

Welcome to our...



# Hoyland Springwood Newsletter

**Friday 25th May 2018**  
**Summer Term 1**  
**Week 7**

*Please note...school will be closed on **Monday 4th June** for an INSET Day.  
The school reopens for children on **Tuesday 5th June**.  
We wish all our children and families an enjoyable and safe half-term.*

### Attendance

The table below shows class attendance for this week.

Lemurs	86.1%	Needs improvement
Kangaroos	90.4%	Needs improvement
Lions	95.9%	Nearly there
Peacocks	95.3%	Nearly there
Elephants	96.2%	Very good

Congratulations to Elephants' Class—our Attendance Winners for this week!

### Golden Rules

Our focus Golden Rule the first week after the holiday will be:

***Be Polite & Honest***

### Learning Behaviours

Our focus Learning Behaviour the first week after the holiday will be:

***Planning***

### Careers & Aspiration Fortnight

This week we have been focusing on careers and encouraging our children to aim high in terms of their future aspirations. We have welcomed a number of visitors into school to share their experiences of the world of work with the children and to talk to the children about the skills and experiences that they have needed on their own journeys to their current careers. Miss Quinney spent Monday afternoon with the Empathising Elephants looking at the role of a barrister. The children took part in a court-themed role play and even got the chance to try on her wig and gown! We continued our legal theme on Tuesday with a visit from Miss Fletcher who spoke to the children about civilian careers in the police. The end of the week has seen visits and sessions with Mr Hall to find out about careers in joinery, Mr Fenton about careers as a mechanic and Mr Haworth about careers in computing and information technology (IT). After the half-term break, there will be further visitors and a number of trips to different places of work for the children to find out about further roles. One of the key aims of the fortnight is to challenge stereotypes, particularly in relation to gender, and ensure that the children are aware that all careers are open to all (with only a very few exceptions). Our assembly yesterday morning focused on different types of roles but also trying to reinforce this key message and encourage all of our children to be aspirational for their futures.

### Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property that has been left in school. Miss Smith had this on display in the entrance this morning but we still have a significant quantity. If your child has lost something, please do see Miss Smith as soon as possible. Any unclaimed items which are in good condition will be laundered and sold at the Summer Fair. We would strongly advise that parents name all items of clothing including coats and shoes as this enables us to return items to their rightful owner. Thank you.

# eSafety Focus

Our recent eSafety Questionnaire for Key Stage 2 children showed that a significant proportion of pupils are playing a game called Fortnite. As this is a newer game with which some parents may be unfamiliar, the UK Safer Internet Centre has produced some guidance for parents which can be found below. As always, if you have any concerns about any kind of eSafety issue, please do come and speak to me. Thank you. Mrs Clark

## A Parents' Guide to Fortnite: Battle Royale

### What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is an online game, which includes Battle Royale, where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royale, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat. Users play against people of different ages from across the world, and can talk and interact with each other as they play through the in-game chat feature.

### What age rating is Fortnite?

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, [PEGI](#) have said this is due to the: *'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'*.

This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat.

### What do I need to know?

#### ◆ ***You need to create an account***

In order to play Fortnite you have to create an account. To create this account you need to provide an email address (which you will have to verify) and display/user name. However you are not asked your age in order to create an account.

#### ◆ ***You are playing against other players***

As Fortnite is an online game you will play against players of different ages from across the world. You cannot turn the in game chats off or choose who you play against.

#### ◆ ***You can make in game purchases***

Although Battle Royale is free to play, other aspects of the game are not. There are packs which give you different access to the full game and extensions, bonuses and weapons. These start at £34.99 and go up to £119.99. The game does ask players to make additional in-game purchases whilst playing, though these are not required to play the game.

#### ◆ ***There is animated violence***

Fortnite does feature violence when players are in combat with each other, the animation of the game is very cartoonish, and the violence isn't bloody or gory. However, it is worth noting that the aim of Fortnite is to defeat other players by fighting against them.

#### ◆ ***Where you can play***

Fortnite is currently available on PC, Mac, PlayStation and Xbox , and will soon be available on IOS (apple products). It is downloadable from the Fortnite website, this download gives access to both the free and paid for versions of the game.

### Our Advice

- Have an open and honest conversation with your child
- Play with them
- Know how to make a report



# Summer Fair

## 18th July 2018

Our Summer Fair is fast approaching and we are busy making preparations in school. Each year, the Friends of Springwood team, comprised of staff and parents, puts great energy and time into planning a wide range of stalls and activities. As children move through school, this team has got smaller and smaller and we would warmly welcome some new members, if you are interested, please do let me know! We would also really appreciate donations of the following items for the fair:

- ◆ Items that could be used for tombola or raffle prizes e.g. toiletries, gift items, boxes of chocolates
- ◆ Bric a brac
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Books (for children & adults)
- ◆ Clean clothes in good condition
- ◆ Bottles for a Bottle Tombola (e.g. pop, wine, toiletries)

Items can be brought into school after the half term holiday so, if you are having a sort out over the half-term break, please do think of us! Closer to the time, we would also appreciate donations of buns and cakes but I will remind you of this after half term and also confirm arrangements, including those for collecting children on the day of the fair.

Thank you in anticipation.

Mrs Clark

## Diary Dates

**Friday 25th May**—school closes for half term break

**Monday 4th June**—**INSET Day (school is closed to pupils)**

**Tuesday 5th June**—school reopens for pupils following the half term break

**Wednesday 6th June**—Year 4 & 5 children to Countryside Day at Great Yorkshire Showground

**Wednesday 6th—Friday 8th June**—Year 6 residential

**Tuesday 12th June**—Lemurs, Kangaroos & Lions to The Civic, Barnsley for musical performance

**Monday 18th June**—Class Photos

**Tuesday 19th June**—Lions to Barnsley Metrodome for KS2 Music Festival

**Wednesday 20th June (pm)** - Sports Day (weather permitting)

**Wednesday 20th June**—Choir to Barnsley Vocal Festival (evening)

**Thursday 21st June**—Kangaroos & Lions to United Synagogue in Sheffield

**Monday 25th June**—Lemurs to Wentworth Farm

**Tuesday 3rd—Thursday 5th July**—Year 6 transition visits to Kirk Balk & in-school transition sessions

**Friday 13th July**—Non-uniform day (donations to be brought for the Summer Fair please)

**Tuesday 17th July (eve)** - Springwood's Got Talent

**Wednesday 18th July (pm)** - Summer Fair

**Friday 20th July**—School closes for the summer holidays

**Wednesday 5th September 2018**—School reopens for children following the summer holiday

