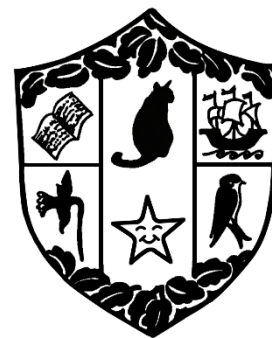


# Deneholm Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 2

### September 2020



**\*Resourcefulness \*Resilience \*Reasoning \*Responsibility \*Reflection**

Dear parents/carers,

This week SLT have seen some fantastic writing from your children during our learning walks. The children have been focused, using some brilliant vocabulary and learning new grammatical skills. We are so impressed with how quickly all of the children have settled back into the school routine.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Reception children full time next week. They have made a brilliant start to school and we know they are going to continue to shine.

Thank you again to all of our families for your support with drop-off and collection. Please remember that it is only one adult for collection. Parents in Year 4, we are going to try a new method for collection from Monday. Can you please check your emails for more information.

We have included with the newsletter this week a letter from Public Health England. It explains when a person needs a Coronavirus test and what the symptoms of Coronavirus are. We hope this will support families when making decisions if their child/children becomes poorly.



Kevin has been in this week visiting those children who have demonstrated excellent

behaviour and worked hard in lessons. Kevin loves coming to visit and we hope he will be getting a special Deneholm uniform soon.

This week the children had an assembly in class about staying safe and who they can talk to if they are feeling unsafe. We discussed with the children some of the different social media apps and the ages you should be to use them. We know that Fortnite is a popular game amongst our children and below is some information that we have found useful if you choose to let your child play this game. The information is taken from [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com).

*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 in voice 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 **can** turn this communication off in your setting or choose who you play against. You are also able to block or mute other players who are behaving in an inappropriate manner.

### **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, in game currency and 'skins' which edit the design of your character. These start at £8 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.

### **The graphics**

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 on IOS (apple products) and Android. It is downloadable from the Fortnite website, this download gives access to both the free and paid for versions of the game.

### **Advice**

#### **Have an open and honest conversation with your child**

It's important to involve yourself in your child's online life and a simple and effective way to this is by talking to them about their life online. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child and find opportunities to talk to them about what they love to do online. Parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online at the same time. Asking your child about how they play Fortnite and what they like about it is a great way to start a conversation.

### **Play with them**

It may seem daunting, but one of the best things that you can do is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes Fortnite so attractive to young people, as well as giving yourself an idea of the reporting tools available within the game.

### **Know how to make a report**

On Fortnite you can report players who are behaving inappropriately by using the in-game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu, **you can also make a report by emailing the creators of Fortnite.**

### **See what other people think of Fortnite**

Common Sense Media allow parents and young people to give their reviews of games that they have played. They have created a **very useful video guide to Fortnite with footage of the gameplay involved.**

We hope you have a fantastic weekend!

### **Year 6 Leadership Team**

This week Mrs Robinson and Mrs Bradfield held interviews for the Year 6 Leadership Team and were so proud of how the children conducted themselves. Today we are pleased to announce the following appointments:

Head Boy – Will Minister

Head Girl – Zara Amarah

Deputy Head Boy - Kaif Rihaz

Deputy Head Girl – Fauste Bukyte

#### Prefects

Lais Jaffri Lucie Tween

Olivia McCarthy Evita Keblyte

Ollie Cleary Connie Diver

Harley-Mae Colley Isabella Nash

Jamie Megran Brooke Marrison

Modade Balogun David Akerele

Matilda Haigh De Cruz Ellie McEwan



## School Clubs

To book a place at breakfast or afterschool club please log into SimsPay and look for the date you wish your child to attend, place the club in the basket before checking out. If you pay with childcare vouchers please call Mrs Davey and book in advance.



## Reading Tree

This week we have launched our Deneholm Reading Tree to encourage and reward reading at home. Children will earn different things to add to the tree as they reach reading targets. Please sign your child's Learning Log when they have read at home. Regular reading at home has a significant impact on children's reading ability. A separate letter was emailed home about the Reading Tree earlier this week. We are looking forward to adding items to the tree in the coming weeks.



## Missing books

Our reading book stock is currently very low, particularly for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please search at home for any reading books that belong to school e.g. Biff and Chip books, and return them to us. We understand that many books may still be at home if they were not returned before lockdown. Thank you for your support.



## Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who donated on Jeans Genes Day, we raised a grand total of £312.40 for Genetic Disorders UK.



**Important Dates for your diary...**

## AUTUMN TERM

**OCTOBER**

26<sup>th</sup> October – 6<sup>th</sup> November Half Term

**NOVEMBER**

9<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation

**DECEMBER**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

## SPRING TERM

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

**JANUARY**

4<sup>th</sup> Inset Staff Training

**FEBRUARY**

15<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>st</sup> February Half Term

**MARCH**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 26<sup>th</sup> March**

## SUMMER TERM

**APRIL**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

3<sup>rd</sup> May Bank Holiday

**LAST DAY OF TERM 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

**MAY**

31<sup>st</sup> May (Bank Holiday) – 4<sup>th</sup> June Half Term

**JUNE**

**JULY**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 16<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**\*WE WILL AIM TO KEEP TO THESE DATES BUT, IF NECESSARY, THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**WE WILL INFORM YOU OF STAFF TRAINING/NON PUPIL DAYS AS THEY ARE BOOKED.**