



#### **Brookfields Weekly Newsletter**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. I am pleased to share with you that our whole school attendance has improved significantly from this time last year. Our whole school % is currently 94.80%. Please continue to work with us to get your children in to school every day.

Our **Parent Committee group** starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 8.45am. All parents are welcome to attend some or all of the meetings which will take place once a month. It is a group run by parents, for parents. A positive place to share ideas and support the home school partnership. During the first meeting on Monday, our head chef will talk to parents about some new menu ideas. We look forward to seeing you on Monday at 8.45am.

Thank you to all parents who attended parents evening this week. We hope you found it useful. We will be improving the system for booking appointments next time. I will write to you with further information about this over the coming weeks.

On Monday, we are recognising the start of Anti-bullying week, children are encouraged to come in wearing odd socks.

On Friday we will be supporting Children in Need. All pupils can come to school in something spotty and/or yellow with a donation for the charity. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs. L Mahony, Headteacher

## Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

# Roblox

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See the flyer on the next page for more information about Roblox





#### Parent Committee

We would love you to come along to our 1st meeting on

Monday 13th November at 8:45am

The aim of this session if to redesign the dinner menu with the head chef.

Meetings will be once a month-you can come to discuss anything you wish to



### We are now a Cashless School

Please pay for items including school dinners and trips on our parent app – Arbor.

Speak to the office staff if you need help with this.

Thank you



### **Key Dates**

- Wednesdays: 3H Swimming lessons
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: First Parent committee meeting 8.45am
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-bullying week wear odd socks
- Friday 17th November: Children in Need. Wear something spotty/yellow
- Thursday 30th November: Parent Coffee morning 8.50am
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Term Ends
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January: Pupils return to school after the holiday

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### What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

### What should I be aware of?

**Chat Facility** - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

**Virtual Currency** - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

**Game content** – as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

### How do I report abuse and block users?

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

### How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.

### Further information:

- https://corp.roblox.com/parents/
- https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/