



# Croyland Primary School

**Shout Out!**  
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My writing space gets smaller and smaller every month. My words are quite boring in comparison to reading about Reception wildlife and the superb trip to the Peak District in Year 4. I was invited to go on this trip and it has certainly been one of the highlights of my year. Your children were such fun to be with. I know the staff who visited Kingswood last week said the same. I am just thankful I have so many staff that believe in the outdoor experience and support the organising process and I would like to say a big thank you to them all in this newsletter. They come back shattered but tell me it's so worth it.

We have a very busy five weeks ahead. Key dates are on the back of this newsletter and we will send out weekly text reminders. I would hate you to miss any of your child's special events.

**Miss Deakin**

## Can you Help?

Reception classes are expanding their maths games for the children to enjoy and are collecting interesting items for counting. If you have any sets of small items (eg. mini figures, animals, zomblings) you no longer need, we would be happy to give them a new home.

## Additionally we are looking for:

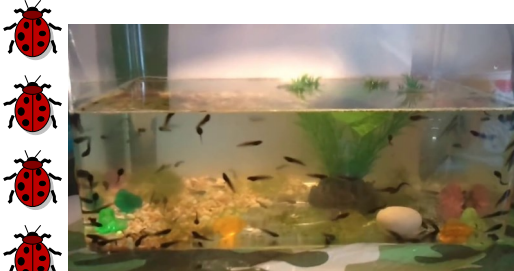
Old keys  
Hair bands (scrunchies)  
Coloured pegs  
Small shells  
Plastic cracker toys  
Spinning tops  
Wind up toys  
Plastic ducks

**Anything else you think we might be able to use.**

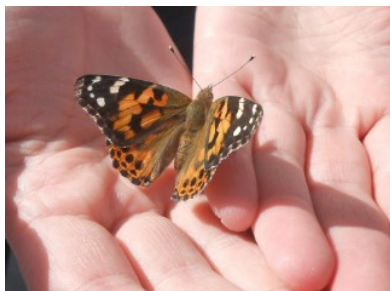


## Reception Chicks, tadpoles and butterflies

The Owls and Robins have been looking after some very special visitors this term. We watched patiently as the eggs cracked – wobbled, jiggled and finally the chicks pushed their way out. They were tired, wet and small but it didn't take long before they were up on their feet and entertaining us with their merry cheeping. We are pleased to confirm that the chicks are off to a happy home when they leave us on Friday.

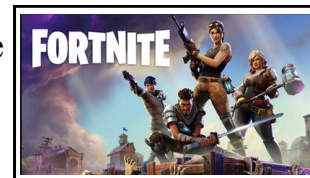


We also watched and cared for caterpillars which grew into colourful butterflies and tadpoles which, as we speak, are just getting their first legs!



## **Fortnite: Advice for parent**

In school we have noticed an increasing number of children playing the game 'Fortnite'. Please read the following advice from Childnet to ensure that your child is safe.



### **What is Fortnite?**

Fortnite is an online game, Battle Royale is a part of Fortnite where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royal, the free segment of Fortnite, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat.

Users are playing against people of different ages from across the world, and Fortnite has in game audio chat so that players can talk and interact with each other as they play.

### **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 **cannot** turn this communication 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.

#### **Where you can play**

Fortnite is currently available on PC, Mac, PlayStation and Xbox, and it is 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**

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.

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.**

# My trip to Ilam Hall

## by Cameron Hinks



When we got to Ilam Hall, the first thing we did was have our packed lunch. Afterwards we walked up some steps in the wood to get to the Mini Beast Habitat. Tyler's group were making a log house, my group made a little beast habitat and I collected loads of sticks. We stacked the twigs up with enough room for bugs to crawl into it. Team building was the funnest thing ever, because everyone was laughing and everyone was having fun.

On Day 2 we all went on a long walk through the forest. We had to walk through fields, trying to miss sheep and cow poop. The best part in the forest was when we went over a stream by using stepping stones. I was a bit scared when I got halfway across but Mr Carroll held my hand and helped me across. After that we went back and had free time. I played hide and seek.

In the afternoon we had an egg rocket competition. We got plastic bottles which we decorated. Then we filled them with water. An egg was put on top of the bottle and air was pumped into it to make the egg shoot up in the air. It went really high.

On Day 3 we went on a different walk through the forest. When we got back to Ilam Hall we could spend some money in the gift shop. I bought a notebook and a fridge magnet with a picture of Ilam Hall on it.

Then we had lunch and got on the coach to come home.

It was my first time away and it was so exciting, I was ecstatic.



## Summer Holiday Club!

Save your Space now by booking your child (4 to 11 years) into the Holiday Club at Croyland. The Summer holidays are just over a month away!

Prices:

7.45am to 12.30pm £13.50

1pm to 6pm £14.00

7.45am to 6pm £22.50\*

(\*Packed lunch required)

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact the school or Mrs Kirkwood on 01933 234027 or 07765779794





## Mrs Collins' June Maths Challenge: Albert Square



36 people live in the eight houses in Albert Square.  
Each house has a different number of people living in it.  
Each line of three houses has 15 people living in it.  
How many people live in each house?

**Please respect our neighbours and DO NOT PARK on their grass verges, across drives or block access to roads.**

**We are very sad to hear that parents from our school have been abusive to our neighbours. This is NOT acceptable.**

**We advise our neighbours to call the police in these instances.**

Did you enjoy this? Have a look at [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) for more fun maths games! The link to this is on the Croyland website under Learning Zone Mathematics.

## Diary Dates:



Monday 11th June	Yr4 to Irchcester Country Park
Wednesday 13th June	Choir Performance at Derngate
Friday 15th June	Dragons Den for Yr6
Monday 18th June	Tri Golf Skills at Wollaston School
Tuesday 19th June	Year 2 to Hunstanton
Wednesday 20th June	New Parents Evening
Thursday 21st June	Archery for selected
Tuesday 26th June	NMPAT String Recital
Wednesday 27th June	Year 3 to Whipsnade
Wednesday 27th June	Year 6 to Irchester Country Park
Thursday 28th June	Year 2 Sleepover
Friday 29th June	Year 5 to Food and Farming Expo
Monday 2nd July	Transfer Day
Tuesday 3rd July	Transfer Day for Year 6 only
Tuesday 3rd July	Year 3 to Mayor's Parlour
Thursday 5th July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 13th July	Final Red Carpet Assembly
Friday 13th July	Enterprise Fair
Monday 16th July	Year 6 to Lazer Maze
Thursday 19th July	Year 6 Ball
Friday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 20th July	<b>END OF TERM 6 FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF</b>
Thursday 6th September	Start of the new school year for Children