

# Dunnington News



15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Keeping Children Safe Online

On Wednesday evening parents and carers of our year 5 and 6 pupils attended a very informative session run by North Yorkshire Police on keeping children safe online. Amongst a range of tips, PC Laura Harper, who ran the session, explained that the most important thing in internet safety is to regularly have conversations with your children about their online activity, taking an interest from an early age in everything they do. She also highlighted an extremely useful website: [www.net-aware.org.uk/](http://www.net-aware.org.uk/) where you can find detailed information about the content, safety and age ratings of a wide range of games, apps and social media that your children access. It is a fantastic resource and one that could be used as a valuable part of discussions.

## Fortnite for Parents

A number of parents have raised concerns with me about the pressures associated with the latest online gaming craze, 'Fortnite'.

Although this is a 12+ rated game, unsuitable for children at our school, I am very aware that many children are playing this on a regular basis as we are experiencing a number of *in-school* relationship difficulties as a result of *out-of-school* gaming issues. As I'm sure you can imagine, this is incredibly time-consuming for staff.

As a parent, I appreciate how difficult it can be to keep up to speed with the vast array of apps and games that are available online and also to understand the risks associated with each of them. As already mentioned in this newsletter, the Net Aware website is a very useful first port of call. However, I thought it would also be helpful to share the attached National Online Safety information on Fortnite. This guide informs you about the dangers associated with the viral game and how you can reduce the associated risks including; restriction of payment methods, preventing children talking to strangers, making a report, avoiding scams, using strong passwords and reducing the risk of gaming addiction.

We cover various aspects of e-safety with all year groups as part of our computing curriculum. Next week, North Yorkshire Police will also be delivering some online safety lessons to our Y5 and Y6 pupils.

Fortnite is just one current example of an online game which has featured heavily in many news publications and programmes in recent weeks. Please do continue to take the time to research all games thoroughly so that you can make informed choices about your child's online safety and well-being.

**Caroline Hancy**

## Walk to School Week 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June and National Clean Air day 21<sup>st</sup> June

This year walk to school week in York has been moved and will be held 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June to coincide with National Clean Air Day, the theme of which this year is around changing the way you travel for clean air. As walk to school week is all about changing travel behaviour the week is being held at the same time as we celebrate clean air day.

Cars are responsible for a significant proportion of the air pollution experienced in urban areas and children in particular are more vulnerable to its harmful effects. So by leaving the car at home and walking, cycling or scooting to school, families will be able to make a real contribution to improving air quality both around school and in the city. Fewer cars means that it is safer for all around the school and it's better for health too. Children really love walking and cycling to school, being able to discover more about their surroundings and meet their friends on the way. Please do join in if you can!



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### Facts

- Pollution accumulates inside cars. Cyclists and pedestrians often breathe cleaner air than drivers.
- Air pollution damages our hearts and not just our lungs.
- Young children, older people and those with asthma or other heart and lung conditions are most affected by air pollution.



### Tips

- Leave your car at home and walk or cycle to breathe cleaner air and cause less pollution.
- Use quieter streets when you walk or cycle to reduce your exposure to air pollution.
- Switch off your vehicle engine when you are stationary or parked (and it is safe to do so).

For support and advice to get you walking and cycling, and to help plan your route visit [www.itravellyork.info](http://www.itravellyork.info)



#### PTA NEWS

Raffle tickets will be issued shortly into book bags! We now have a £50 cash prize donated by Portakabin/Shepherd Group plus lots more lovely prizes to be won!!! Remember to send your stubs and money to the school office by Thurs 5th July at the latest!

We desperately need more volunteers for the KS2 Movie Night next Friday 22nd June please! Please email [dunningtonprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:dunningtonprimarypta@gmail.com) or let Michelle Scaife know if you are free to help from 3.15-5.15 pm.

Don't forget Ice Lolly Friday will continue every Friday in both the Infants and Junior Playgrounds straight after school - 50p each!

We also still need volunteers to help on stalls for the Summer Fair, Saturday 7th July 11-1pm. Any Year 6 parents please could you ask your son or daughter if they are willing to help for an hour on a stall.

We will be recording the infant choir performance on 26<sup>th</sup> June. A DVD order form is attached.

Summer Fair - We will be having a soft toy shy again this year - please could you send in any donations of good quality, unmarked cuddly toys!

Many thanks as ever for all your support.

The PTA Committee

#### SUMMER CONCERT

There are lots of ways to get involved with performing arts at Dunnington.

The summer concert will take place next Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, at 6.00pm.

This year it will be the dance club and individual musicians performing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Y3/4 VISIT TO GRIMM & CO APOTHECARY

The Y3/4 classes will be visiting Grimm & Co at Rotherham in July.

Further details and a permission slip will be sent to Y3/4 parents.



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