

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

In last week's newsletter, we published the details of "The Big Ask", launched by new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza. This is the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. I would urge all parents to complete the [survey with their children](#) as well as their [own short survey](#). Each only take a few minutes to complete. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential and provide the evidence needed to encourage government to invest further in the future of our country's children in the right ways. Thousands of children and parents have already completed the survey across the country to ensure their voices are heard.

Our virtual parents' evening booking system will be open from this coming Monday. You will be able to book one slot for each of your children for the evenings of Tuesday 18th or Thursday 20th May from this time. The booking system closes for these appointments on Sunday 16th May. Kestrel class parents have additional booking slots to choose from for the evening of Wednesday 12th May. Bookings close for these additional appointments on Sunday 9th May. Please see the accompanying information which provides a summary of these details as well as full instructions for those who would appreciate a reminder or who are new to the online system.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.



KS2 Explore the Village Wednesday 05 May

On Wednesday 5th May, KS2 will be exploring the village as part of our WOW day for our current geography topic. Please could children wear school uniform tops and comfortable shoes and trousers appropriate for walking. A backpack to carry a drink and a snack will also be needed and a coat or sunhat or both, depending on what the weather decides on the day as we will be doing this regardless of the weather! For KS2 pupils at Monkton Farleigh if you have any small boxes at home (raisin boxes, cereal bar, not cereals, etc.) can they be sent into school for Falcon class to use to make a model of the places they visit.

Parents' Evening Guidance

- Please book an appointment to see your child's classteacher at <https://parents-booking.co.uk/churchfieldsvillage>. You do not need a password, simply use your child's legal name and date of birth to sign in. Contact the school office on admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk or 01225 703026 if you encounter any problems. You will need to be able to access your account on the night itself to join the meeting so please let us know if we can help.
- **Before your meeting** is due to start, log on to your account to check everything is ready to go. We have found that it is best to use Google Chrome web browser for this if using your PC/laptop. Internet Explorer did not work for us.
- Ensure your webcam and speaker/microphone (or headset) is set up and you have given your web browser access permission if required (often found under 'privacy' settings).
- Several minutes before your meeting, a blue 'JOIN VIDEO APPOINTMENT' button will appear in your parents' booking account. Click this then wait for the teacher to finish their previous meeting. You will then be connected automatically.
- If you are unable to connect with your child's classteacher during the time of your appointment due to technical issues, this will be logged by them and you will be contacted by the school office the following day to rebook. Please do not telephone the school at the time.
- Appointments are ten minutes in length. In order to prevent you from having to wait at your computer, etc. for your meeting to start, the system will start and end every appointment on time. A timer will be shown during your video call to inform you how much time you have left. All teachers are very willing to continue any important discussions if necessary outside of your designated slot at another mutually convenient date and time.

Booking Dates:

- The appointment evenings available are Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th May for all classes.
- Bookings can be made for these evenings using the online system from Monday 3rd to Sunday 16th May for all classes.
- Kestrel class has an additional evening available for appointments on Wednesday 12th May. You may book these from Monday 3rd May to Sunday 9th May.



Mathletics

Another mathlete with the golden touch! Well done

Scarlett - fantastic work. And well done also to those children who are working so hard and so consistently every single week. We are very impressed with all your efforts.

GOLD: Scarlett

SILVER: Maddox, Scarlett

BRONZE: Oscar, Oliver CJ, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Rufus, Oliver H, Lillie, Emily J, William J, Ted L, Vinnie, Violet, Eleanor, George R, Kaan, Scarlett, Isabella

Falcon class Google Classroom

I am adding to Google Classroom weekly the spellings, Gem and Math certificates that take place in school. I will also be using Google Classroom for setting tasks at home such as home learning and activities to support in school learning on grammar. Please access these resources as well as sharing the wonderful things children do in their own time. Can I also request that the children come into school with their login details as Google Classroom will soon be used in class.

Many thanks Mrs Croker



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Working in partnership with Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), Bradford on Avon Community Area Network and Bradford on Avon Town Council.

Opening Times: Monday - Friday 10.00-1.00
 See separate notice board for groups including foodbank, Debt Advice, Work Club



SUPERHERO SKILLS FOR SCHOOL!

Is your child starting school this September?

Come and join us for 4 interactive online sessions to find out how you can support your child through this exciting time!


Families can now book their 4 week program with availability throughout May until September.

Week 1: Incredible Independence
Week 2: Terrific Thinkers
Week 3: Lift Off To Literacy
Week 4: Fuelled Up For Fun

New to online groups? We can offer one to one support on how to join us online!

You will also receive a FREE gift!

Please call Spurgeons Wiltshire Children's Centres on 0800 970 4669 for more information and to book your space!
 www.spurgeons.org



A creative music-making opportunity running online* during the Whitsun half term holiday for musicians aged 8-18 of any level, welcoming all instruments and abilities.

JukeBox Music Club gives young musicians the chance to work on activities in their own time and pace, with online support from the tutors.

- gain skills in improvisation and composition
- learn about the characteristics of different musical styles
- improve performance skills
- learn how to use a backing track to record music
- meet with the JukeBox community virtually*

For more information and to book via Eventbrite visit www.jukeboxmusicclub.org.uk

*with plans to meet face to face Covid-19 as restrictions are eased

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Term 5	
Monday 03 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 05 May	KS2 Explore the Village Falcon Class – Monkton Farleigh Nightingale & Kestrel Class – Atworth
Tuesday 18 May	Virtual parents evening until 7pm
Wednesday 19 May	YR. Reception Vision Screening
Thursday 20 May	Census Day roast dinner
Thursday 20 May	Virtual parents evening until 6pm
Thursday 27 May	Tempest class vista photos
Friday 28 May	End of Term 5
Term 6	
Monday 07 June	Start of Term 6

Future INSET days for Academic Year 2020/2021: **Thursday 22 July and Friday 23 July**

INSET days planned for academic year 2021-2022

Wednesday 01 September 2021

Tuesday 04 January 2022

Friday 08 April 2022

Monday 06 June 2022

Monday 25 July 2022



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

PEGI 7+

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefers and online predators.

Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emoticons, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.

ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.

Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.

Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.

Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.

Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!

Meet Our Expert

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