

The Shuttle

Friday 20th Oct 2023

DIARY DATES

- 25/10/23**
Individual school photos
- 25/10/23**
Harvest Crumble in the hall
- 26/10/23**
Spooky Dress Up Day
Break up for half term
- 27/10/23**
INSET DAY
- 06/11/23**
Back to school
- 10/11/23**
Remembrance Day
10.55 in the playground

HARVEST FOOD BANK

A HUGE THANK YOU to those of you who have donated to our Harvest Collection! You are a fabulous and generous bunch!

Don't forget it's **The Harvest Crumble** on **Wednesday 25th October!**
The P.T.A are still in need of helpers so please sign up on **Class List** so this event can go ahead!
DONATIONS OF CRUMBLES AND CUSTARD WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!
THANK YOU!

We had some amazing entries to our art competition which made it very difficult to judge! But judge we did and **THE WINNERS OF OUR PORTRAIT ART COMPETITION ARE...**

YR/Y1 category - Ophelia

Y2- y4 category - Vaia

Y5 - Y6 category - Amelie



We have some excellent runners up! They are....

Audrey! Darcey! Isaac T and Henry S

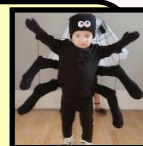
WELL DONE everyone!



The winning pictures will be on display in the show home at the new development in Thurlstone! And prizes of course for the winners!



IT'S THE P.T.A. SPOOKY DRESS UP DAY ON THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER!
PAY £1 FOR YOUR CHILD TO WEAR WHATEVER SPOOKY CLOTHES THEY LIKE!
THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME AS JUDGED BY THE STAFF.
All pennies raised will go toward the P.T.As fundraising plans



PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT FRIDAY 27TH IS AN INSET DAY!

The Harvest Crumble is a cash only event.

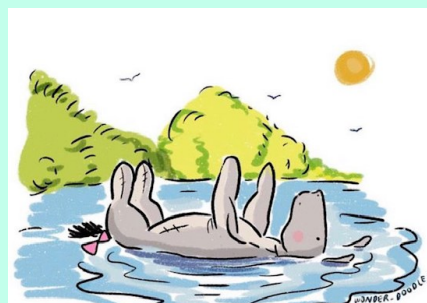
Prices are as follows:

Crumble/custard and a drink - £3.50 (price will be adjusted if you don't want custard/drink etc)

Baked goods/cakes - 50p to £1 depending on size.

Please try and bring the right change - many thanks!

Friday's cheesy But wise Words of Wisdom



TODAY I WILL NOT STRESS OVER THINGS THAT ARE OUT OF MY CONTROL.

A great big THANK YOU to the P.T.A for funding our Prizes Cabinet! We have planned a series of competitions for the year which will cover lots of different things from art, to maths to reading.....and much, much more! We can now offer really fabulous prizes for your children which we hope will encourage them to get involved! Without the P.T.A and your support these, and other fun and special things could not happen - so THANK YOU!



It's our amazing P.T.A

HARVEST CRUMBLE!

OUR HARVEST CRUMBLE EVENT is a simple social event
for the whole family!

come and enjoy delicious fruit crumble (or pie) with
or without custard.

Hot and cold drinks will also be available!

All money raised will go to the P.T.A and therefore
directly to your children.

	WHEN? Wednesday 25th October	
	WHERE? In the school hall	
WHAT TIME?	In order to accommodate as many people as possible we will have to stagger the times this year...	
	<u>3 - 3.30pm</u> for KS1 children and parents (you can pick your child up early if you like)	
	<u>3.30 - 4.15pm</u> for KS2 children and parents	
HOW MUCH?	£3.50 (to include a portion of crumble, custard and a drink) CASH ONLY!	

DONATIONS OF FRUIT CRUMBLES OR PIES WILL BE VERY GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

'FREE FROM' DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE VERY WELCOME!

Please bring any donations into school on the morning of the event.

MANY THANKS!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

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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, 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.

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, 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 genuine friends who they 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 others safely in the digital world.

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