



Dunton Bassett Primary School Newsletter w/e 28/04/2023

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We've had a great week this week. Daphne and Beatrice, our guinea pigs, have had some time outside and moved house, Class 3 ate bugs in Forest School, Class 2 have written letters to the King and Class 1 have been busy organising their outdoor area. We hope you have a great Bank Holiday weekend and we'll see you back at school on **Tuesday!**

Mr. Howard

Next (School) Week's Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

Day	Event
Mon 01/05	Bank Holiday
Tue 02/05	Guitar Lessons (paid)
Wed 03/05	Lego Club (paid) 3.15 - 4.15 pm Yr 6 SATS Club (by invite) 3.15 - 4.00 pm
Thu 04/05	Film Club YR-4 3.15 - 4.30 pm Dance Festival Yr 4/5/6 @ Lutterworth College, 3.45 - 5.30 pm *
Fri 05/05	Hot Chocolate Friday Celebration Assembly PTA Gardening Club 3.15 - 4.15 pm *

E Safety:

We will provide information about a different aspect of E safety every week in this publication; we hope you find it useful. This week's topic is: **FIFA 23**

The Dunton Bassett Community Singers and Guests

Dunton Bassett Folk Club and Peatling Recorders will be holding a Spring Concert on Sunday 14th May at 2.30pm @ Village Hall.

Tickets: Adults £5 and Children under 18 free (refreshments included),
On the door or Tel: 01455 202370



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the 'just one more game' mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder – a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

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School Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

Summer Term 2023	
Thu 04/05	Dance Festival (Yr 4/5/6) @ Lutt College 3.45-5.30 *
Fri 05/05	Coronation Party (non-uniform day: red, white and blue)
Mon 08/05	Kings' Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed
w/c 09/05	KS2 SATS Week
Mon 15/05	Leics Mobile Library
Mon 15/05	Tennis Festival (Y3/4) @ Lutt High School 3.45-5.30
Sat 20/05	PTA Garden Clearance @ School: Volunteers. 11.00-1.00 *
Mon 22/05	Saffron Lane Athletics (Y3-6) 9.30-12.30 *
Fri 26/05	Class Photos
w/c 29/05	Summer Half-Term Week
Mon 05/06	Start of Summer 2nd
Wed 07/06	Transition Sports Festival (Y6) @ Lutt College 3.45-5.30
Thu 08/06	Parent Forum 2.00 – 3.00 *
Sat 10/06	Village and PTA Summer Fete *
Fri 16/06	PTA Fathers' Day Craft 3.15-4.15
Fri 23/06	School Sports Afternoon 1.30-3.00 *
w/c 26/06	Bikeability Yrs 5&6
Mon 26/06	Annual Reports Out
Tue 27/06	C3 Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 *
Thu 29/06	Yr 5 Taster Day @ Lutterworth High School
Thu 06/07	Leavers' Assembly 2.30-3.00 *
Fri 07/07	Minnie Burman Awards Assembly 2.30-3.00 *
Wed 12/07	Last Day of School Year

Class One Weekly News

This week's awards:		
Excellent Work: Douglas	Values: Jaxon	Hot Chocolate: Pixi Autumn
This Week's Learning: This week we have been learning to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Yr R - read words containing the sound oy and read the tricky words your, he, be and my● Yr R - count on and back beyond 10, using representations to notice the repeating 1-9 patterns● Yr 1 - apply the spelling rules for oy / oi● Yr 1 - create arrays and understand the difference between columns and rows● discuss our favourite food and find out where some of these foods come from (R) and understand what human and physical features are and find examples of these in our local area (Yr 1)● know about life cycles of animals (R) make careful observations about parts of a plant● use our observational skills to complete a self-portrait (R) and understand how adding texture can more details to a drawing (Yr 1)		
Next Week's Learning: Next week we will be celebrating King Charles' Coronation by having a 'street party' at school on Friday 5th May; please can your child come into school wearing red, white and blue. We will be providing food and refreshments for the party. We will also be continuing our learning about plants and life cycles in science, learning about other countries and the city of Shanghai in geography and completing observational drawings using pastels in art.		

Homework & Reminders:

PE sessions weekly on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please can your child come into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

Homework:

Homework books have been sent home today. Please can these be returned to school on Wednesday - huge thanks for giving your time and support to consolidate your child's learning this week.

Phonics books / quizzes will be added weekly on Fridays onto Oxford Owl. Please access these via

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students> with your child's unique login.

RWI Phonics Online Consolidation of Learning at School (please note that these links change weekly to support the children's current learning and can be accessed at home on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. They are only active links for 7 days.)

Yr 1 Please follow the links to consolidate learning we have been practising in class this week

[set 3 reading at home u-e](#)

[reading longer words ay/ ai/a-e lesson 1](#)

[set 3 speed minutes lesson 2](#)

Yr R Please follow the links to consolidate learning of the sounds we have been practising in class this week

[Word Time 1.6 lesson 3](#)

[reading at home oy](#)

[Speed Minutes Set 2 lesson 2](#)

Reading: Please add a comment in your child's reading book each day they share their phonics online learning with you at home. Thank you for sharing your child's reading scores and feedback via Oxford Owl. Stickers will be added to the children's reading charts at the end of each week.

Tapestry - Please continue to add any learning your child is doing at home. Thank you to all the parents who have added learning from home this week.

Class Two Weekly News

This week's awards:		
Excellent Work: Lulu	Values: Peabo	Hot Chocolate: Eden Sofia
This Week's Learning: In English we have been writing formal letters to King Charles III. In maths the year 2s have finished their unit on mass and capacity. The year 3s have finished their unit on fractions. In geography we looked at some coastal areas of the UK and began thinking about some of the features you might find. In PSHE we looked at some dilemmas around honesty. In computing we looked at some ways in which text and layout can be edited.		
Next Week's Learning: In maths the year 2s will begin their unit on fractions, while the year 3s will be starting their unit on mass and capacity. In PE we will practise our long jump techniques. In science we will be looking at how the shape of objects can be changed depending on the materials they are made from. In geography we will be looking more closely at the physical features of the coast. In computing we will be looking at how to choose appropriate page settings.		
Homework & Reminders: Next week we will be celebrating King Charles' Coronation by having a 'street party' at school on Friday 5th May; please can your child come into school wearing red, white and blue. We will be providing food and refreshments for the party. Yr 2 spelling - looking at r sound spelt wr at the beginning of words - see homework sheet. Yr 3 spelling - looking at s sound spelt sc - see homework sheet. Values task - Is it ever OK to lie? Explain your answer.		

Class Three Weekly News

This week's awards:		
Excellent Work: Chester	Values: Lyla	Hot Chocolate: Gabrielle Stan
This Week's Learning: This week most of class 3 finished their stuffed toys, despite some of us really struggling with learning to do blanket stitch. The children also continued their Forest schools sessions, and looking at the photographs they were having great fun. In Maths Year 4 and 5 have been doing decimals and year 6 have been working on statistics and showing data in graphs. We have also begun to read <i>The Nowhere Emporium</i> as a class book and are using it as the basis for our narrative writing.		
Next Week's Learning: Next week we will be continuing the Maths and English units of work we have already started over the last couple of weeks. There is also the opportunity for children to go to a dance festival after school on Thursday where they will get a chance to do a carousel of activities and put together a performance which they will do at the end of the session. It will be the last Year 6 SATs club on Wednesday as the children will be doing their Year 6 SATs the following week.		
Homework & Reminders: Dance festival after school on Thursday Last Year 6 SATs club on Wednesday Next week we will be celebrating King Charles' Coronation by having a 'street party' at school on Friday 5th May; please can your child come into school wearing red, white and blue. We will be providing food and refreshments for the party. Homework has been set as usual this week for years 4 and 5 and the children will need computer access to complete the spelling and maths aspects of it (All children now have the necessary logins). If you are having problems with the app on mobile phones you may need to do updates or to uninstall and reinstall. Our school value focus for this half term is Honesty and this week they are thinking about how they feel when others are dishonest. Year 6 will be continuing their revision homework.(GPS book pages 24-34) We continue to consider reading to be of vital importance and would ask you to positively encourage your child to read as frequently as possible and as widely as possible (don't forget that discussion with an adult to check comprehension is vital even for those really good readers).		

