

Brereton CE Primary School

Friday 1st March 2019



Dear parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term and enjoyed the warmer weather. It has been lovely to see the children and they have quickly settled back in. We have a busy half term ahead and we will try to keep parents well informed.

PTA News

We held our AGM this week and our new committee members are:

Chair - Cat Douglas (Harriet and Noah's mum)

Vice Chair - Mark (Jessica's dad)

Treasurer - Vicky Smith (Lucas's mum)

Secretary - Karen Nicklin (Chloe and Tilly's mum) and Kristie Mathers (Leo and Sienna's mum)

Class Representatives:

Reception - Crissy Yates (Jessica's mum)

Y1 - Jenny McKeown (Emily's mum)

Y2 - Karen Winward (Josh's mum)

Y3 - Jenny McKeown (Maya's mum)

Y4 - Sian Bentley (Scarlett's mum)

Y5 - Karen Nicklin (Chloe's mum)

Y6 - Scott and Sam Raybould (Luke's parents)

Our Valentine's Disco raised an amazing £503.33! A big thank you to everyone who helped and to all of the children and parents who came along. A massive thank you to Keith (Elena's dad) for being our DJ.

Easter Egg Raffle

Our Rose Queen, Millie, and her attendants will be holding an Easter egg raffle on Thursday 28th March.

All proceeds will go to Cancer

Research. Any donations of chocolate eggs or bunnies would be most gratefully received. Tickets will be available at morning break from 18th March.



Advice Line Children & Young People

Cheshire and Wirral Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

WFS
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Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust



Are you a young person who is struggling with their mental health?



Are you worried about your child's mental health? Talk to us



Are you an adult working with a young person and concerned about their mental health?



Contact our advice line for advice, support and resources.

You can also contact our advice line if you would like to consider a self-referral.

5pm - 10pm
12pm - 8pm

Mon to Fri
Weekends

01244 397644

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Fairtrade Breakfast

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight we would like to invite parents and children into school on Wednesday 6th March for a Fairtrade breakfast.

The cost of the breakfast will be £2.50 per person.



Dates

Y1 Trip - 4th March

Y3 Trip - 5th March

World Book Day - 5th March

Fairtrade Breakfast - 6th March

Red Nose Day - 15th March

Y3 Class Assembly - 15th March

Parent Consultations - WB 18th March

Y1 Class Assembly - 22nd March

Y2 residential - 25th/26th March

Easter Egg Raffle - 28th March

PTA Mother's Day Present Room—29th March

Easter Service - 29th March 2pm

Y6 residential - 1st-5th April

Y4 residential meeting - 1st April 5pm

Easter Holidays - 8th-22nd April



Love God, love learning, love one another.

Matthew 22: 36-40





E-Safety

Don't forget our website has a section dedicated to E-Safety. Here you will find information from a range of recommended agencies, including parent guides for most well known apps and games. Please check back regularly.

Our NSPCC parent workshop on the 11th March will also provide parents with useful tips and advice.

What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS
New virtual items are released daily and are only available to purchase with real money. Items include skins, emotes, and weapons, which change the look of the game but do not affect the competitive nature of the game. These items are made available for parents to purchase and are available for purchase on the Epic Games Store.

HACKER ATTACKS
Recent data indicates that a lot of parents' accounts on the game have been hacked. Hackers gained access to users' accounts in the game and spent thousands of pounds on in-game purchases.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED
Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have had reports of using their Facebook or Google accounts to create an account. When signing up with an email address, there is no proof of age required. For an adult to verify the age of a child is important to check if your child has the game distributed.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS
There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money prizes on the game. These accounts will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any parents who receive these messages on their phone, it is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving any personal information to other users in the game. This type of scam usually asks you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money. If these offers seem too good to be true, they are not.

WEAPONS AND VIOLENCE
After just one game a rating of 12+ is given through the game. The game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, machine guns, shotguns, and more. The game also includes graphic and realistic-looking violence towards fantasy characters in the game. The game is available on all consoles, but most look unrealistic unless it is only meant to be used by your child's account. The game number for Xbox is 12 and for PS4 is 12.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE
Some children may find it hard to stop playing the game. Children may find it hard to stop playing the game and may find it hard to stop playing the game. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for children to stop playing without being told to stop playing the game.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO
The game can be played on a mobile device. The game is available on all consoles, but most look unrealistic unless it is only meant to be used by your child's account. The game number for Xbox is 12 and for PS4 is 12.

'FREE' TO PLAY
The game is free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox Live subscription to play the game online. It is chargeable.

National Online Safety Top Tips for Parents

- #1 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 mobile devices. 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 have 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.
- #2 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 pre-authorized or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends on the game. It is not recommended to use a credit/debit card to be used with their account.
- #3 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.
- #4 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 have other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite logo. Then click on the top icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.
- #5 LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS**
It is important that your children are aware of the scams that there may come across whilst 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.
- #6 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.

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CDAT News

On Friday 1st February we welcomed Astbury St Mary's to CDAT. We look forward to working with everyone at the school.

Associate Teachers

This term we will be welcoming three new associate teachers to the school.

Miss Witham will join us on Monday and will be working with Y5 until the end of May.

Miss Latimer will also be starting on Monday and she will be supporting in our Y1 class until the end of June.

Miss Walker will begin on 13th March and will be supporting Mr McAulay in Year 2 until the start of July.

We are very fortunate to have excellent relationships with our local universities. Having student teachers enables us to offer more support to our children and it helps us to reflect on our practise. Please do come over and say hello!

Uniform

Roberts Bakery

Year 5 have had an amazing day on Thursday with Roberts Bakery. All of the children made a tasty loaf as well as gaining an understanding of the manufacturing process and different job roles within the factory. For more photos please see our website!





Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. The noses have arrived in school and will be on sale from Monday 4th March at morning break. The noses are £1.25 this year.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NOSES

This year, our Noses all come from the Isle of Silly, a magical kingdom ruled by Snufflekins from the snorey tale Conk Castle. Here's what they're all up to this Red Nose Day.

<p>SNUFFLEKINS</p> <p>This crazy cat rules with an iron paw but is a purrfect softy underneath. Hosting a quick-fire quiz at the castle will help bring in the cash.</p> <p><i>"Who'll take the crown for brainiest Nose?"</i></p>	<p>HONKUS PONKUS</p> <p>Hubble bubble, this little witch could spell trouble. After a hard day's conjuring for a bake sale, the butterfly cakes all fluttered away.</p> <p><i>"Quick, catch those gingerbread men!"</i></p>	<p>THE GNOSE</p> <p>This wise old Nose will be totting up the total after all the fundraising fun. With only six toes to count on though, it could be a challenge.</p> <p><i>"Eight times six is snorty eight, nine times six is sniffly four..."</i></p>	
<p>HAIRY NOSTROLL</p> <p>"Snuffle snuffle snort sniff, schnozzle sniffle whiff..." (Yeah, we have no idea either, but we're sure it'll raise lots of money)</p> <p><i>"Burp."</i></p>	<p>NOSEDIVA</p> <p>Our champion swimmer will be lapping the island to bring in the cash. All while singing a siren song any diva would be proud of.</p> <p><i>"On your marks, set, swim!"</i></p>	<p>CONK JESTER</p> <p>Snot snot, who's there? It's this cheeky little Nose gathering donations for a joke-athon.</p> <p><i>"Why does a nose run and feet smell?"</i></p>	
<p>WOLFNOSE</p> <p>This party animal is doing a 24-hour dance-off to help boost the total. Just like every Friday. And Saturday, Sunday, Monday...</p> <p><i>"Ooh, bogey wonderlaaand!"</i></p>	<p>SCHNOZ III</p> <p>Our (not-so) brave knight's doing a sponsored run for Red Nose Day. Away from dragons, jousting, duels and that spider in the bath.</p> <p><i>"Eek, did someone say spider?!"</i></p>	<p>THE ABOMINABLE SNOSEMAN</p> <p>This chilled-out giant is hosting a sponsored snowball fight at home on Mount Snosedon. That should bring the cash rolling in.</p> <p><i>"There's snow limit to the fun!"</i></p>	
<p>HOPPY HOOTER</p> <p>This happy little hopper is signing up sponsors then hopping round the castle pond. This high-speed dash should bring in some dosh.</p> <p><i>"There's no stopping my hopping!"</i></p> <p style="font-size: small; color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">RARE</p>	<p>THE TRANSFORMINOS</p> <p>WINNER OF THE RED NOSE DESIGN CHALLENGE FOR SCHOOLS</p> <p>Twins Transformino and Transformina are dressing up to raise some cash.</p> <p><i>"The only tricky bit is finding an outfit that works the right way up and upside-down."</i></p> <p style="font-size: small; color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">ULTRA RARE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COME ALONG AND PICK YOUR NOSE</p> <p>WHERE? <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>WHERE? <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Noses cost £1.25 each and at least 65p goes to Comic Relief to help vulnerable people in the UK and some of the world's poorest communities.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; color: red;">Share your Nosey sales and fundraising stories on Twitter @comicreliefuk</p>	