

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



## WELCOME BACK!

### ELECTRICITY

Year 4 learnt about how electricity gets into our homes. The children collaborated in small groups to create a model of each stage of the journey electricity takes from a power station to a socket.



## VOLCANOES

This week, Year 3 begun learning about volcanoes. After learning the different features of a volcano, we built our own. We then made them erupt using bicarbonate soda and vinegar.





## SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

The School Nursing Team are running another 'school readiness' session on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10:30-11:30am and 'Early Toileting' session on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1-2pm.

Please use the Calendly link below to book your place.

<https://calendly.com/csh-schoolready>

## CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER - FRIENDS

The children have been busy in class creating beautiful Christmas designs that you can use to order cards, wrapping paper, gift labels, mugs, cuddly toys and more!

Order forms featuring your child's individual piece of art have been sent home this week so please check their bags.

These include instructions on how to login to the website where you will be able to approve your child's artwork, view prices and order products.

The deadline for orders is **Wednesday 20th November**, so you don't have long! All ordered products will be delivered to school in early December.

If you need any help at all please contact the Friends at [friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk)

Thank you

[Friends of Wray Common \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)



## WINTER WONDERLAND - FRIENDS

Saturday 30th November 2pm-5pm

**3 WEEKS TO GO!!!!**

Come and join us for an afternoon full of fun and Christmas spirit.

Plenty for both young and old to enjoy, here are a few things to expect on the day:

Food and coffee vendors

Inflatables

Mini carousel

Football shootout

Christmas games stalls

Tombolas

Biscuit decorating

Face painting

Floristry

Booze and rainbow hampers

Mulled wine and mince pies

Performances by cheer, the school choir and street dance

17 stalls selling the perfect Christmas presents

Pre-bookable slots to visit Santa and his workshop are selling fast so please click on the link below to avoid disappointment.

As always, we need a whole team of volunteers to make this event happen, 139 to be precise 🙏

If you are able to show your support and volunteer for 1 hour please email us at [friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk) or register your interest when you purchase your tickets.

Winter Wonderland Team

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday - Prospective Parent Open Morning

Monday - 3F Class Assembly PM



Tuesday - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday - 2P Class Assembly AM

Thursday - 4Be Class Assembly AM

Friday - Girls football v Hatchlands

## CHRISTMAS TREES - FRIENDS

Trees go on sale next weekend. We hope to have a sample tree erected on 22nd November where it will remain up for Winter wonderland. Ordered trees will be delivered on Friday 6th December ready for collection from 5pm that evening and again from 10am Saturday 7th.

## ODD SOCK DAY - 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We can't wait to see everyone's jazzy odd socks!



If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can help you source information about support through the right agencies, and make referrals ourselves to local support groups. Here are some of the things we have supported families with recently:

- School uniform, school bags, P.E. trainers and school shoes
- Pre-loved clothes for children
- Foodbank referrals
- Housing applications and letters of support
- Seasonal gifts for children



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If you have any questions or would like to talk about how we can help, please contact Miss Kober on 01737 761254 or email [familysupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk)

## HONOUR BOOK

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| 1EL | Monty          | For aspiring to be the best he can be this week with super contributions in class discussions.                                   |
| 1B  | Janisha        | Choosing to use the Grow the code sheet to support writing her sentences and in phonics.   |
| 2T  | Theo           | For aspiring to be the best he can be by practising his maths learning at home.  |
| 2P  | Rosa Rae       | For showing respect and setting a good example for how to look after classroom resources.  |
| 3S  | Albie          | For showing courage by using a loud voice during our class assembly performance.   |
| 3F  | Kaliyah        | For showing great perseverance in maths whilst learning her 4 times tables.  |
| 4BR | Thea and Logan | For showing excellent collaboration during the paired writing activity this week.  |
| 4BE | Sariye         | For showing excellent commitment to her learning by doing extra times table practice at home.                                    |
| 5E  | Tegan          | For her perseverance in learning how to apply the method for short multiplication.   |
| 5J  | Heidi          | For making thoughtful contributions to our class discussions within lessons, aspiring to be the best she can be.                 |
| 6C  | Eliza          | For using the different methods we learnt in maths to solve addition and subtraction fraction problems.                          |
| 6F  | Leone          | For using his thinking skills to explain why light was used by Europe more at night than in Africa, South America and Australia. |

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# FORTNITE



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. 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'.

## 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 – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

## IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

## POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

## CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, 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 from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. 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 coming back.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MATCH GAMING TIMES

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

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### 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 also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means 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 any young player knows this.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



# We are hiring!

## School Office Assistant

Fixed term, term time,  
20 hrs/wk

Closes: 18 November 2024



## Music Teacher PPA Cover

Perm, 0.4 FTE, Tues-Weds

Closes: 25 November 2024



## Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Perm, full time, term time

Closes: 8 November @ 11:59



## Qualified Nursery Nurse Practitioner

Perm, full time

Closes: 11 November 2024



View vacancies at:

[greensandacademytrust.co.uk](https://greensandacademytrust.co.uk)



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# FOWC ELFRIDGES SALE

**\* MONDAY 18TH - WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER \***

**AT 1-2:30PM**

We will be selling items for family members, friends, pets and younger members of the family.

£4 per gift - Please bring cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the value inside written on the front.

# Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30  
2-5PM AT WRAY COMMON SCHOOL

BUY YOUR TICKETS USING THE LINK OR QR CODE

£1 - ADULT ENTRY - CHILDREN FREE

PRE-BOOK YOUR SANTA'S GROTTO EXPERIENCE

LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE

MAKE REINDEER FOOD WITH THE ELVES & MEET SANTA

£5 PER CHILD - BABIES FREE

[BIT.LY/WINTERWONDERLAND-2024](http://BIT.LY/WINTERWONDERLAND-2024)



## Wray Common

### Winter Wonderland

#### Refreshments

Selection of drinks & snacks from 50p - £3.00

#### Snow globe & inflatable disco dome

£2.00 - £3.00, timed slots

#### FOWC Gifts & Goodies

Selection of gifts from £2.00

#### Biscuit Decorating

with Mrs Michelle Claus & Di her helper

#### Game Stalls

10 fun Christmas themed stalls to enjoy

from 50p

#### Facepainters

#### Santa's Grotto

Pre-booked slots only. £5 per child

#### External food vendors

Pick a Pod Pizza, Next Phase Coffee

#### External Stall Holders

16 local businesses so you can buy your

Christmas

presents or treat yourself!

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