



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

Times Table Buddies

Hello, we are the Times Table Buddies of Hook Junior School. Our names are Jessica, Matilda, Maisie, Arthur, Liam, Moses, Lillian, Jonny, Isaac, Eli, Archie and Ece.

We help some children from Years 3 and 4 to learn their times tables. We play games and do fun activities based on the times tables they are learning. We worked with year 4 last term and now swapping to year 3. This will help them progress and develop their times table skills. We like talking to the other children, getting to know them and helping them. Thank you for reading!

The Times Table Buddies.

Year 5 and 6 Netball Tournament

Yesterday a selection of children from years 5 and 6 went to a netball tournament at Wavell School in Farnborough.

The children represented the school well demonstrating teamwork, resilience and determination. Whilst we did not win the tournament, the children had a great time and enjoyed playing netball.

Well done to Elouen, Sanjeev, Emma, Ishwyn, Yvette, Mikey, Faye, Jessica and Alithea. A special shout out to Sanjeev who was awarded a medal for being player of the tournament.

Measuring of height and weight of children in year 6

A reminder to those parents of year 6 children that on Thursday 20th January the school nursing team will be in measuring the height and weight of pupils.

As already instructed, if you do not wish for your child to take part, please let the Headteacher know in writing before the day – an email is sufficient. If we haven't heard from you we will assume that you wish for your child to take part.

Governor news

The Governors would like to wish all the children, parents, carers and staff a Happy New Year.

The Governing Body met on Tuesday 11th January and we received an update from Mrs Martin about the positive start to the Spring Term with pupils enthusiastically returning to school after the Christmas break. We also discussed the steps the school continue to take to manage COVID-19 and absences.

There was an update on the school landscaping project. This project, which has been co-designed with pupils, is much nearer to becoming a reality thanks to generous donations received last term. Scoping is now underway for the first steps of the project. We also discussed the school's mental health and wellbeing strategy. It was positive to hear the whole school community approach that is being taken with a focus on proactive early identification and staff wellbeing.

Unfortunately, the Governor day in school that was planned for the 11th January had to be postponed and we are hoping to reschedule this for later this term.

Best wishes

The Governors

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Frankie F, Amelia H, Skyla B, Austin R

Year 4: Amelia E, Isabella L, Summer K, Emma C

Year 5: Eibhlin W, Ava B, Dennis C, Oliver S

Year 6: Kieran W, Jamie W, Lily M, Lillian L

House Points this week

Austen	164
Brunel	155
Nightingale	195
Wellington	181

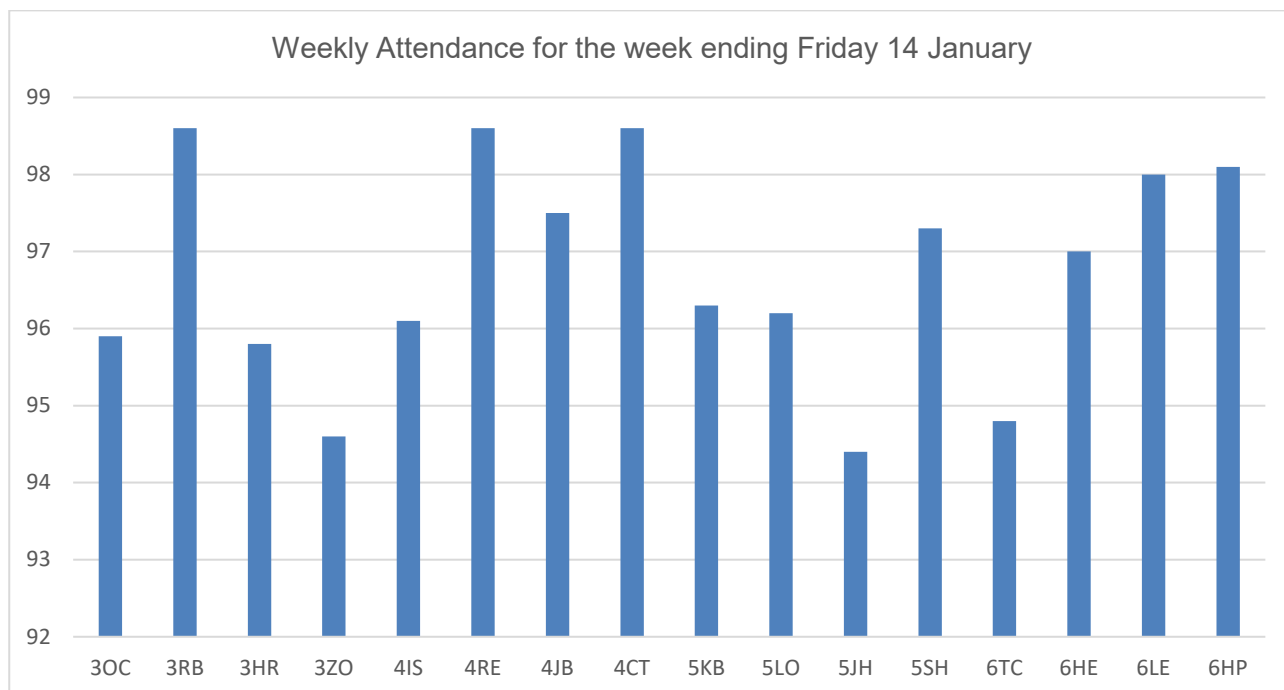
House point winners this week: Nightingale

Reading classes of the week: 6TC

Reading Raffle Winner: Noah S

Attendance This Week

Every day counts... Your child's attendance matters!



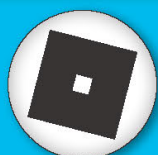
Overall attendance this week: 96.7%

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Key Dates

7 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
18 Feb	Last day of half term - 3:20 finish
21 Feb	Spring Half Term Week
28 Feb	INSET Day
1 Mar	Spring Term 2 – back to school
3 Mar	World Book Day
03 Mar	HSCA Bag2school
19 Mar	HSCA Beer Festival
21 Mar	Year 3 Iron Age Workshop
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22 Mar	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
24 Mar	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
4 Apr	Life Education Wessex LifeBus visits for the week
8 Apr	End of term – 1:30 finish
11 Apr	Easter Break
25 Apr	Summer Term – back to school
27 Apr	Happy's Circus
28 Apr	Happy's Circus
19 May	Class Photos
23 May	Year 3 Roman Workshop
30 May	Summer Half Term Week
8 Jun	HSCA Bag2School
25 Jun	HSCA Gin Festival
11 Jul	Year 6 Residential trip to PGL Marchants Hill
16 Jul	HSCA Summer Fair
21 Jul	End of term – 1:30 finish



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



ROBLOX



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7+

With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefers and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the Internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers

Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports draw attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.



Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



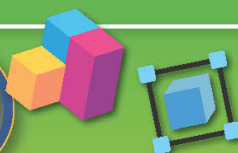
Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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WE NEED YOU!

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a **Nursery Manager** at our warm and friendly Nursery in the centre of Hook.

Our current Nursery Manager is looking to retire later this year after dedicating many years to this role and our local community.

If you have proven experience in this position or a similar role, hold a NVQ Lvl 4 in Child Care Learning & Development and are looking for a change, we would love to hear from you.

The position is Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 3.30pm term time only,

Minimum salary of £23,000 FTE, depending on experience and qualifications.

For further details and an application pack, please email HVNTreasurer@outlook.com

Closing date is **Friday 4th February 2022**

We also have availability for a **Senior Nursery Practitioner / Deputy Manager** to join our expanding team and can be flexible on the number of days offered.

We would be ideally looking for a candidate with previous experience of undertaking Safeguarding Lead or Deputy Lead, as this will be a key requirement of the role.

Minimum NVQ Lvl 3 in Child Care Learning & Development

Salary in the region of £21,500 FTE, depending on experience and qualifications

For further details and an application pack, please email HVNTreasurer@outlook.com

Closing date is **Friday 4th February 2022**

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Standard Activity Day with AM Extension – 8.15am to 4.00pm	£25.00	£115.00 (Save £10.00)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension – 10.00am to 6.00pm	£25.00	£115.00 (Save £10.00)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension – 8.15am to 6.00pm	£26.00	£119.60 (Save £10.40)

WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE HOLIDAY CLUBS OPEN?

	VENUE	OCTOBER 2021	CHRISTMAS 2021	FEBRUARY 2022
Berkshire	Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
Hampshire	Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	21st to 25th February
	Court Moor School, Fleet	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	Closed for Building Work
	Hook Infant School, Hook	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	21st to 25th February
	Liphook Junior School, Liphook	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	21st to 25th February
Richmond	St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
	The Vineyard School, Richmond Hill	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
	Teddington Sports Centre, Teddington	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
	Orleans Park School, Twickenham	CLOSED	TBC	TBC
	Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
Surrey	Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
	St. Edmund's Primary School, Godalming	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
	St. Joseph's Primary School, Guildford	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
	Danetree Primary School, West Ewell	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
	Manby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February
	Knaphill Lower School, Woking	25th to 29th October	20th to 23rd December	14th to 18th February

*Siblings only

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