

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

9th June 2023

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Charlie** Class 2: **Matthew** Class 3: **Jack** Class 4: **Riley**

Badges: ★ (Red Star)

★ (Bronze Star)

★ (Silver Star)

Headteacher awards: **Cal T, Matilda H, Oliver S, Harry F**

Writer of the Week: **Reggie**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Harrison** Class 2: **Orla** Class 3: **Finley R**

Badges: ★ (Bronze Star)

★ (Silver Star)

Headteacher awards: **Alexander G**

Writer of the Week: **Owen D**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the last half term of the school year! I hope all of our families had an enjoyable half term.

We have an exciting few weeks ahead of us, with Father's Day lunches, sports days and other activities - we hope you will be able to join us where possible.

I would like to remind all of our families that the children will need hats, suncream and water bottles every day this term as we are likely to get lots of sunshine. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 88%

CLASS 2 - 93%

CLASS 3 - 97%

CLASS 4 - 98%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 95%

CLASS 2 - 94%

CLASS 3 - 95%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

15.6.23	FATHERS DAY
11.00 am	SERVICE
11.45 am	KS1 LUNCH
12.15 pm	KS2 LUNCH (IF NOT AT SERVICE)
16.6.23	PHOTOGRAPHS - YEAR 6 LEAVERS AND RECEPTION
20.6.23	SPORTS DAY AFTERNOON
30.6.23	150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 2.00 PM
3.7.23	MOVE UP MORNING/NEW INTAKE MORNING
7.7.23	INSET DAY
10.7.23	KS2 DERBY OPEN CENTRE TRIP
14.7.23	YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHOW
17.7.23	YEAR 6 LEAVERS AND FINAL WORSHIP
21.7.23	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

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16.6.23	PHOTOGRAPHS - YEAR 6 LEAVERS AND RECEPTION
20.6.23	KS2 DERBY OPEN CENTRE TRIP
21.6.23	MUSIC CONCERT - C2
22.6.23	SPORTS DAY
29.6.23	RM 150TH CELEBRATION
5.7.23	MOVE UP MORNING
7.7.23	INSET DAY
19.7.23	LEAVERS AND FINAL WORSHIP
21.7.23	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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

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