

HOOTON PAGNELL ALL SAINTS PRIMARY

November News

Looking back on October

We started the month with the Harvest Festival, which was a really lovely afternoon at church and a lovely service by Rev. Sarah. We were overwhelmed by the quantity of food that our lovely families donated and have donated this to a local food bank. I would like to thank Mrs Sanderson and the Pathfinders for organising this.

Our Navigators enjoyed a wonderful day learning about Space with their WonderDome experience earlier in the month. It was such a lovely day and the atmosphere was brilliant. They have also enjoyed a live 'space talk' as part of their learning.

It has been great to welcome our families into school during the month of October. Our Navigator parents came along to help their children make rockets and launch them in the playground. They all seemed to have lots of fun. Our Pathfinder and Explorer parents were invited for a Read, Write, Inc session so that they could learn how we teach phonics in school. Feedback from this was very positive. Finally, our Adventurer families came along for a Stoneage challenge last week, where they were all thrilled to be creating Stonehenge from clay! It was messy but very enjoyable.



Attendance

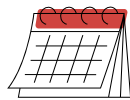
Please phone the school office between 8am and 9am to tell us if your child is not going to be attending school due to an illness. You can send the class teacher a message on dojo too if you want to but the phone call is the most important (teachers are not always able to see their dojo messages whilst they are teaching). If you have not phoned by 9am and your child is not in school, a member of the office team will phone on the contact numbers you have provided. If we cannot make contact, this may lead to a home visit by members of our staff.

Please try to make appointments outside of school hours so that children are not missing time in school. If your child does have an unavoidable appointment, please let us know beforehand.

Please can we remind you that we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time. If you do take your child out of school during term time, you may be subject to sanctions such as a fixed penalty fine.

Key Dates

- 06/11 - Worship led by Mark
- 08/11 - Parent afternoon/ evening
- 09/11 - Lockdown drill
- 20/11 - Bible Assembly with George
- 24/11 - Class newsletter on dojo
- 28/11 - Pathfinders visit to Xscape
- 04/12 - Worship led by Mark
- 07/12 - Christmas jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- 08/12 - Flu immunisations
- 11/12 - Bible Assembly with George
- 11/12 - Christmas after school clubs
- 12/12 - Reading virtual event
- 13/12 - Whole School Pantomime at Cast
- 13/12 - Flu catch-up session
- 19/12 - Christmas Service at Church (TBC)
- 20/12 - Explorer and Pathfinder Nativity (1pm)
- 20/12 - Adventurer and Navigator outdoor Christmas carol concert (2pm)
- 21/12 - Christmas party and buffet lunch day
- 22/12 - Last day before the Christmas Break
- 08/01 - Back to School



Online Safety - Roblox

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.

What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

Game content - as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

How do I report abuse and block users?

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.

Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://swgfi.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>



School Council

Our school council is back up and running with new democratically voted-in representatives. Pupils' view are very important to us. Our school council, led by Mrs Burkill, meets regularly to discuss their ideas for improving our school. Watch out for regular updates and meeting notes on dojo as well as on our notice board.

Our Christian Pathway this term... CURIOSITY

Curiosity is such an important life skill for us all but crucial for our children. The importance of curiosity in children's learning can never be overstated. The ability to ask questions, and more importantly the right questions is of incredible importance, even in the lives of us adults as well. Innovation is the backdrop to any sort of progress in life, and becomes even more relevant when the child grows up.

Parent/ Carer-Teacher Meetings

Reminder: we are holding our parent/ carer-teacher meetings on Wednesday 8th November. Each meeting will be a maximum of 10 minutes, giving you chance to hear how your child has settled into their new year group and how they are doing socially as well as academically. We look forward to seeing you there.

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