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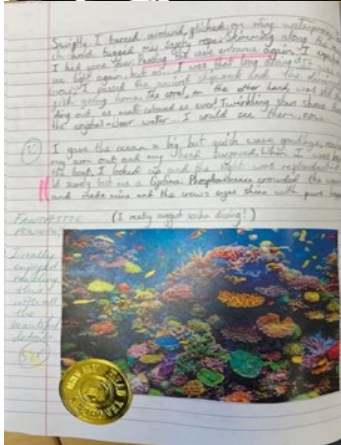
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## Dear Parents/Carers

It's been another busy few weeks here at Isaac Newton and we are well and truly getting back into the swing of things.

I continue to be incredibly impressed by how well the children are doing despite all that they have been through in the past year! They are all continuing to make great progress and it's been a pleasure to walk around school and see how hard they are working and some of the fantastic work that they are producing.

This week I have seen an unbelievable amount of frogs spawn in EYFS- Mrs Fulcher reliably informs me that the children are going to transfer this into our pond area! I've also seen our Year One children planting potatoes and our Year 4 children learning all about how to keep their teeth healthy! I'm sure that many of you can remember the egg experiment from your own school days! At Isaac Newton we ensure that we teach our children about healthy



lifestyles across our whole curriculum. Our Year 6's continue to prove what excellent role models they are for our younger pupils. I've been blown away by the writing that they have produced so far as part of their 'Watery Worlds' topic. In one class we've had a scuba dive and in the other a river monster however in both classes we've had LOTS of headteacher award stickers given out!



This will be my final newsletter before the Easter holidays as school finishes for Easter on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April is an INSET day for the staff. We will return again on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** and I cannot wait to see all of the amazing things that the children will continue achieve this year!

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

## Homework

I've already seen some fantastic homework being brought into school. There have been majestic castles created by our Year 2s and magnificent shields created by our Year 3s! I've also had the pleasure of looking through Robin's homework with him which is a book that he has created all about the Romans- fantastic!



Most teachers have already sent out their homework grids and some year groups have also uploaded these onto the school website. They can be found

on our 'pupils' tab. All homework grids and topic overviews will be uploaded onto the website in the coming weeks.

## E-Schools

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers to download the E-Schools app so that we can keep you updated and informed at all times about things in school! If you do not know your login details then please contact the school office or email [enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk).



Further information about how to get set up can also be found on our school website.

[https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/eschools\\_app\\_-\\_parents\\_help/499102](https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/website/eschools_app_-_parents_help/499102)

### Household Isolation

If anyone in your household has taken a PCR test because they believe that they have symptoms of Covid-19 then you must ALL self-isolate until they have received their result. Please DO NOT send your child to school if someone in your household is taking a Covid-19 test. If a negative result is received then they can return at this point.

### Headlice

Unfortunately headlice are a very common part of primary schools; nearly one in ten primary school children could have headlice at any one time. We know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again. But by working together we can fight the spread of head lice. We ask parents to:

- Check your family's hair for lice regularly - once a week is ideal!
- Visit your local pharmacist for guidance on the various treatments available.
- Get treatment for you or your family as soon as you find live lice.

Let school, friends and family know as soon as you've found live lice.

At school we are vigilant in looking for the signs of headlice. We will contact parents if live lice are found and ask that they treated as soon as possible to help prevent the spread of lice.

The Once a Week, Take a Peek Campaign website has useful background information and advice about treating headlice.

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>

### School Shoes

Due to the pandemic, school closures and other issues that we know many of our families have faced recently, we temporarily relaxed our policy on school shoes, allowing some children to come to school wearing black trainers or something similar. However, after the Easter holiday it will be an expectation that ALL children attend school in full school uniform, apart from on days when it is forest school or PE. This will include black school shoes. If children are not coming into school in the correct school uniform then we will be contacting Parents/ Carers immediately to resolve this issue.

School shoes should be plain black (with black soles), without logos. If boots are worn then these should also be plain black. If children need to wear different footwear (for reasons such as medical issues) then please ensure that their class teacher is informed, in writing, as to why this is the case.

School uniform helps us to maintain our high standards of behaviour here at Isaac Newton and I would like to thank all of our Parents/ Carers for their support with this.

### Comic Relief

Last Friday all of the children came into school wearing something red for Comic Relief. Thanks to your donations we raised an incredible £210! We even made it into the Grantham Journal!

During the day, each class told their best joke and the whole school voted on their favourite. Class 11 were voted the funniest.

“What do you call cheese that’s not yours?”  
“Nacho cheese.”

Well done Class 11. I haven’t told anyone this yet but that is one of my favourite jokes and I always use it when I have an interview at a school and the children ask me to tell them a joke!



### **School Term Dates:**

<b>Term 1:</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020
<b>Term 2:</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020 - Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	<i>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021</i>
<b>Term 3:</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Term 4:</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021 - Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	<i>Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April &amp; Easter Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021</i>
<b>Term 5:</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May &amp; Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021</i>
<b>Term 6:</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021



According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you not so familiar 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.



# 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 Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.

## CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 12-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means 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, allowing 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 potential 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 19, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



National Online Safety

# Top Tips for Parents



## UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

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



## 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.

## 2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.



## 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 just generally doing something in the game to spoil gameplay for them. Essentially, 'griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

## 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 12, 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.

## DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not 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.

## 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 limit spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

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