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THANK YOU



Thank you to all those who completed the parent survey, this year has been a testing time for all and your support is much appreciated.

A couple of queries we received were:

Why can't you use paper instead of emails?

Response: To save paper, money and more importantly the environment we won't be returning to paper letters or newsletters for the majority for information we send out. We also put the information on Facebook and our website to try and ensure information isn't missed.

If you are concerned you're missing emails, please download the **Arbor App**, using the app you can check your contact details that we hold within school and update them if required.

Some parents say that the emails from school go to a file called "Promotions". Please check this file if you have one, and save Heron Park's details as a contact on your phone. This should help the emails go into your main inbox.

Communication could be better ...

Response: We send texts, emails, put info on Facebook and our website. If you feel you still are still missing out on information, please check your contact details on the Arbor App.

It has been increasingly difficult this year to keep parents updated early with the many changing guidelines, and we do inform parents as soon as we have the information. Class bubbles closing is not something we can give notice for and unfortunately this does impact on you.

We appreciate your support and understanding during this unusual time, and will endeavour to improve any areas of concern parents may have.



Help us to keep the roads safe around the school. Please report any illegal parking to:

parking.information@eastsussex.gov.uk
or phone 01273 335500.

Or anti social driving to:

<https://reports.operationcrackdown.org/asdprs/>



Pirates in Year 2!



Virtual Coffee Morning
Friday 15th January
With Mrs Robinson
& Stacy Newell
More details to follow
in the new year!

From all at Heron Park
Wishing you all a Happy & Healthy
Christmas break
School starts back on Monday 4th January!

Diary Dates:

Monday 4th January - First day of term three

Friday 5th February - INSET DAY

Friday 12th February - Last day of term three

Monday 22nd February - First day of term four

Thursday 1st April - Last day of term four. School finishes at 1:30pm for all children

Friday 2nd April - Bank Holiday

Monday 19th April - First day of term five

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Friday 28th May - last day of term five

Monday 7th June - First day of term six

Friday 18th June - INSET DAY

Friday 23rd July - Last day of term six. School finishes at 1:30pm for all children

Calendar dates are subject to change, we will endeavour to give parents/carers as much notice as possible.



ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**

ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



**National
Online
Safety**

Top Tips for Parents

ALERT!
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Roblox etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

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