



INSKIP ST. PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Learning, Loving and Living with Jesus



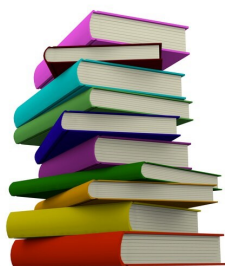
Keep your roots deep in Jesus Christ the Lord, build your lives on him

and always be thankful. *Colossians 2:7*

Compassion Friendship Respect Forgiveness Trust Thankfulness

Week Beginning Monday 23rd January 2023

Library Van



The library van will be visiting our school **this Friday 27th January**. Please do remind your child to bring their borrowed books in to renew or exchange. Thank you.

Non-Uniform Day

Friends are having a non-uniform day **this Friday 27th January**. In exchange for **£1** your child can choose to wear their home clothes all day at school. If your child normally does PE on this day, they may stay in their non uniform choice if its sporty otherwise just please send some joggers, trainers and a top into school with them for them to change into.

You will have no doubt seen in the media that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced national and regional strike action for teachers in England on the following dates-

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Wednesday 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

We are in the process of assessing the impact strike action may have on staffing levels in the school, any changes will be clearly communicated in due course.

Christian Values

Our Christian value theme this half term is **'Compassion'**.

Here's a way of exploring this theme at home.

THINK TOGETHER
Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter
how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop

School Website

Please take a look at our school blogs and see lots of the inspiring learning your children have been doing in class. Click on the title of the blog to open it in a new window. Please comment at the bottom of the blog posts your thoughts of encouragement for the children to read.

Lower School

[Terrific Trees](#)

[Illustrator Study](#)

Middle School

[Conductors & Insulators](#)

[Let's Go Sing!](#)

Upper School

[Improving Reading Stamina](#)

Online Activity

We all want our children to be safe online and with that in mind we will be providing you with information about online behaviours, apps and games which will be useful to you in supporting your child to stay safe. This will also support the daily teaching of online safety at school.

This week we inform parents and carers about 'Roblox. This is a very popular game that our children have told us they play a lot.

Please also take a look on our website at [Our Safeguarding](#) page where you will discover our 2022-23 new academic year safeguarding.

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 www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

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 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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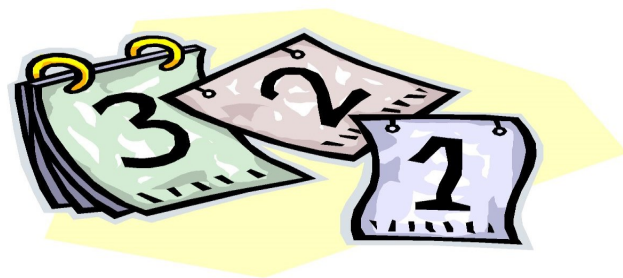
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Dates for the diary:-



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| Friday 27th January | Friends Non-Uniform Day |
| Friday 27th January | Library Van Visit |
| Tuesday 31st January | Author Visit—A F Steadman |
| Friday 10th February | School Closes for Spring Half Term |
| Monday 20th February | School Reopens |
| Wednesday 1st March | Secondary School Offers Confirmed |
| Friday 10th March | Sing Together |
| Tuesday 21st March | Friends Meeting |
| Friday 31st March | School Closes for Easter |
| Monday 17th April | Primary School Offers Confirmed |
| Monday 17th April | School Reopens |

This Week's Clubs:-



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| MONDAY 23rd | 8:00am Breakfast Club |
| | 3.30pm Sports Club with Corey |
| TUESDAY 24th | 8:00am Breakfast Club |
| | 3.30pm Tennis with Simon |
| WEDNESDAY 25th | 8:00am Breakfast Club |
| | 3:30pm Forest School with Claire |
| THURSDAY 26th | 8:00am Breakfast Club |
| | 3:30pm Sports Club with Corey |
| FRIDAY 27th | 8:00am Breakfast Club |
| | 3:30pm Football Club with Corey |