



School Notices

Welcome to this week's School Notices. As a school we try to support the busy lives of our families by consolidating communication to one weekly newsletter, and these are posted to the school website each Friday as an easy point of reference.

In addition to this don't forget about our FAQ page on the school website. Our aim is to provide the answers to your questions when you think of them, as opposed to you being restricted by school hours, so please let us know if you there's anything you would find helpful so we can add it in 😊.

<https://hartsbourne.org.uk/parent-hub/>

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Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd December	Mop Up Flu Vaccines
Tuesday 3rd December	Hartsbourne F.C v Sacred Heart Primary
Wednesday 4th December	Year 6 West Side Story Performance - St Margarets
Wednesday 4th December	KS1 Christmas Story Night
Friday 6th December	SCHOOL CLOSED - Occasional Day
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 - Christmas Show (afternoon performance)
Thursday 12th December	KS1 - Christmas Show (morning performance)
Friday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 16th December	Bushey Chabad - Hannukkah Assembly
Monday 16th December	KS2 Christmas Hootenanny
Wednesday 18th December	Nursery Christmas Afternoon
Thursday 19th December	Electric Umbrella Performance
Friday 20th December	Last day of Term - 2.00pm finish
Monday 6th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	First Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 5th February	Year 1 - R.A.F. Museum
Thursday 6th February	Year 6 - Bentley Priory



Whoops-a-Daisy Angel

Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm

Thursday 12th December at 9.15am

The Reception and KS1 Christmas show this year is “Whoops-a-Daisy Angel”

Each family can book up to 2 tickets across the performances, so either 2 tickets to see 1 show, or 1 ticket for each show. Booking for the performances will close on Wednesday 4th December at 12pm.

It will be possible to take photographs, without obscuring any person’s view, at both performances, for your personal use only. You are not permitted to upload any photographs taken to social media.

Individual information re: costumes will be sent home by the class teacher. All children are participating in all performances.

[Please click here to book your tickets](#)



Flu Vaccinations

Don't forget the school nursing team are due back here on the 3rd December for anyone who missed the first round of flu vaccinations.

Please find attached the E-consent letter for your child's Flu vaccination for this coming winter. Please note that you can consent for either the **Flu nasal spray, OR the non-gelatine IM Flu vaccine**. Please make sure you complete the form online as soon as you can. The portal will close 48 hours ahead of the Flu session.

[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk)

Flu can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as pneumonia. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people.

The School Immunisation team will be coming into the school to deliver the vaccine. Please be aware that children can NOT receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

Kind Regards,

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Christmas jumper and dinner day

Friday 13th December

On Friday the 13th of December we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day, which as usual we have put on the same day as our Christmas Dinner day!

Please send your children in wearing their own clothes and Christmas jumpers or in festive colours to school, and don't forget to make sure you have booked your child's Christmas dinner online with Innovate if you would like them to have a school lunch that day.

As always the deadline for ordering school meals for next week is **12.00 on Saturday!**

<https://innovate2020.cashlesschool.co.uk/>

School Spare Clothing and Request for Cagoules.

As you will know we hold a small amount of spare clothing in EY and KS1 in case children have any accidents in school and need a change of clothes. Sadly our supplies are currently running extremely low and so please could you have a look around at home to see if you still have any socks, underwear etc. that your child might have been sent home with?

Also please don't forget you're more than welcome to keep a spare set of clothes for your child here in school if you think they might need them.

Our children are also really enjoying the mud kitchen in the KS1 playground, but the aprons that we currently have in school are struggling to fit on over their winter coats. If anyone is having a clear out and has any old waterproofs / cagoules in an age 9/10 we would love to take them off your hands.





HARTSBOURNE HOOTENANNY

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 5.00PM

We look forward to seeing you all at the KS2 Hartsbourne Hootenanny! As you will already have seen this year we're all headed off to Bushey Meads School who have kindly let us use their large auditorium for this event again.

Please complete this form to book tickets.

<https://forms.gle/3hv6KwbTwzxuzXo87>



OPERATION DREAM JOB

We will be kicking off the new year with our Operation Dream Job project on Tuesday 7th January. Operation Dream Job is linked to the Hartsbourne key values of "Aspirations" and aims to give children an opportunity to experience different careers. The children move around in mixed age groups and will take part in workshops led by members of staff based on different career choices. To further enhance this day we would love to welcome some speakers from different industries to talk to the children about what they do. It can be any industry or job and can either be to the whole school or in smaller class groups. If you are interested or know someone who would be willing to give up some time to talk to the children then please let me know.

Mrs Harte



Community Governor Vacancy



We are currently seeking a local community governor to contribute their expertise and perspectives to our governing body. Unlike our existing governors, who have backgrounds in education, we are particularly interested in candidates with financial or health and safety experience. This diverse skill set would be invaluable in ensuring we have a wide range of knowledge and experience on the governing body. No previous experience as a governor is necessary. It is important to note that this role cannot be filled by a parent, as we already have two parent governors serving on our governing body. We believe it is crucial to maintain a balance of perspectives and to draw upon a wide range of experiences from our local community. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to contact the school at admin@hartsbourne.org.uk. We would be delighted to discuss the role in more detail and provide further information about the application process.

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, griefer 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 some genuine friends to 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 other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



NOS
National Online Safety®
#WakeUpWednesday

Friday 29th November 2024 – Ruby: supports other people with friendly smiles, gives praise and helps others to solve problems. 

Year 1 – Adele is a kind and supportive friend who helps others solve problems and Ruby H is always similey when coming into school and takes care of her friends.

Year 2 – Fatima always arrives at school with a smile and is supportive when working in a group and Bianca helps support her peers when they have a problem in class.

Year 3 – Well done and thank you to Rachel and Rafferty, who have both been particularly kind and supportive friends this week.

Year 4 – Eliana and Evie have both been spreading their continuous joy around the classroom this week.

Year 5 – Taylor is always supporting people around her with a huge smile on her face and Sujyan really takes the time to help others solve problems during lessons.

Year 6 – Haneen has been supportive with lots of friendly smiles this week on the playground and in class with her friends. Natalia has given lots of praise to her peers throughout this term offering solutions to tricky problems.

This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...



Reception!



Housepoints – Friday 29th November 2024

127

106

110

85

Sika

Roe

Muntjac

Fallow

Sika wins!



Class Specific Messages



Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Christmas Story Night.

Wednesday 4th December 5pm - 6pm

This is just a quick reminder about Christmas Story Night. If your child would like to attend then please complete the following google form **by the end of today**.

This will allow us the time to group the children and organise appropriate refreshments.

<https://forms.gle/L2GjDsA6uvvuzYrX6>

Nursery - Festive Afternoon.

Nursery would like to invite their grown ups to Nursery on Wednesday 18th December at 2:30pm. Nursery children will be singing some Christmas songs and it is a chance for Nursery children to show off all their Christmas crafts to their grown ups. We ask that due to limited space only two grown ups for each child attend.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Festive Activities.

Class Christmas parties - On Wednesday 18th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their class Christmas parties. Children can wear non-school uniform/party clothes that day and please could they bring a snack to share, e.g. bag of crisps, bread sticks, pack of biscuits etc. The classes will also join together for some music and games in the hall.

Christmas Craft Morning - On Thursday the 19th December, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in a really lovely craft morning that has been organised by the staff. They will set up a number of different stations with various activities for the children, and the children will be able to explore and take part in them throughout the morning.

In order to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone we are asking for £2 voluntary contribution per child for this event which is payable via your Arbor Account under 'Trips'.