

Friday 16th September 2022



Newsletter

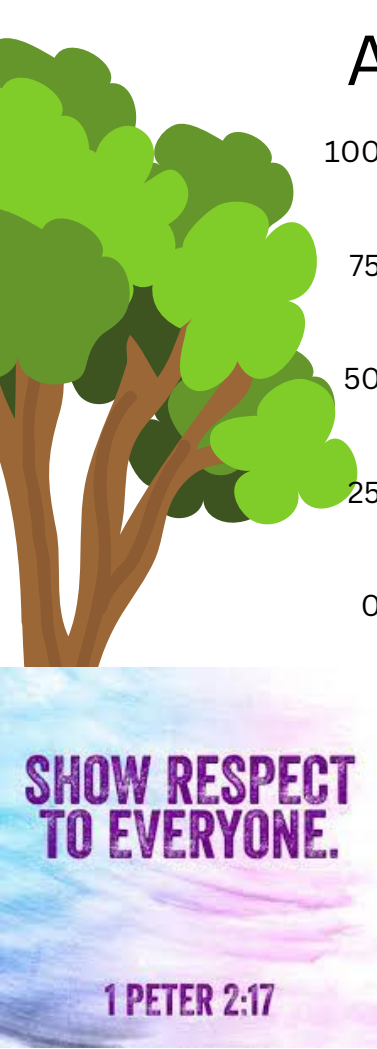


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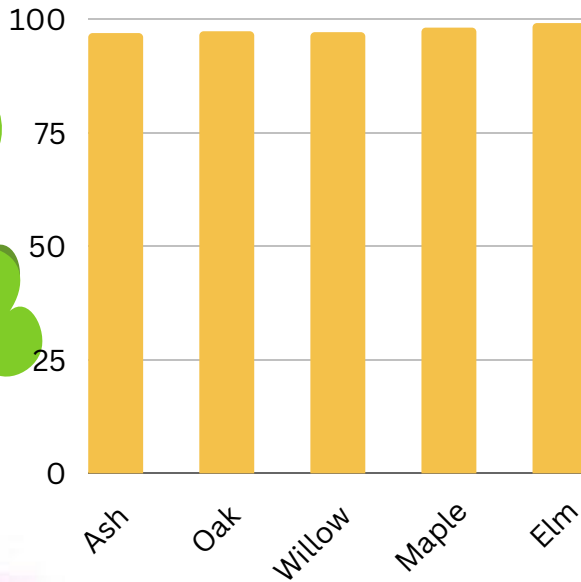
Monday 19th September

**Bank Holiday for the
State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II**





Attendance



Our whole school attendance for week 1 (5th - 9th September) was **97.6%**. The class with the highest attendance was Elm with **99%**.

Highlights

- This week in school we have been celebrating the life of Queen Elizabeth II by creating tributes and completing activities in her honour. The display in the hall looks fabulous and we have sent a memorial scrap book to London to be placed with the tributes.
- Our Stay and Play group recommenced this week. We had some new faces join us, and even some babies who were born over the summer holidays. It is such a lovely group - Thursdays 9:15 - 10:15am.
- Our footballers had a brilliant match on Tuesday at Poolfoot Farm as part of the Wyre Central Football league. The match vs Stalmine finished 2-2.

Morning drop off

As the resurfacing of Lancaster Road is due to be completed today we will revert to the regular school drop off times from Tuesday. Please do not arrive on site before 8:50am until staff are out on duty.

Lost property

We've had numerous items reported lost this week, some of which were named. If your child comes home with something that's not theirs please send it back in to school. Please also name all uniform items, and anything that is brought in from home.

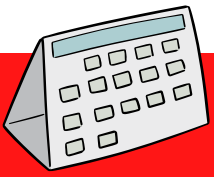
Open session

We need more volunteers for the Open Session on Saturday 8th October. We need roughly 20 volunteers to run activities to showcase school to prospective families. This is free childcare on a Saturday morning! Please email Mrs Adams - bursar@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk

Lunches

Please complete the lunch form for ALL pupils in school <https://forms.office.com/r/exTQMjtnLL>





Thursday 22/9/22 - Puberty talks for Y4 & 5 girls and Y5 boys

Monday 26/9/22 - Lockerbie information meeting for Y6 parents / carers 6pm. Pupils may attend if they wish

Thursday 29/9/22 - Harevest Festival at St Oswald's. Pupils to meet at church at 9am. Families welcome

Saturday 8/10/22 - Open session for prospective families. 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 12/10/22 & Thursday 13/10/22 - Life Education sessions in school for Rec - Y6

Wednesday 12/10/22 - Open session for prospective families. 1:30 - 3pm

Thursday 13/10/22 - Film Night 3:30 - 6pm. Details to follow

Friday 14/10/22 - Open session for prospective families. 10 - 11:30am

Tuesday 18/10/22 - Parents' Evening

Friday 21/10/22 - School close for half term - 3:30pm

Monday 31/10/22 - School opens for all

Earrings

We currently allow children to wear **plain** studs in school - we ask that studs are solid rather than sparkly. There are many pupils who are wearing coloured or sparkly earrings. If this continues we will be forced to impose a ban on earrings in school.

Assessment week

Next week each class will be completing assessments in English and Maths. This enables us to measure progress effectively through the year. Following this you will receive information about any intervention groups your child may be taking part in this half term.

Online safety

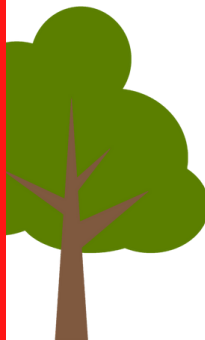
Please see the attached safety guide regarding Roblox.

School Councils

Pupils have now been selected for positions of responsibility within their classes. School Council, Sports Council, Eco Warriors and Library Monitors have been elected. They will shortly be meeting to decide on their priorities for the year to support school improvement.

Rocksteady

Unfortunately, the band leader was unable to attend school today so there weren't any lessons. Rocksteady will ensure their fees reflect this missed class.



The below timetable shows which days your child(ren) have PE and/or forest school. On PE days we ask that pupils come in their PE kit, details of which can be found on the uniform page of our website.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ash	PE		Dance (if applicable)		Forest
Oak				PE	PE
Willow		PE	PE or swimming		
Maple	PE		PE or swimming		
Elm		PE	Forest		

Clubs

We have some extra-curricular clubs starting next week. Please see the details below.

Please email Mr Wells for choir - m.wells@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk

Mrs Simpson for sports - vridding@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk

Mrs Crompton for Forest - j.crompton@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk



Football Club
Full
 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
 Mondays 3:30 - 4:30
 Starts on Monday 12th September



Multiskills Club!
 Year 1 & 2
 Friday 3:30 - 4:30
 Starts on Friday 16th September



NETBALL CLUB!
Full
 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
 Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30
 Starts on Tuesday 13th September



Choir
KS2
 Mondays 3:30pm - 4:15pm
 Starts Monday 26th September 2022



Forest Club
 Wednesdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm
 Years 2, 3 and 4
 Starting 14th September

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
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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, 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.

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.



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