



## Weekly Newsletter 31st October 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had an enjoyable half-term break.

This week, children in Eagle Owls enjoyed competing in the Norwich SSP TAG rugby competition held locally at Crusaders rugby club. All of the children performed creditably and learnt some new skills. Well done to both teams and also to Mrs Davies, and her team, and also the parents who volunteered to support with escorting the children on their walk to the event.

Children in Year 2 and 3 also enjoyed a new sporting event, with a friendly football match against Ashleigh school on Tuesday. Again they all played really well, and the matches were well contested. Well done to Thomas, Tom, Seth, Seb, Benji, William, Jamal, Josef, Logan and Mason - and all good practice for the May Fair football tournament next year!

Finally, we are all excited about the Friends' Halloween disco on Friday after school. Thank you to Sarah and her team for all the work in organising this. On Friday, children are allowed to come to school in a Halloween theme, but please no face paint or masks, and not any costumes which are excessively scary for the younger children in school!



The recipient of this week's  
Head Teacher award is:

Seth (2) - story written at home to share with his class



Bring in your Children's University passports every Monday via the class baskets and these will be returned to you on Thursdays.  
Send photos, emails and queries to [CULMPS@littlemelton.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:CULMPS@littlemelton.norfolk.sch.uk)

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Last week's attendance was: 95.34%  
Year to date attendance was: 97.12%



N.B. These dates/times could be subject to change.

**Fri 1st November** - Friends Halloween disco 3:15 - 6:00p.m.

**Thurs 7th November** - Open day. Sessions at 9:30a.m and 1:30p.m. All welcome. No need to book.

**Tue 12th November** - Parent consultations 3:30 - 6:00p.m.

**Wed 13th November** - Parent consultations 3:30 - 6:00pm.

**W/c 18th November** - Book People Book Fair

**Sat 23rd November** - Pre-School Christmas Fayre

**Wed 11th December** - School Play 1:45p.m. (No pre-school siblings)

**Thur 12th December** - School Play 9:30a.m Pre-school children welcome

**Thur 12th December** - School Play 6:00p.m. (No pre-school siblings)

**Fri 13th December** - Christmas Jumper Day

**Mon 16th December** - Christmas carol service 1:30 at Little Melton Church - Citrine and Topaz

**Tue 17th December** - Eats Christmas lunch

**Tue 17th December** - Christmas carol service 1:30 at Little Melton Church - Emerald and Garnet

**Wed 18th December** - Festive songs 1.30p.m in the school hall. All welcome.

### Christmas Holidays

**Thurs 19th December - Fri 3rd January 2020**

### Half Term Holidays

**Mon 17th February - Fri 21st February 2020**

**Mon 30th March** - Eagle Owls PGL residential to Thurs 2nd April.

### Easter Holidays

**Thurs 2nd April - Fri 17th April 2020**

### May Half Term

**Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May 2020**

### Summer Holidays commence

**Wed 22nd July 2020**



This week

Sophie age 8  
Seth age 8

### Uniform

Any parents wanting to buy uniform can purchase it direct from this website:

<https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/primary-schools-academies/little-melton-primary-school/>

Book bags are also now online <https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product/little-melton-book-bag/>

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NAVY LITTLE MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT



RED LITTLE MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT



NAVY LITTLE MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CARDIGAN



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### Weekly Gold Book Winners

Well Done Assembly 18th October 2019

Owlets - Scarlett

Snowy Owls - Pippa, Grace B, Sammy & Autumn

Barn Owls - Maya, Alfie, Josef & Mason C

Eagle Owls - Sam, Bailey, & Annabelle

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Pritchard  
Headteacher





**Fortnite: Chapter 2 has finally landed! With a whole host of new in-game features including a brand-new map, more water-based activities, upgraded character skins and a more streamlined arsenal of weapons, this Fortnite is promising to be the best yet. Almost all of the changes are cosmetic which means the concept of the game remains the same, with players still aiming to be the last man standing. Players will no doubt find the game much more enjoyable with so much more to explore. For parents and carers however, it pays to remain vigilant.**



What parents need to know about

# FORTNITE

CHAPTER

# 2

## BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.



## IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.



## FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.



## SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



## CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.



## IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as teen, as it contains cartoony violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



## Top Tips For Parents

### BUYING V-BUCKS

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game



### GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real counter-measure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.

### LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of 'one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns; that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.



### TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.



### CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication; that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.



### PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!



## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



<https://www.theguardian.com/games/2018/mar/07/fortnite-battle-royale-parents-guide-video-game-multiplayer-topics>, <https://www.psychguides.com/behavioral-disorders/video-game-addiction/>, <https://www.polygon.com/2018/3/23/17146648/cross-platform-crossplay-ps4-xbox-pc-switch-ios-mobile-enable-friends-compatibility-in-game>, <https://www.esrb.org/ratings/34948/Fortnite/>



# Starting school in Norfolk

Do you have a child who  
will be five between  
1st September 2020 and  
31st August 2021?

If so, your child could start school full-time in September 2020 and you should apply to Norfolk County Council by 15th January 2020

**Apply on line:** [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk)

(website open between 27th September 2019 and 15th January 2020)

or

Application forms can be obtained from Norfolk County Council Customer Service Centre on 0344 800 8020.

**email:** [admissions@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@norfolk.gov.uk)

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 can start school full time in September 2020

**You must apply for a school place for your child, even if your child currently attends a nursery or you have an older child already at the school.**



Apply online at  
[www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk)



Norfolk County Council



Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

# Christmas

Table-Top & Craft Fair

Delicious Cakes

Huge Raffle

Massive Lucky Dip

Kids Tattoos

Face Painting

Refreshments

Saturday 23 Nov  
10.00am-1.00pm

Little Melton  
Primary School

## Loads of Xmas

## Crafts & Bargains

£1.00 Entry  
Kids Get In Free

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