



School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 17 th March	• Class 3 Forest School
Tuesday 18 th March	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • After school sports club- Badminton. Please see Parentpay for bookings.
Wednesday 19 th March	• Swimming- Class 2
Thursday 20 th March	• After school sports club- Boxercise. Please see Parentpay for bookings.
Friday 21 st March	• Celebration Assembly- 3pm, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • Red Nose Day- Crazy hair day for a £1 donation. Children should wear normal school uniform. Please join us for a cake sale in the playground at the end of the school day.
Monday 24 th March	• Class 3 Forest School • Football league match- you will receive a message if your child has been chosen to play this match.
Tuesday 25 th March	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • After school sports club- Badminton. Please see Parentpay for bookings. • Class 2- Activity day and sleepover parents meeting at 3.30pm.
Wednesday 26 th March	• Swimming- Class 2
Thursday 27 th March	• After school sports club- Boxercise. Please see Parentpay for bookings.
Friday 28 th March	• PTA Non uniform day- in return for an Easter egg for our Easter bingo. • PTA Film Club- please see letter for further details.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration Assembly- 3pm, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. |
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Other news:

- We have lots of good quality, donated school uniform in school. Please contact the office if you need anything.
- Just to remind you, if you pay for your child's school lunches these should be paid in **advance** of the meal being taken where possible. Thank you.
- Please ensure children have a water bottle in school every day.
- We still have a few children without a PE kit in school. Please make sure a full PE kit including trainers is kept in school at all times, these will be sent home every half term to be washed. PE days do change and kits are also needed for after school sports clubs. We have spare uniform available in school so please do ask if you need anything.
- **Healthy Snacks-** Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school to eat at morning break. **Please ensure this does not include chocolate, cake or sweets.**
- **Year 6 parents-** Letters have been sent home with leavers hoody details. Please return with payment by Friday 28th March.
- **Football league letters need to be back in school by Monday 17th March if your child would like to play in the team. The team for the first game will be confirmed on Monday.**

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
01/04/2025	Football league match
02/04/2025	PTA Easter bingo
03/04/2025	Easter Church service
29/04/2025	Football league match
30/04/2025	Class 1 multi skills at All Saints Junior School
01/05/2025	Class photos
01/05/2025	Year 3 & 4 Sports festival
16/05/2025	Year 6 Celebration event
19/05/2025	Football league match
22/05/2025	Bunting Cup
10/06/2025	Football league match
12/06/2025	South Peak sports
18/06/2025	Class 1 dance at All Saints Junior school
18/06/2025	Class 3 Grass track cycling
19/06/2025	Class 2 Activity day and sleepover
19/06/2025	Football league match
20/06/2025	Class 2 Activity day and sleepover- 2 nd day
27/06/2025	PTA leavers disco
02/07/2025	Class 3 residential
09/07/2025	Class 1 sports day event at All Saints Juniors
12/07/2025	PTA Summer Fair
14/07/2025	Football league match
16/07/2025	Sports presentation
04/04/2025	Last day of term
22/04/2025	School reopens
05/05/2025	Bank holiday- School closed
23/05/2025	Last day of term
02/06/2025	INSET
03/06/2025	School reopens
24/07/2025	Last day of term

In September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are not entitled to take their children on holiday in term time. Planned absence can only be taken with the prior written approval of the headteacher. Each case will be considered on its own merits and the decision of the headteacher is final.

Any requests for term time leave should be made on a leave of absence request form available from the school office and handed in at least two school weeks before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the local authority. Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996

Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G.

Further information regarding school attendance and penalty notices can be found on the DCC website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/welfare-services/attendance/school-attendance.aspx>

Please see our Attendance policy on our school website for more details.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 732236 or by email info@darleychurchtown.derbyshire.sch.uk with any questions or queries.



Autumn & Winter Menu

Available Daily:
Bread, Salad,
Fresh Fruit,
Yoghurt &
Drinking Water

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Celery	C	Molluscs	Mo
Cereals	G	Mustard	Mu
Crustaceans	Cr	Nuts	N
Eggs	E	Peanuts	P
Fish	F	Sesame Seeds	Se
Lupin	L	Soya	So
Milk	M	Sulphur Dioxide	Su

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Curry G/M with Rice & homemade Flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Margarita Pizza G/M Served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger G in a Bun G with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Option 2	V Five Bean Chili with Rice & a homemade Flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables	V Vegetable Tagine served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	V Veggie Sausage G served with a Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M, Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy 	V Veggie Burger G/So in a bun G with Homemade Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel E/G/M with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Cooks choice of cookie G	Chocolate Cracknel G/M	Honey Cake with Fresh Fruit E/G/M 	Banana & Strawberry Yoghurt Muffin E/G/M 	Fruit Crumble G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 04.11.24 / 25.11.24 / 16.12.24 / 20.01.25 / 10.02.25 / 10.03.25 / 31.04.25

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta G Bolognese with French Stick G & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast G/Su with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G, Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Cheese & Tomato Pizza G/M with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Stars F/G with Chips, Peas & Carrots
Option 2	V Dippers G with Homemade Sauce, Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Veggie Breakfast G with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes 	V Veggie Cottage Pie M/So with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Veggie Balls G in a homemade tomato sauce with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Veggie Fingers G with Chips, Peas & Carrots
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Shortbread G	Lemon Slice E/G	Jelly & Fresh Fruit 	Chocolate Crunch E/G & Fresh Fruit 	Cornflake Tart G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 11.11.24 / 02.12.24 / 06.01.25 / 27.01.25 / 24.02.24 / 17.03.25

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Pasta Bake G/M with Seasonal Vegetables & French Stick G	V Southern Style Burger in a bun E/G/M with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans 	Sausages G/Su & Mashed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cottage Pie M & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Option 2	V Vegetable Pasta Bake G/M with Seasonal Vegetables & French Stick G	V Jacket Potato with Cheese M or Baked Beans & Seasonal Vegetables	V Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheesy Bake G/M/Mu with Seasonal Vegetables	V Veggie Sausage Roll G with Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Macaroni Cheese G/M/Mu with Peas & Sweetcorn
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Cooks choice of Cookie G	Flapjack G	Sprinkle Cake E/G	Butterfly Brownie E/G with Fruit	Sticky Toffee Apple Sponge E/G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 18.11.24 / 09.12.24 / 13.01.25 / 03.02.25 / 03.03.25 / 24.03.25



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable in smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

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