

STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN



Dear parents and carers,

This week at Stillington school, we enjoyed our 'Thank it' visit where our pupils watched a performance of 'New girl'. Our pupils focused on how everyone is different and we respect as well as celebrate the differences that we have because that is what makes us, us. Our KS1 and KS2 pupils then took part in a workshop to support their understanding of diversity.



As we are approaching the end of term, we have uniform that has sadly been lost. Parents are welcomed to speak to the class teacher to check if any uniform is their child/children's. Please can we ask that all items of clothing are labelled to ensure that if items do become lost, they can make their way back to their owner.

We have our upcoming sharing assembly on Wednesday 23rd and I look forward to you all joining us in celebrating all the amazing work that has taken place this term. If your child is receiving a certificate, a note was added to their planner this week.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Kind regards,
Miss Tordoff

Sports Enhancement Day – Stillington

On Tuesday 22nd of October, all children including EYFS children will be taking part in our Sports Enhancement Day. Years 1 -6 will take part in their activities at Terrington Village Hall and EYFS children will be taking part in some PE activities at Terrington primary school.

Stillington, Foston and Langton children will be travelling on buses to Terrington with adults from their school. This event is held during the school day, the children will be returned to their school before the end of the school day.

Children in years 1 – 6 are asked to bring a packed lunch. **If you previously ordered a school packed lunch for the Enhancement day that had to be postponed on the 8th of October due to poor weather, your child will receive their packed lunch. Hot school lunches will be available for reception and nursery children if they require one.**

Children will get dressed in their PE kits at school

Police and Fire safety visit

We are super excited to welcome a local community officer for both the police and the fire service next week to talk to children across all our schools. Our fantastic Friday theme this half term is safety, so we are focusing on staying safe online, viewing age-appropriate content and also safety in our community over bonfire night. We are looking forward to asking lots of questions and learning lots of new things.



Wow Work

Miss Katie Allwood

Wow Work - KS1 = EYFS / YEAR 1 & 2

A lovely week in class 1. We have been absolutely fascinated by our giant pumpkins, we have made more play dough and have enjoyed a mixture of art projects and science experiments.

All the children absolutely loved our art workshop that we had last week. They made some wonderful collages and even managed to tidy up their gigantic mess too!



Mrs Catherine Hunter

Wow Work KS2 / YEAR 3 TO 6

It's hard to believe that we are only one week away from the half-term holiday! The children have been so busy this week, and they particularly enjoyed a visit from Thank It Theatre, which looked at how we can welcome new people to our communities. We also thoroughly enjoyed our music session with Dave, who came back for a visit. In other news, we have already started our rehearsals for the Young Voices concert in February - please give consent on ParentPay as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers, as it can be very difficult for us to get more seats once the deadline has passed.



Parent/Carers News

Fortnite and Roblox

It has come to our attention that some children in our schools are playing games online at home that are not appropriate for their age. We recently shared with you 'common sense media' that gives parents a guide to age-appropriate online games. If children say they are playing games with age restrictions above their age, due to safeguarding of children, we will need to follow this up with parents. Please find below information on both Roblox and Fortnite.

Kind regards

Vicki Allon - Pastoral & Attendance Lead

FST Federation in Collaboration with Langton Primary School

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE
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Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 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 at shorter 'seasons'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE
 There's no single-player mode in Fortnite. It's only the shared online, internet-based environment that you can have when you're not at school. Even in terms of parental control settings (to do), you may find that dedicated young gamers get around any other restrictions about how many – such as days out and bedtime – they play on.

IN-GAME COSTS
 Fortnite is free to download and play, but it has other in-game purchases – cosmetics (skins, emotes) and V-Bucks – 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), can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES
 Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing references with other pop culture, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman in a special game such as Marvel Fight. This means that could have children asking questions about the character from other media or characters that are a little weirder than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT
 Parents to prepare with many genres of content may. 'Crossplay' lets players play with each other, regardless of whether they're on the console, PC, or mobile. This means that you may find that you're not alone in terms of how many people are playing the game. There are however, and you might not want to be in a party with someone who is not of the same age.

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 comic book references to lighten the mood. Such as the 'Loot-o-matic' and other weapons, including guns, shotguns and other weapons that are used and being used. However, as discussed is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES
 The game's developers release content to 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each season sees new items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different 'war-movie' theme such as 'The Island', 'Winter of Woe', 'The Big Bang' and 'The End'. These regular updates help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES
 Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends, which is fine. 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. Setting boundaries is definitely a factor here, but it's worth being clear that they're getting something out of it to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS
 Fortnite's in-game store is a real no-nonsense marketplace for buying players into buying 'loot' – other items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to parents wondering how much their child is spending on in-game purchases. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child to ensure that purchases require adult collaboration. 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 fun, but what also brings the spirit are battle pass (unlocking content) rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The game has around 25 and so also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of items can be an effective reward to play Fortnite for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for something they've been trying to do.

BE WARY OF SCAMS
 The most common type of Fortnite scam is one that generally involves 'private servers' or 'private lobbies' that are generally advertised on other parental devices. As the developers do not allow any of their servers to be private, any server that advertises that it is private is not a server that is private. Parents should be aware that if they're getting something out of it to socialise with their friends online, they need to be a player's account added outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER
 Fortnite is also a great game to play with friends. This can be a good opportunity for parents to sit 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 Coleman is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site and has worked in the gaming industry since 2006, providing updates with event coverage, reviews and general gaming. He's the owner of 'Lloyd's Gaming' and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing for fiction books.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX
PEGI 7

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's creator, David Baszucki, claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio. It's built on custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
 Roblox encourages players to interact online (including a group chat function), which could expose children to various risks. Scammers often attempt to trick young Robloxers into accepting their terms for something which turns out to be of much lesser value – or something they never even receive. The fact that you can't see who they're talking to, and that you can't see who they're talking to, means that perfect players can still send unpleasant messages. Anti-predators can't reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS
 There are also called 'daters' and are quite common in Roblox. An 'dater' is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually in person. Such online daters to suggest the Roblox community guidelines, but this doesn't usually deter such people. Some players – such as Roblox levels have been designed with online dating specifically in mind, and this will not always be obvious.

PUBLIC SERVERS
 Roblox also provides a 'VIP' service, which allows players to play exclusively with a group of friends. Roblox usually is free-of-charge, but Roblox players will be asked to pay for anything that anyone can join. Servers can't be used to play with friends, but they can be used to play with friends. Some Roblox servers will not allow children of greater risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES
 Roblox is free to download and play, but there are some extra costs. These are usually in the form of 'Robux' (the in-game currency). Parents are encouraged to make purchases in the game using real money. Parents can also buy items in the game, and it's also possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS
 Roblox offers parents a range of parental control options. These can be used to restrict what children can do in the game, such as chat, and to restrict what children can do in the game. Parents can also restrict what children can do in the game, such as chat, and to restrict what children can do in the game.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
 Roblox's private messaging function poses the risk of unwanted contact. Parents should be aware that if they're getting something out of it to socialise with their friends online, they need to be a player's account added outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

PRIVATE SERVERS
 If a child has friends to play Roblox with, playing for a private server is a good option. Parents should be aware that if they're getting something out of it to socialise with their friends online, they need to be a player's account added outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

MONITOR SPENDING
 If they don't understand how to use real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to restrict what children can do in the game will help avoid any unnecessary surprises. Ensuring that 'two-factor authentication' is enabled on any payment accounts also makes it harder for children to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS
 At some points in their development, children must learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block, report any users who are bothering them and using unauthorised accounts. Talking to them about what's okay to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger – can help them understand how to communicate more safely with other people online.

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Free Parent Maths course

Adult Learning North Yorkshire is offering a free online course, 'Supporting Your Child with Key Stage 2 Maths'.

Starting on Monday, 11th November, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, this 6-week course is designed for parents and caregivers who wish to enhance their child's mathematical skills while also improving their own understanding of the subject.

Participants will:

- Explore the current Key Stage 2 maths curriculum.
- Learn effective strategies to support their child's learning.
- Engage with other parents in a collaborative environment.

To enrol, please visit the link: <https://tinyurl.com/KeyStage2Maths11>

Contact Email: adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk



STILLINGTON PRIMARY DIARY DATES

Sports enhancement day—9am to 3pm	Tuesday 22nd October EYFS to go to Terrington Primary school,.
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 25th October (Last Day) Monday 4th November (First Day Back)
Parents Evening—All years Parents Evening—All years	Tuesday 12th November at 5pm to 7pm Thursday 14th November at 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Malton Sports Centre KS2 children Dodgeball	Wednesday 4th December PE kit required Leave at 12.20, return to school at 2.45pm
<u>Christmas Dinner</u> —All FST schools come together for lunch at Stillington School.	Friday 6th December 11.45am for all EYFS & KS1 pupils 12.30pm for all KS2 pupils
Christingle & Nativity—Stillington School	Thursday 12th December 4pm to 4.30pm
Christmas	Friday 20th December (Last Day) Monday 6th January 2025 (First Day Back)
Spring half –term	Friday 14th February 2025 (Last Day) Monday 24th February (First Day Back)
Easter	Friday 4th April 2025 (Last Day) Wednesday 23rd April 2025 (First Day)
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 2nd May 2025 (Last Day) Tuesday 6th May 2025 (First Day)
Summer Half—Term	Friday 23rd May 2025 (Last Day) Monday 2nd June 2025 (First Day Back)
Summer	Friday 18th July 2025 (Last Day)