

## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

We would like to say a big well done and congratulations to former Holywell pupil **Genevieve Andrews**. Genevieve has been appointed the new Head Girl at Pilton Community College, what an amazing achievement!

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### Cleaning Vacancy

We are looking for a cleaner for our school. The hours are roughly 2.5 hrs. day, timings can be discussed. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested please call into the school office or phone (01271) 345908 or email [adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk)

### Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when (hopefully) the sun will be shining regularly and the children will be able to use the school field and work outside in the playground. However, this means that we need all children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school, for their protection. You may wish to apply sun cream at home before they come in the morning, especially the Pre-School.

### Robins Class – Year 1's

As we are approaching the last half of the summer term we need to get the Robins year 1's ready to become a year 2. Therefore, after half term can we ask that all Robin year 1's stay in the playground until the bell is rung and then line up next to the Hedgehogs children.

### As we are entering DBS Checked Parent Helpers

If you help in school and have had a Disclosure and Barring check. Ofsted guidelines now require the school to keep a copy of your right to work in the UK. We therefore need to keep on file a copy of your passport; if you do not have one the school can guide you as to what information we will need sight of. Please bring your passport in to show the admin staff as soon as possible so that the necessary information can be recorded.

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

**E-Schools** - Thank you; to those parents who managed to log onto eschools. We know a few parents have had some problems with their passwords not working or that they have mislaid their password and username, if this is you, can you please email [adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk) and we will reset your username and/or password. We can see that some of you have still not logged on.

Dear Parents,

We would like to set up a gardening club after school on a Friday to keep the Memorial Garden and school areas tidy. Please could 1 or 2 parents help us run this club? If you can only help every other week or once a month we may be able to arrange a rota.

Thank you Archie Barstow and Ethan Liepa

### **Pupil achievements**

Yet more amazing achievements from our fantastic Holywell family; Lannah (Foxes class) competed at the compulsory level 4 gymnastics finals in Stoke on Trent yesterday, as part of the South West team. Lannah's clean routines on floor, bars, beam, vault and her range and conditioning helped the South West become National Champions. Gooo Lannah! Look out for her very impressive gold bling on Monday! 🏆🏆🏆🌟🌟

And the success and pride within the Holywell family just keeps coming! As many of you may know, this time last year one of our gorgeous children had a terrible accident doing the sport she loved. A fracture of the skull no less, which required a long stay in hospital. Well today Felicity (Fliss - Squirrels class) was back in action within the elite level of gymnastics. In Stoke on Trent, Felicity competed in the Elite Pathway Compulsory Level 2 Gymnastics National Finals completing her Compulsory grades, which are the highest technical ability grades within artistic gymnastics. Only 43 girls in the whole of Britain had the ability at age 11 to try to compete today. So, Following Fliss' tough road to recovery during the last 12 months, just being ready to be entered was an achievement in itself. Her aim was to pass (no pressure to place) so that she could remain in this top flight of competition - well in true Fliss style she nailed it, not only passing, but placing 26th All Around. Fliss, we are so proud of your determination and resilience, not only at your gymnastics, but in all that you do. WELL DONE. Here is Fliss' blog if you'd like to see her in action and read her own words!

<https://mygymnastics.blog/2018/05/13/i-did-it-i-passed-my-compulsory-level-2-at-nationals/>

### **On-line Safety**

Please see the article below about the game Fortnite and the separate newsletter regarding online safety which is also attached to the email. Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

### **Music Lessons**

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

### **Preschool**

**We still have places available in Pre-school on all days.** Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at [adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk) or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

### **NEW LINK**

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

### **Devon Early Years and Childcare Service**

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

## News from the PTA



### Save the date – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July – 2 pm – 8 pm - Holywell Rocks

The PTA are busy organising another Holywell Rocks for us all to enjoy after the success of last year's event. It will be held behind the village hall from 2 pm – 8 pm with various music and activities taking place throughout the day. It is a truly family event for your family and friends.

**If you know of anyone who would possibly like to run a stall at this event please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525. The cost of a stall will be £10 and they will be located in the village hall.**

### Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

### After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Netball club has now finished.

Monday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Athletics	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Will not be starting until 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	

### Diary Dates – forthcoming events

#### Term Dates

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

**Autumn term 2018** - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

**Spring term 2019** – 8th January

#### Diary Dates

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 – **Sports Day** – Take 1.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 – **Sports Day** – Take 2.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 – The **year 6 assembly** will start at 2.15pm in the village hall.

### Community News

#### Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome

Snacks provided Guest speakers and Messy play.

Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall

For more details contact Mel:

07866783740

#### Circuits

Every Tuesday

9 – 9.45 am, in the village hall.

£4 pay as you go

All fitness levels welcome!

Children welcome to come along and play whilst mum/dad get fit.

Contact Estelle Liepa for more info or just turn up.

07973 533668



St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

### **Links you may be interested in?**

[www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk)

### **Courses**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

### **The Plough Torrington**

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

### **Barnstaple Library**

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

# Fortnite: what do you need to know?

## **What is Fortnite?**

*Fortnite* is a game that has been in development since 2011 but has seen a boom in popularity since September 2017, when the game's developers released its most popular mode, *Fortnite Battle Royale*. This mode is free-to-play and sees gamers from around the world taking each other on in last-man-standing 'battles' involving up to one hundred players.

## **How do you play?**

*Fortnite* is available on Xbox, PS4, PC, *iOS* and soon Android operating systems. This availability across numerous platforms and the fact that the game is free-to-play has been a large factor in *Fortnite*'s popularity. You need an account to play, including a verifiable email address, but there are no age-checks.

## **How old do you need to be to play?**

The game itself is rated 12+ by PEGI, Pan European Game Information, for its frequent scenes of mild violence and is deemed unsuitable for children under the age of 12. This rating is simply advisory.

## **Who's playing it?**

With a reported 45 million players worldwide, *Fortnite* is truly a global gaming craze. It's vast popularity and use among children is beyond doubt. As with all games of this type, it is likely that children younger than 12 are engaging with the game.

# Fortnite: what do you need to know?

## Is it addictive?

*Fortnite Battle Royale* offers simple and enjoyable gameplay, which encourages extended playing time by making it extremely easy for players to move from one 'battle' to the next. It is important to discuss with children their use of and time spent on the game, and to make decisions on when and how much they play.

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## Are there any other risks?

*Fortnite Battle Royale* features an in-game chat function, which allows on-screen or voice communication between players. This function, as with any in-game chat, could expose a child to inappropriate language, conversations and behaviour. It is important children are aware of these risks and privacy settings that they can use, including the ability to disable voice chat entirely. They should also understand the importance of not sharing personal and private information with strangers.

## Are there concerns over *Fortnite's* in-game currency?

*Fortnite* uses an in-game currency called V-bucks to enable purchases of costumes, custom pickaxes and season battle passes. Children may feel incentivised to buy battle passes for the equivalent of £7.99 a season (each lasting approximately 3 months) which offer perks and rewards. Certain unaffiliated sites also offer free V-Bucks in return for account or personal details. It is important children know never to share personal details or passwords outside of their *Fortnite* accounts.

## How can young people report their concerns?

- *Fortnite* offers an in-game feedback tool in the Main Menu of the game to report bad player behaviour to Epic Games, the creator of *Fortnite*.
- You can also seek advice and make a report about abusive or inappropriate behaviour to CEOP (the National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>.

## Further Reading:

On PEGI video-game ratings: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>

On the excessive playing of video-games: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/can-children-becomeaddicted-online-gaming>