



Best News ...

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



As this will be the last issue of Best News for 2018 we would like to take this opportunity to say enormous thanks for all your help and support this term. We would also like to thank all the staff and children at White Woman Lane School for all their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Week Ahead

Thurs. 3rd Jan 2019	Pupils return to school	
	No Chess Club	
	No Year 5 Korfball	
	No Samba Club	
	Drums	PM - Mobile
Fri 4th Jan	No Keep it Moving	
	No Cross Country	
	Young Voices Choir	3-4pm School Hall

Dates for Your Diary

25 th Jan	FRIENDS' Bingo night
15 th Feb	FRIENDS' Valentines Disco

HOUSE POINT TOTALS!



This week's place

Buckingham	(Green)	3rd	Total points-	27
Balmoral	(Blue)	2nd	Total points-	14
Sandringham	(Yellow)	4th	Total points-	22
Windsor	(Red)	1st	Total points-	28

Congratulations to Windsor this week.

THE ATTENDANCE CUP



Was awarded to
6Q
 With attendance of 99.31%
 For the week
 3rd - 7th December 2018

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD

Golden book entries will be awarded in the New Year



BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS



Tokens are appearing in the Evening News as well as its sister publications across the region for parents, school staff and friends to collect and send in to school. For every 1,000 tokens collected, the school will receive £100 worth of free books.

Help us collect



TOKENS

IN THE



NEWS FLASH

We will be able to accept additional tokens in school until 4th January!

Thank you for your support.

HEADTEACHER AWARD



These certificates were awarded at the Celebration Assembly this morning.

The certificates were awarded to individuals for a range of reasons – for example, for consistently achieving a good standard of work, for consistent effort, for making good progress, for an improved attitude to school and work, for consistently achieving a high standard of behaviour and for care and consideration of others.

The Class Teachers nominated the following pupils;

Austin Gibbs
Isla Tibbs
Tillie Gard
Jamie Plane
Reuben Brown
Lily Goodall
Ellie Hipperson

Josie Savage
Willow Coleman
Jasmine Wan
James Clayton
Macy Ager
Ella Ramm
Beth Nesbitt-Clarke

Katie Murray
Nasos Markopoulos
Jasmine Parker
Desiree Comyn
Teddy Powell
Daisy Davis-Murphy
Georgia Cozens-Chipperfield

Eloise Woodcock
Tyrell Tobias
Holly George
Max Cracknell
Jackson Darby
Ellouise Russen
Tyler Cook

LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

The Year 3 and Year 4 children performed brilliantly last week. The four performances were excellent and showcased the talent of the children in the Lower School. I would like to thank the Lower School teachers for their hard work, putting the Year 3 and Year 4 shows together and rehearsing with the children. I would also like to thank the teaching assistants for creating the props, organising the costumes and doing the make-up. A special mention needs to be made to Mr Queensborough, who wrote such a fantastic script. Last, but not least, I would like to thank the audience for supporting us and making a very memorable experience.

Mr Johnson

The collection held at the end of the three performances raised a grand total of... **£441.57**. This will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

Thank you all for your very generous offerings.



Tiffin and Tinsel



On Friday 15th December we had great fun wearing our dazzling Christmas jumpers to school whilst raising money for the charity 'Save the Children'. We raised a total of:

£215.48

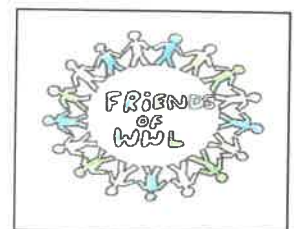
Many thanks to all who took part and/or donated.



SCHOOL DISCO

Thanks to all who came and supported and/or volunteered to help with the Christmas disco!

Together we raised £312.26



School closures in adverse weather



We have just about escaped adverse weather in December but who knows what January may hold?! Many schools face difficulties as a result of adverse weather, particularly during periods of very low temperature and heavy snow. I am sure that you acknowledge that it is a difficult decision that sometimes has to be made as to whether to temporarily close the school for safety reasons and it is never a decision that is taken lightly.



In some circumstances closure is unavoidable, for example where there would not be enough staff on school sites to ensure pupil safety or the school site cannot be cleared sufficiently to be safe for all who attend the premises. We also have to take into account the travelling conditions and risk assess whether pupils, parents and staff can travel safely to and from school.

Information regarding whether White Woman Lane School is closed and a list of all schools which are closed can be found on the website www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk. As well as publishing the information on the web, Norfolk County Council will also highlight closures on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) channels, using the hashtag [#norfolkwinter](#).

In a situation where there has been snowfall and our school is open, pupils will only be allowed to play outside, at lunch and break times, if they have suitable clothing and footwear i.e. Wellingtons/snow boots and warm clothing and overcoats.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Our grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Smith who spent a great deal of time decorating our Christmas tree and making it look so wonderful. You may have noticed the lights they have put up on their home too!



An **Enourmous** Thank you to:

Mrs Smith, Mrs Kane, Mrs Brown and Mr Smith for another sumptuous Christmas lunch enjoyed by staff and pupils this week.





**FORTNITE
BATTLE
ROYALE**

'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus', where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find hidden items, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'the storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, bringing the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Newly featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the characters' appearance, but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are attractive for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can take part in a series of challenges, receiving more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whichever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes stated that it had seen "dozens" of online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to user's accounts in the game and accrued hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRE

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have option to log in with either their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with email address, no proof of age is required. If your child under the age of 12, it is important to check whether your child has the game downloaded.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and works towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter who claim to give away free money (known as 'V bucks') in games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in game. It is important to check the authenticity of the accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies according to the game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and will want to continue playing until they achieve their desired result. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for them to stop playing halfway through as their position in the game could be affected.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile devices in April 2018, meaning it can be played without the need for a home games console. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is playing this game.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game IS free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription, which does require a fee.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols and shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only mild or trivial injury such as a slap," making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.

Top Tips for Parents

LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time a child is playing games on these devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to play the games for. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be difficult to take them away from a game mid play. It may be worth imposing a limit on the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means your child wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. However, they would still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online 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.

SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report the player, you can use the in-game feedback located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

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 restrict spending, we suggest using a paysafecard, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to restrict the amount your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

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 reduce the risk of their account being hacked.





Dragons Korfball Club

www.norfolkdragonskc.co.uk

Years 3-6 = 5.30pm-6.30pm

Years 7 and 8 = 6.30pm-7.30pm

Dragons Korfball Club runs korfball training at The Open Academy, Heartsease for players in Years 3 and above. After the Christmas break, training will be from Wednesday 9th Jan 2019 until Wed 20th Mar 2019 (NOTE: there will be no training on Wed 20th Feb).

Dragons committee members have decided that to ease administration an up-front payment of £24 can be made at the first session for the 10 sessions. For parents wishing to make payments by cheque, cheques can be made payable to 'Dragons K.C.'

Alternatively a weekly fee of £3 will be charged to cover costs of equipment and hall hire.

The first two sessions are free to new members.

We look forward to seeing you.

Charlie Williams.

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Seniors' Coaches – Mike Fereday, Charlie Williams, Michael May,

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