



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Date 10.5.24

Issue no. 30

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has finally come out this week and we all have our fingers crossed that soon the field will be dry enough for us to use!

As you will be aware, we have reduced parent access to the school buildings at the start of the school day. This is first and foremost to safeguard our children, but also to help facilitate a calmer transition from home into school. Feedback from the staff has been really positive. For many of parents, I recognise that feeling involved in day-to-day school life is an important part of the 'First School experience' for you and your child. This is something I am keen to maintain and promote, and I am working with the staff to explore new ways for us to regularly welcome parents into the school and our classrooms in a safe and meaningful way. If you have any ideas or suggestions relating to this, please do get in touch.



Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Mrs C. Dover

Upcoming Events:

Date	Class	Detail, Timing and Venue
<i>Mon 13th</i>		
<i>Tue 14th</i>		
<i>Wed 15th</i>	Year 4	Residential Trip - Kilve
<i>Thurs 16th</i>	All years	Wear It Green Day
	Rec/Year 1 & 2	Multi Sports
<i>Fri 17th</i>	Year 4	Residential Trip - Kilve
	Year 4	Residential Trip - Kilve
<i>Mon 20th</i>		
<i>Tue 21st</i>	All	Photos
<i>Wed 22nd</i>		
<i>Thurs 23rd</i>		
<i>Fri 24th</i>		

Useful Information

Key Dates

2023-2024

All diary dates show on our website calendar, which you are now able to subscribe to, just



click the subscribe button on [our website calendar](#) and follow the instructions.

Absent Line

Please phone 01934 732270 (option 1) before 9.15 on the day to advise the reason why your child will not be attending school.

You will need to call this number every day until your child has returned to school unless previously agreed by the Headteacher.



Healthy Snack

As part of a healthy eating school, please remember to only send healthy snacks into school. Please note we are a **NUT FREE** school in addition we are also a **KIWI FRUIT** free school. This means no nuts or kiwi fruits are to be brought into school for snacks or in packed lunches.



Mental Health Awareness Week

The green ribbon is the international symbol of mental health awareness, so by wearing something green, you are opening up the conversation about mental health. Please get involved by sending your children into school on **Thursday 16th May** wearing something that is green.

Pick up/Drop off

Please could parents and carers not walk through classrooms **at any time**. Please visit the office who will be happy to assist. This includes entering any building to use the toilets without permission. Thankyou.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Please book via Parent Pay. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to cancel your child's space on the day if they do not wish to attend.



Attendance

Ladybird Class achieved the best attendance this week. Well Done!



Please follow the [link](#) for more information on Attendance.

Hot Weather

Whilst our uniform remains the same, for the Summer, your child can wear a white polo shirt instead of a white shirt if they wish.

Also, please apply sun lotion before school and supply a sun hat.



Online Safety

Roblox is a popular gaming platform where players can create and publish their own games. The NSPCC has published some helpful tips for parents to help keep their child safe on the platform. Please use the [link](#) or QR to visit the site.



Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Chelsey Dover
Deputy Designated Leads (DDSL): Felicity Gibb, Lana Whittaker, Lisa Woollon
Safeguarding Governor: Martin Horton
WLT Safeguarding and Educational Welfare Lead: Dawn Tomkies

As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 **Somerset Direct:** 0300 123 2224 **NSPCC:** Keeping children safe online
Please visit the SSCP safeguarding website link for regular updates on safeguarding:

<https://somensetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>



Somerset Safeguarding
Children Partnership

Christian Values

Each half term we focus on a Christian Value, this term it is Responsibility.

This week in...

Rainbow Woods Preschool



This week the weather has been nice and warm. We discussed how to keep ourselves cool and comfortable in this summer weather. We should wear light coloured clothes, wear hats when outside, apply sunscreen and keep ourselves hydrated all the time. We have been doing sand play and have recreated the sea. We have placed different sea animals in the tuff tray like sea horses, sharks and wales. We finished our animal kingdom display board using different techniques and materials - it looks amazing. We spoke about how to take responsibility for the things that you do.

Reception



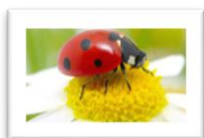
This week in Reception we have innovated the story of The Sheep and the Goat and have come up with our own animal to add into the story. In maths we have looked at two numbers that make 10. In RE we have talked about the parable of the Talents. We had a visit from a goat this week and got to ask lots of questions. We have been using cutting, sticking and joining techniques to make our own animal enclosures. In Forest School we have been on a bug hunt.

Year 1



In year 1 this week we have been continuing our instructions unit by watching Mrs Malcolm make a medieval style honey cake. We took photos of each step and this demonstration, along with the photos have helped us plan and write our innovated instruction text. At the end of this half term the children will follow their innovated instructions to make their own medieval style honey cakes for our royal banquet. We have also learnt about the artist – Henri Matisse, and the different castles in the UK and the south west.

Year 2



Year 2: This week in Music we have been exploring pentatonic scales (5 notes in a sequence) and then using our xylophones to play a sequence. We have also been learning a song about a '5 note scale' and singing it in 2 parts (class is divided into two groups). In Forest school we have collected items from the garden and played Kim's game!

Year 3



In Year 3 this week we have worked hard on writing our own defeating the monster stories. All the stories contain exciting language and have been written up neatly to create a display in our classroom. We also compared our questionnaire results from last week's history homework to find out how technology has changed over time, we found that technology was really different when our grandparents were younger compared to what we have today!

Year 4



Year 4 have started their invent writes this week, creating portal stories - they have got some wonderful ideas. We have so spent time reminding ourselves about the importance of internet safety, including the importance of being kind and appropriate towards others, even when using online sources. An important message to discuss and reiterate at home as well. We finished the week, creating timetables for Kilve - the children were very excited to find out their groups and which activities they would be doing.

Key dates this term:

Summer Term

- Wednesday 15th May – Reception Trip
- Tuesday 21st May – Year 1 Trip (Children will have their photos taken before the trip)
- Tuesday 21st May - Class photos for all year groups
- Tuesday 21st May – Year 4 only-individual photos
- Tuesday 4th June - Year 2 Trip

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
7+

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 scam links or 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, 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

Clare 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.



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-55333431> Roblox: over half of us has playing virtual parties fortnite <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>



www.nationalonlinesafety.com



@natonlinesafety



/NationalOnlineSafety



@nationalonlinesafety

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 07.09.2022

Roll up, Roll up!
Tickets are on sale now!

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

**COMING TO THE FIELD AT
KINGS FITNESS & LEISURE**

Saturday 1st June and Sunday 2nd June 2024

**The shows feature Acrobats, Aerialists, Illusions, Speciality Acts,
Clowns, Audience Participation, loads of Fun
and much, much more!**



**Tickets
Only £10**

**Family of 4 Tickets
Only £36**



**FOR TICKETS VISIT
thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts**