



FRIDAY NEWS

21ST APRIL
2023

The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. To mark this historic occasion, we will be having a super learning day and as part of this, children can dress up as princes/princesses, union flag colours or smart clothing.

On Wednesday 3rd May, the school will hold coronation discos:

- Reception & KS1 at 3:15pm until 4pm. Ticket cost will be £1.50 and refreshments will be provided.
- KS2 at 4pm until 5pm. Ticket cost will be £1.00 and there will be a tuck shop for children to purchase refreshments.

Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. They will be available from Monday. Children can wear party clothes to school if they get a disco ticket. School will also be holding a raffle for a chance to win a coronation weekend hamper, full of treats and goodies to enjoy your bank holiday weekend. More information to follow.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Iori R
- Class 2 - Paisley G
- Class 3 - Oliver T
- Class 4 - Aizah C
- Class 5 - Tanaya P
- Class 6 - Autumn S
- Class 7 - Levi C
- Class 8 - Toby SB
- Class 9 - Max B
- Class 10 - Abel W
- Class 11 - Mel R



GOLD SCROLL

Tallulah L, Lucas W,
Esmée G, Robyn G,
Bailey L, Zohan A,
Max B, David W,
Leo D, Pearl L,
Iqra S, Blossom K

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is
Honesty.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
will see God.*

Matthew 5:8

ATTENDANCE

STRIKE DAYS

As you might know, further strike days have been planned for Thursday 27th April & Tuesday 2nd May. Unfortunately, this means that the school will only be able to open for some children.

A letter has been sent out to parents today regarding plans for these days. Please read this carefully as some classes will be closed.

WATER BOTTLES

'Prime' energy drinks are not allowed at school. We are extending this to 'Prime' bottles as well; even if they are filled with water. Unfortunately, the use of these bottles is causing many arguments among children. Water bottles should be reuseable, clear and contain water.

SCOOTERS & BIKES

Even though we love that children have a fun way to travel to school, scooters and bikes should not be left on the school premises. As you are aware, we have limited space around school and scooters & bikes left at school are becoming a trip hazard.

THINGS COMING UP

- Year 5 swimming starts for 2 weeks.

Don't forget that you can find lots of information on our website:

www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk



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ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	91.0%
Class 1	93.6%
Class 2	86.2%
Class 3	89.6%
Class 4	95.9%
Class 5	88.3%
Class 6	86.7%
Class 7	93.1%
Class 8	84.0%
Class 9	93.5%
Class 10	95.4%
Class 11	93.8%

Green - 100% - 95%

Yellow - 94.9% - 90%

Red - Below 90%

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. 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', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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 of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like *The Walking Dead* to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as *Street Fighter*. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from *Alien* or who Geralt from *The Witcher* is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers ... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, 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. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The 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 returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

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

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

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 available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that 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 your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make 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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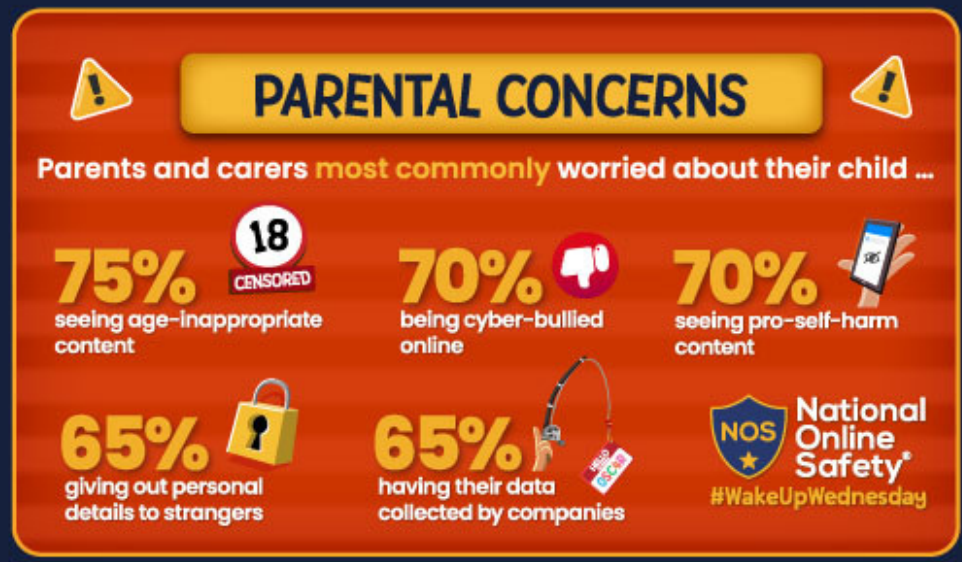
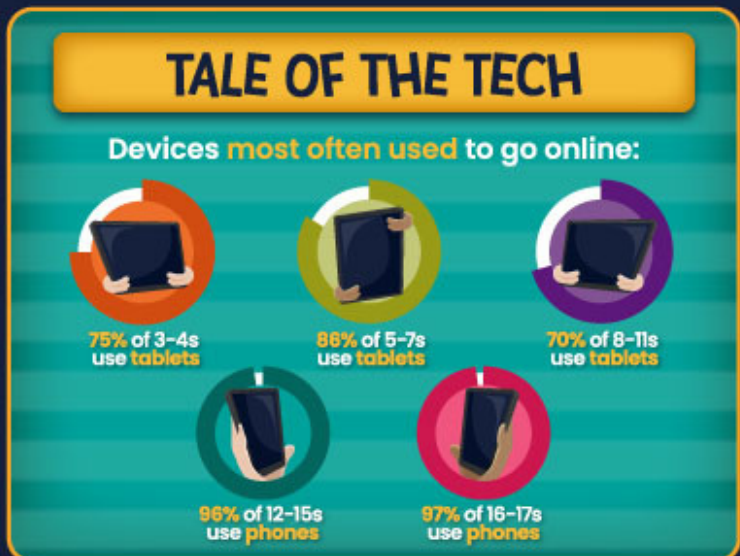
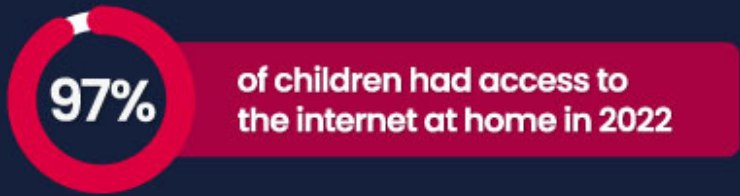


National Online Safety

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain’s regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents’ media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we’ve pulled out some of the report’s most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...



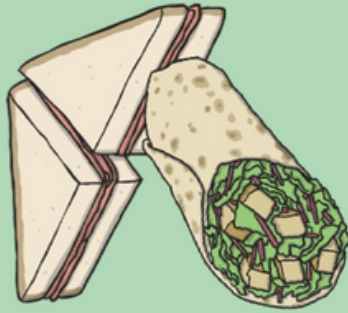
Healthy Lunchbox!



Healthy things



Salad, lots of fruit,
vegetable sticks,
yoghurts, sandwiches
and wraps, juice
and water.



We know that children enjoy
a treat with their lunch, but
we advise that this is done in
moderation.

Things to avoid



Biscuits, chocolate,
cakes, fizzy drinks,
salted nuts
and crisps.

