School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 3rd June	• **School reopens for Summer Term 2** • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Striking and Fielding *use ParentPay to book*
Tuesday 4th June	• Football training after school • Qualitas Club after school – KS1 – Football *use ParentPay to book*
Wednesday 5th June	• Qualitas Club after school – KS1 and KS2 - Athletics *use ParentPay to book* • Choir at lunchtime
Thursday 6th June	• Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9am – 10.30am • Class 4 Swimming
Friday 7th June	• Forest Schools for all Infant Children - AM
Monday 10th June	• Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Striking and Fielding *use ParentPay to book* • **Football match – St Giles V South Darley – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THIS MATCH**
Tuesday 11th June	• **NO FOOTBALL TRAINING TODAY** • Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Football *use ParentPay to book*
Wednesday 12th June	• Choir at lunchtime • Qualitas Club after school – KS1 and KS2 - Athletics *use ParentPay to book*
Thursday 13th June	• Class 4 swimming • South Peak Sports, Darley Dale Primary School
Friday 14th June	• Forest Schools for all Infant Children - AM

OTHER NEWS

- **Class photographs. All children should have brought home a slip with a QR code. The deadline for ordering to qualify for free delivery is 9th June. If you have any queries at all you can contact Chris at chris@capturephotographyschools.co.uk Orders placed after this date will incur a charge for postage.**
- **FRIDAY 21st JUNE - SPORTS DAY from 1.00pm - 3.30pm. Everyone welcome.**
- **ADVANCE NOTICE – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM – Tuesday 23rd July**
- **PLEASE CHECK YOUR PARENT PAY ACCOUNTS. Please help us by settling all outstanding balances for school meals, Breakfast Club and After School Club before our return to school on Monday 3rd June. Thank you for your cooperation with this.**

- **PLEASE ENSURE ALL CHILDREN HAVE A SUN HAT AND SUN CREAM IN SCHOOL DURING THE SUMMER TERM.**
- **PTFA FAMILY WALK – Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising the Family Walk last Sunday, and to everyone who gave up their Sunday afternoons. The weather was perfect and over 40 adults, children and dogs enjoyed the walk! And the cake and ice creams at the end!**

- **INSET DAYS FOR 2024-2025 have been agreed as follows: (School closed to pupils)**
  Wednesday 4th September
  Thursday 5th September
  Monday 4th November
  Monay 24th February
  Monday 2nd June

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 56813 or by email with any questions or queries.

Friday updates can be found in the Newsletters section of our school website.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 17th June	**INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**
Tuesday 18th June	Class 2 to All Saints Juniors for Sports Event - Qualitas New Starters meeting for parents 5.00pm Football Training after school
Thursday 20th June	Class 3 trip to Derby Museum - Please consent and pay via ParentPay by 13th June RESERVE DATE – SOUTH PEAK SPORTS
Friday 21st June	**SPORTS DAY 1.00PM - 3.30PM - Everyone Welcome** **PTFA QUIZ NIGHT – Starkholmes Village Hall 7.30pm** **Further details to follow**
Tuesday 25th June	Football match after school – Darley Churchtown v St Giles
Friday 28th June	Forest Schools for all Infant children
Tuesday 2nd July	New Starters – Stay and Play between 1.15 and 3.00
Wednesday 3rd July	New Starters Transition Visit 9.30 - 11.30 Y6 – Transition Day to Highfields for pupils joining in September
Thursday 4th July	**LAST SWIMMING OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR** Y6 – Transition Day to Lady Manners for pupils joining in September
Friday 5th July	Forest Schools for all Infant children
Tuesday 9th July	Football match after school – St Giles v Castle View
Thursday 11th July	New Starters Transition Visit 1.30 - 3.00
Friday 12th July	Forest Schools for all Infant children
Tuesday 16th July	Class 2 to All Saints Juniors for Qualitas Sports Event
Tuesday 23rd July	**Leavers Service in St Giles Church at 11.00am – Y6 parents are invited to attend** **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SUMMER BREAK** **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY**

Wednesday 4th September	**INSET DAY – school closed**
Thursday 5th September	**INSET DAY – school closed**
Friday 6th September 2024	**First day of Term**
Monday 4th November 2024	**INSET DAY – School closed**
Monday 24th February 2025	**INSET DAY – School closed**
Monday 2nd June 2025	**INSET DAY – School closed**

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 nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

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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, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as 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, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

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 genuine friends who they 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 others safely in the digital world.

Meet Our Expert

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