.30 *
Tue 08/07	Last Day of School Year
Wed 09/07	Summer holidays begin
Tue 26/08	School reopens for pupils

THE HARBOROUGH MONSTER TRAIL

#MONSTERTRAIL24

THE MONSTERS ARE COMING! 21ST OCTOBER - 29TH NOVEMBER

There are 20 monsters hidden across parks and green spaces in Lutterworth, Harborough, Kibworth & Smeeton and Broughton Astley for families to find this Autumn!

HOW TO PLAY!

Find the monster, scan the QR and collect the code!

To meet our monsters and to download the maps to play,

scan here!



MONSTER REWARDS



There are certificates and fuzzy monsters to collect. PLUS! A medal for those that find all 20 monsters!

The Harborough Monster Trail kicks off on Monday 21st October, so get active this half term and join the hunt!

WILL YOU FIND THEM ALL?



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Community Yoga & Mindfulness

10% off for
Claybrooke
Primary
Community

Mondays
@ Claybrooke Primary
School Hall

6 -7:15pm | Yoga

7:30 - 8:30pm | Mindfulness Meditation
Begin your week feeling calm & connected...

Wednesdays
@ Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall

7:15 - 8:30pm | Yoga

Find your mid-week pause to destress & reconnect...

NEXT BLOCK BEGINS WEEK COMMENCING
28TH OCTOBER

FOR MORE INFO CALL, TEXT OR VISIT:



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