

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we have had! Yesterday, we celebrated European Day of Languages by devouring a magnificent Italian lunch (pasta and pizza) cooked by Mrs. Parker.



**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING**



We also had the most wonderful Macmillan Reading Café this morning. Our School Hall had such a lovely atmosphere! Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes and thank you also to those of you who were able to attend. We raised an amazing £135!

School Councilors

Our School Councilors met briefly for the very first time this week and our Librarians did an amazing job of tidying our Library today! We are so proud of how well the children are embracing their responsibilities!

Praise Assembly

Praise assembly will resume next week and the Parents of Children in Class 2 will be more than welcome to join us at 2.55pm. on Friday 4th October.

PIANO LESSONS

Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest in piano lessons. I will be in touch next week with further details.



Leek Club Horticultural & Industrial Exhibition

Thank you to those children who entered into the Leek Show competitions and/or attended the show. It is great to see our local events being supported!



Thank you also to those of you who have returned your After School Wraparound survey. If you haven't yet returned yours, please could you do so on Monday.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 1st October – Unscripted Photography

Tuesday 8th October – Harvest Lunch – more details to follow

Tuesday 22nd October – Flu vaccinations in school

School Closes – Thursday 24th October (Inset day – Friday 25th October)

Have a lovely weekend everyone! See you all on Monday!

Mrs Hayward ☺



ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you not so familiar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**



ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.



CHATTING AND FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform, allowing the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the potential to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account info. If they are, advise them to make them private or remove them in their account. This will ensure nobody can find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2 STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not contact anyone including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.