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Hainford Newsletter

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to see the children come back refreshed and keen to resume the routine of school life. The diary for this term is filling up quickly, so please keep an eye on the diary dates on the end of the Newsletter and check bookbags for letters about events.

KS1 Sportshall Athletics

The weather held out and the children had a great day taking part in key stage 1 multi-skills, the activities included catching and throwing, playing stuck in the mud, bulldog, and cricket. Scarlett from class 1 said "It was really fun".



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 of many games 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

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefer and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS
These are also called 'Oders' and are quite common in Roblox. An Oder is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Oders. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert
Clara Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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SEN and Mental Health surgeries:

These are regular meetings for parents to meet with Jenni Porter (Executive Deputy for SEND) and Natalie Brown (Pastoral Manager) to discuss any burning issues you may have. You are more than welcome to come to any or all of the meetings, however, we will have limited spaces. The meeting spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will receive confirmation of your space and the topics to be covered via email. The themes of the meetings will be chosen by you! Please fill in the form via this link:

<https://forms.gle/iZBgjnSUJttQGb17>

The 'Value for Life' for this half-term is Truthfulness

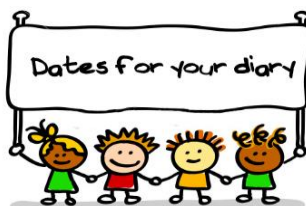
A Christian Perspective on Truthfulness:

Christians believe that truth is revealed in the Bible and supremely in the person and life of Jesus Christ. Through Jesus' teaching we are given an insight into the nature of God and the way in which He means us to live.

As a school community, we will be exploring how we can be true friends, be true to ourselves and true to our beliefs.

Let's Celebrate!

April 28th	Star Award	Values Award Truthfulness
Class 1	Elias – <i>Amazing independent writing about Dragons.</i>	Hugo – <i>Being honest and helpful</i>
Class 2	Libby – Great attitude to learning.	Jenson – <i>For being kind and compassionate.</i>
Class 3	Thea, Ruby, Daisy C, Bella, Chloe – <i>Great work in English including a Fantastic retelling a traditional story using drama.</i>	Louie – <i>For always being truthful, helpful and trustworthy.</i>



Alterations/Updates in blue

May

8th School closed due to additional Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)

WB 9th KS2 (year 6) SATS week

15th KS2 Cricket 9.30 – 2:30 (more to follow)

18th May – Special Lunch (see attached)

Half-Term: 29th May – 2nd June

June

3rd First day back to school

7th Class 3 Trip to Amazona Zoo (letters sent 18th April)

12th Class Photos

Thank you for all of your support