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Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Families,

The children have had a wonderful time on this Coronation Celebration Day - even the changeable weather did not dampen their spirits of excitement and anticipation! Although we were unable to get out onto the field for garden party games this morning, we did enjoy our picnic lunch together and finished the day parading our Coronation hats and crowns in the sunshine. The next page contains some photograph highlights for you but do check Seesaw too!

We would like to thank everyone who has played a part in making the day so successful. Thank you to the HSA members for funding a commemorative bookmark for every child and for organising the Bake Sale, thank you to the Governors for coming in to choose our crown winners, thank you to the parents who have supported children with making their crowns and hats and for their flexibility and understanding with the changes of plans, thank you to the kitchen staff for making the picnic lunches, thank you to our junior school colleagues for supporting in planning and organising the day and thank you to all the school staff for supporting and delivering such a memorable day for the children.

Wishing you a lovely Bank Holiday weekend,

The Harnham Infant School Team



Blogs:

Please do log in to Seesaw for the weekly update from the class teachers containing learning for the week, important notices and some Coronation celebration photographs too. Don't forget you can upload from home too! 😊

Change of Details:

There have been increased incidents of the school office not having the correct contact details for parents if they have moved house or changed their phone numbers. Please ensure that we have the correct contact details for you. You can update these using the School Gateway App too.

School Website:

Our school website now has a testimonials page where we are sharing results from surveys and feedback from visitors and parents. You can also complete a form here if you would like to offer any feedback.

<https://www.harnhaminfants.org.uk/testimonials>

Reminder: Dates for the next few weeks:

Whole School:

18.5.23 – Class Photographs

19.5.23, 9.05am – Coffee and Chat

EYFS

12.5.23, 9.05am – Stay and Maths

Parent Support Advisor Contact:

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for Harnham Infants and many families benefit from her



expertise, support and advice. She can help parents with all sorts of things including difficulties with behaviour, financial matters, family breakdown and bereavement. Chris is also happy for you to get in touch if you're worried or concerned about any school related matters.

You can contact her by email psa@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone 07595217569

Celebration Assembly

There was no celebration assembly this week due to the Bank Holiday. We look forward to celebrating more children on Monday 15th May.

Request from EYFS:

The Robins, Hedgehogs and Ladybirds would like to create a bug hotel. If you have any old bricks, pieces of wood, pallets, hollow canes, terracotta pots etc that you no longer require, the reception teachers would be pleased to receive your donations. Thank you.

Menu for Week Beginning 8.5.23

We are pleased to be offering the following choices of hot dinners:

Monday: Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday: Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry and Rice or Cheeseburger with Wedges **Dessert:** Shortbread

Wednesday: Ham Carbonara or Pizza with Diced Potatoes and Vegetables **Dessert:** Trifle

Thursday: Roast Beef or Quorn Pieces & Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes & Veg **Dessert:** Chocolate Pudding

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetable Quiche **Dessert:** Banana Flapjack





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, griefer 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 'OOers' and are quite common in Roblox. An Ooer 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 Ooers. 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

Clare Codrill (a.k.a. Lunafell) 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 Lunafell Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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