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Article of the Month 38 Protection in War

Children have the right to be protected during war. No child under 15 can join the army or take part in war

Class News

- Nursery - ran a total of 194 laps of the field during the sponsored fun run. Amazing!
- YR - have been exploring numbers beyond 10 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Y1 - have enjoyed developing their football skills on the MUGA as part of their PE sessions
- Y2 - have really enjoyed practising their dances for the assembly next week
- Y3 - have performed brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed their class assembly! Well done!
- Y4 - have really enjoyed our relay races in PE this week.
- Y5 - have been busy preparing for their assembly
- Y6 - have thoroughly enjoyed having their PE lessons and breaks on the MUGA this week

Dear Parents,

What an amazing first week back! Year 3 performed a fabulous class assembly sharing a breadth and depth of knowledge from their learning this year, quite incredible, well done! Year 3 parents have received a text with details of how to access this online, if you haven't please contact the school office.

A gentle reminder that KS1/Reception children coming in at the earlier time with their sibling should be supervised by an adult whilst waiting at the gate.

There is a lot going on this half term, please keep an eye on the dates for the diary!

Sponsored Fun Run

The school councillors organised a brilliant sponsored fun run yesterday to raise money for our chosen charity, Battens Fighters Forever (BFF). As a school, we ran 413 miles, beating our target of 250 miles. What an achievement! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this collective challenge and the school councillors and sports ambassadors did a wonderful job organising it. Thank you to Tesco who kindly donated ice lollies for the children to enjoy when they had completed it! Please bring all money in by Thursday 17th June.

Books

Thank you for the deliveries of books, we have had some wonderful books donated, it is very much appreciated!

Do you have books that your children have grown out of? Would you be happy to donate these to school? If so, our classroom libraries could really do with some more reading material. Thank you in advance!!

Parking

Please be reminded to park sensibly and be respectful to residents. Residents will be contacting the police with any parking issues or disputes.

Swimming

Rash vests can be worn for sun protection and warmth. Please ensure your child has a swim hat and goggles if that is what they normally wear.

Swimming kits

KS1 - Tuesdays & Thursdays

KS2 – Mondays & Fridays

School Gates

Gate	8.40am	8.50am	9.00am
Pedestrian		Reception	
1	Year 4	Year 1	
2	Year 3	Reception	Nursery
3	Year 5	Year 1	
4	Year 6	Year 2	

Gate	3.00pm	3.05pm	3.15pm
Pedestrian		Reception	
1		Year 1	Year 4
2	Nursery	Reception	Year 3
3		Year 1	Year 5
4		Year 2	Year 6

Internet Safety

FIFA 21 is the latest version of the very popular football computer game. While the games loyal fans (millions of whom are children) continue to go wild for FIFA, many parents and carers do have some reservations. The game offers unmoderated audio chat, for example, while FIFA's variety and playability can make it addictive, and the in-game FUT packs – which function much the same way as loot boxes – can not only be expensive but could also promote gambling. Read the attached guide for some useful tips and information about the game.

PE Kits

Reception	-	Tuesday & Friday
Year 1	-	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2	-	Tuesday & Friday
Year 3	-	Tuesday & Friday
Year 4	-	Tuesday & Friday
Year 5	-	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 6	-	Tuesday & Wednesday

Dates for the Diary:

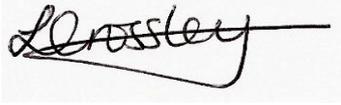
June

7 th	-	Swimming lessons start
15 th	-	New Reception Parents Evening
16 th	-	Year 4 visit to Ancient Technology Centre
18 th	-	Year 3 visit to Avon Heath
22 nd	-	Climbing wall
22 nd	-	New Reception Taster session
23 rd	-	Sports Festival
24 th	-	Year 1 visit to Moors Valley
28 th	-	Year 6 residential visit to Brenscombe

July

- 5th - Whole school transition day
- 16th - Last day of term – 1.15pm finish. No After School Club!

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 21

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 3
 Suitable for all ages



You don't need to be a football fan to have heard of the FIFA series of games (named after the Federation Internationale de Football Association: the worldwide governing body for the sport). Part of the franchise's massive appeal is that official licensing gives users the opportunity to play games as their favourite teams, controlling their favourite footballers. They either compete online against other players or work through a solo-player career mode. With updated editions launched annually, FIFA is playable on a range of consoles, with mobile versions available for smartphones and tablets.



Recurring Costs

FIFA's trump card is that it includes real current players; a feature no other football arcade game can offer. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players, kits and stadia, plus gameplay tweaks and extra features. Young FIFA fans usually want to be playing the latest version, so the pressure to buy each annual update is likely to be considerable.



Online Chat

While the game of FIFA itself is suitable for children of all ages (as it does not include any inappropriate content), there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play against other people online and audio chat with them using headsets. As this communication is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that are inappropriate.



Possibility of Scams

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appears to be a genuine FIFA promotion, but could be a scam. Following these links would take them to what may seem like a FIFA login page but is actually a phishing attempt to capture their login name and password. Scammers often use a legitimate-sounding name, such as 'EA Admin' or 'FIFA Developer'.



In-Game Purchases

FIFA offers an array of in-game purchases. The FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode lets gamers build their own team, playing matches to win coins. These coins can be used to recruit better players or packs containing random players. Some purchases can be made with in-game currency; others require real money – which can become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills after their children's in-game spending.



Addictive Gameplay

Your child could end up playing FIFA for long periods of time. Matches last around 20 minutes, so playing through an entire tournament can quickly eat up a large chunk of the day. Children sometimes struggle to control their gaming behaviour, at the expense of their daily routine. This is called 'gaming disorder' and is classified as a genuine mental health problem by the World Health Organisation.



Over-Competitiveness

FIFA has occasionally been criticised for its competitive gameplay leading to disproportionate aggression and negative emotion in some players. This can be amplified by the in-game audio chat with opponents in real time. The potential for an emotional outburst can sometimes reach unhealthy levels – especially if your child's team is losing heavily or is defeated by a very late goal.



Advice for Parents & Carers

Set out Your Strategy

As a parent, it's worth considering that – if they like gaming and football – your child's fascination with FIFA probably won't be short term. It's more likely to be the start of a relationship that could last for years, involving repeated outlay on each updated edition of the game. If you think this may pose a problem, it might be best to make your child aware of it beforehand to avoid disappointment later.



Give Abuse the Red Card

The facility to chat to other players certainly adds to the overall enjoyment of FIFA, and it's unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play the game without using it. It would be wise, however, to make sure beforehand that your child is aware of how to mute the audio of any abusive players and knows how to report anyone who is being offensive or intimidating.



Defend against Scammers

Teach your child to stay clear of scams. Explain why they should be suspicious of any link which asks them to verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information: game developers never send messages asking for players' login details. Console messages, emails and social media posts promising in-game content if a player inputs their login information are fake.



Control In-Game Spending

To spend real money in FIFA, a player's account must have a payment method enabled. Check whose debit or credit card – or PayPal account – is linked to the device that your child plays FIFA on. Most devices' parental controls can be adjusted to limit spending. There is also the prepaid option of Paysafecard – you can top up the balance, making it easier to control your child's purchasing in the game.



Avoid 'Extra Time'

Devices' parental controls can also be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing, if you feel it's necessary. Keep an eye on how long your child spends playing FIFA, just like you might monitor how long they watch TV for. Warning signs of over-playing include disinterest in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene or becoming angry when they have to stop playing.



Encourage a 'Half-Time' Break

Monitoring in-game chat is difficult, as you can usually only hear one side of the conversation. But your child's reactions will be a good general indication. Dealing with the frustrations of a game and troublesome people can be useful life lessons – but if your parental instinct is that your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and encourage them to take a break from the game.



Meet Our Expert

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