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PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

16th July – 20th July 2018

EVENTS THIS WEEK:-

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| 15 th July – 24 th July | - Ardeche Trip |
| 16 th July – 1 st August | - Madagascar Expedition |
| 16 ^h July – 20 th July | - Year 10 Work Experience |
| 18 th July – 20 th July | - Activities Days |



HOT WEATHER

Due to the forecast becoming more variable parents will be notified via text with regards to uniform expectations for next week.

CHANGE TO THE TIMING OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Following consultation with parents, staff, students and governors, there was overwhelming support in favour of the suggested change to the school day. Therefore, the timing of the school day from the start of the Autumn Term 2018 will be as follows:

FROM	TO	
8.00 am	8.35 am	Canteen open for Breakfast
8.35 am		Warning Bell
8.40 am	8.45 am	Registration
8.45 am	9.10 am	Tutorial
9.10 am	10.10 am	Period 1
10.10 am	11.10 am	Period 2
11.10 am	11.30 am	Break (Warning Bell at 11.25 am)
11.30 am	12.30 pm	Period 3
12.30 pm	1.30 pm	Period 4
1.30 pm	2.15 pm	Lunch (Warning Bell at 2.10 pm)
2.15 pm	3.15 pm	Period 5
3.15 pm		End of School

This will apply for students from Tuesday 4th September. School Transport has been notified of the new timing.

Reminder:

Monday 3rd September – In-service Training Day – only staff will attend

Tuesday 4th September – only Year 7 and 11 attend – arriving in time for morning registration at 8.40 am

Wednesday 5th September – all Years attend, arriving in time for morning registration at 8.40 am.

Rachael Bennett

Headteacher



LOCKERS

Letters have been sent home giving your child the opportunity to retain their locker for the next academic year. Please note that completed forms along with payment need to be returned to the main school office by **Monday 16th July 2018**. If no form and payment have been received by this date then your child will automatically lose their current locker and it will be allocated to another student. If your child no longer requires their locker then the locker needs to be emptied by **Tuesday 17th July 2018**.

Many Thanks



ARDECHE 2018

Please note that the departure from the Youth Centre on Sunday has been changed to 1 hour later. We will now meet at the Youth Centre at **18:30pm** to load the coach, ready to depart by **19:00pm**.

Mr Latchford

SUMMER ENRICHMENT DAYS – 18th, 19th & 20th JULY 2018

We would like to remind all parents that any remaining monies owed should now be paid, also any outstanding EV5 forms need to be completed and returned to school **by Monday 16th July** in order for your child to participate.



All absences must be reported by 9.30 am each day (and on each subsequent day) by either calling 01823 664201 (please note there is a voicemail facility if Receptionists are unable to answer your call) or by emailing SCH.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk

If you know your child is going to be absent, please let us know in advance. If your child has been absent due to a medical appointment, please attach or email in a copy of the appointment card/hospital letter.

FUTURE EVENTS

24.07.18	End of Term – Students Finish at 2.00pm
04.09.18	Year 7 & 11 Students Only
05.09.18	All Students return to school
10.09.18	School Photographs – Years 7, 9 & 11

Child safety on Fortnite: parent factsheet

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way.

Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon.

It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime.

What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

- **Communication between players:** a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying
- **In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')
- **Addictive nature of the game:** anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

What safety options are available to parents?

Use the parental controls on the gaming device

Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**.

Visit the website 'ask about games' for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses – the site covers Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch.

[Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com)

www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls

The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.

Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate.

You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:

- Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon
- Select the 'audio' tab
- You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it

You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by:

- Pausing the game
- Hovering over the player you wish to mute
- Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu).

You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

[Support, Epic Games](https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b_id=9729&q=email+us)

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What else can I do?

Further tips

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

More sources of support

- Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/).
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- The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety.
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents. You can call their free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or [make an appointment](https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator) with an O2 Guru in an O2 store.
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Sources for this factsheet

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Every Monday	1.15pm	Art Club
	1.15pm	Indoor Softball Yr 7 & 8, Mr Seaton, Gym
	1.30 – 2.05pm	Drama Club KS3 B7
	1.15pm	Language Leaders A4
	1.30 – 2.00pm	Digi Pal – ICT Club, C1
	1.30pm	Table Top Gaming Club B14
	3.30pm	Badminton, Mrs Robertson/Mr Cowling, Sportshall
	3.15 – 5.15pm	Opportunities Club (Homework Club)
Every Tuesday	1.30 -2.05pm	All Yrs – Choir
	1.30pm	Digi Pal ICT Club C2
	1.30pm	Table Top Gaming Club in B14
	1.15pm	Yr7 #thisgirlcan , sportshall/gym, girls, Mrs Lees
	3.30pm	Yrs 8 & 9 Softball, Field, Boys, Mrs Seaton/Mr Nicholls
	1.15pm	Gardening Club A3 or by the raised beds outside C block
	1.30pm	All Yrs - Senior Choir Rehearsals - B6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	GCSE Technology Catch up session in C12
	3.30 – 5.00pm	Yr 11 Textiles Clinic
	3.15 – 5.15pm	Opportunities Club (Homework Club)
	From May 3.15pm	Yr 9 DofE (Duke of Edinburgh) – B15
	Every Wednesday	1.20pm
1.30pm-2.00pm		Table Top Gaming Club - B11
3.15 – 5.15pm		Opportunities Club (Homework Club)
1.15pm		Yrs 9 & 10 Indoor Softball, S.Hall, Mr Seaton
1.15pm		Fitness Club, Gym, Mr Myers
1.15pm		Philosophy and Beliefs Film Club B16
3.30pm		Badminton Team Training, S.Hall, Mrs Robertson/Mr Cowling
3.30pm		Yr 7 & 8 Girls Rounders, Courts, Mrs Lees
3.30pm		Yr 7 Softball, Boys, Field, Mr Seaton
3.30pm		All Yrs Crafty Club C10
3.30pm		Parkour/gymnastics (£), Gym, Mr J Marshall
3.30pm		Computing catch up
3.30 – 5.00pm		Yr 11 Graphics Clinic
Every Thursday		1.15pm
	1.15pm	All Yrs – Chess Club – A1 & A2
	1.15pm	Fitness, Gym, Mr Appleby
	1.15pm	Mymaths Support - C1
	1.15pm	Singing rehearsal for School of Rock B6
	1.30pm	Table Top Gaming Club - B14
	3.15 – 5.15pm	Opportunities Club (Homework Club)
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Acting rehearsals for School of Rock B7
	3.30pm	Yrs 9, 10 & 11 Girls Rounders, Courts, Mrs Lees
	3.30pm	Yrs 10 & 11 Softball, Boys, Field, Mr Seaton
	3.15 – 4.30pm	School of Rock Acting Rehearsals B7
	Every Friday	3.45pm
1.30pm		Christian Union B18
1.30 – 2.00pm		Yrs 7,8 & 9 Digi Pal – ICT Club, C1
1.30pm		Table Top Gaming Club - B14