



Newsletter

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Welcome Back

It has been a pleasure to welcome back our school community at the start of this new school year and we look forward to a providing a wide range of opportunities for the children this year.

We extend an especially warm welcome to the new families joining us this year and trust that your children will settle very quickly.



Everyone is looking very smart in their school uniform. The new winter PE kit is going to be very useful as the weather gets colder.

Covid

Covid is still present in the community. The current rules require children to be absent from school for three days following a positive test. This will be recorded as an authorised illness.

The current strain of Covid is presenting as a heavy cold for most people. School will continue to use sanitiser to keep the virus at bay.

What's happening?

September

21 st	Governors Meeting
22 nd	Flu Immunisations
28 th	EYFS Open Day 2-4pm

October

5 th	Harvest Service
18 th	EYFS Open Day 4-6pm
21 st	School closes for half term
31 st	School opens for all children

November

1 st	Parents' Evening
2 nd	Parents' Evening
24 th	Governors Meeting

December

21 st	School Term ends
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Secondary Transfer

The Year 7 2023 admissions window is now open. All pupils in Year 6 will soon receive a letter with regards to applying for a Secondary School for September 2023. If you have any queries regarding applying for Secondary schools please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Brooksbank.

The following schools have September Open Days available. Please visit the school website for more information.

School	Date	Time	Information
Archbishop Blanch	16 th September	10 - 11am	Booking required
St Hilda's	22 nd September	Evening	Details unknown

Flu Immunisations

All school-aged children will have the opportunity to receive a flu immunisation on **Thursday 22nd September**. The school nurses will visit each classroom and administer a nasal spray to children where permission has been given.

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Visit: merseycare.nhs.uk/imms



More information can be found on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

Homework

This term homework for pupils will be to learn their spellings and timetables and to read their books daily.

Homework activities will be shared on our digital platform for many of our children. Please ensure that your child knows their Google Classroom login details. If you have any problems please contact the school office and we will do our best to help you.

Homework Club will only be available for Year 6 this term.



Swimming

Y5 and Y6 will begin swimming lessons on 14th September. Y3 and Y4 will follow in the Spring Term.



Reading

It is vital that all children are able to read and understand text. It unlocks the world of learning for each one of them!

Our children initially learn to read through our Read Write Inc phonics programme. Please support your child by sharing books with them. Read stories to your child and ask questions to check for understanding.



School Nurse

Our school nurse is called Beth Corlett and can be contacted on 295 9700

If you wish for school to make a referral on your behalf please speak to Mrs Brooksbank.



If you require a large print Newsletter, please enquire at the Welcome desk.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniforms. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy. Please ensure that your **child's name** is in all items of uniform so that we can return lost property when necessary.

Please note: Children are to wear their PE kits to school on the days when they are timetabled to have PE. Winter PE kit is now available at Kitted Out.

Harvest

Our Harvest Service will take place at Holy Trinity Parish Church at 2pm on Tuesday 5th October. All parents are welcome to attend this first service of the year. During the first week of October school will be happy to receive Harvest donations of tinned and dried food in support of South Liverpool Food Bank.



Extended Provision

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am each day. Your child can choose a healthy breakfast and will be supervised until the start of the school day. A range of activities are available to keep the children entertained. The cost of this provision is £2.00 per day.



After School Club

Our After School Club is available every day that school is open. We are able to look after your children from the end of the school day until 5.45pm. The children will be supervised from 3.15pm and they will receive a snack at approximately 4.30pm. A range of activities will also be available to the children each day. The cost of this provision is £8 a day.



When collecting your child we would ask that you please ring **07759081854** and a member of staff on duty will assist you.

Please note: This number will only be available between 3.30pm and 5.45pm each day. Any queries with regards to bookings must be made through the School Office on 733 1231.

Sharing Information

Please contact school if you have changed any contact details over the Summer holidays. It is important that we have accurate addresses and phone numbers for the children. Thank you.



Parking Outside School

Prince Alfred Road gets very congested at the beginning and end of the school day. PLEASE do not park close to school as it causes a real bottle neck and drivers can become very frustrated when no-one is able to move. Thank you for your co-operation. We all want our children to stay safe.

School Matters!



Thank you to those who are supporting our aim to raise attendance and improve punctuality. Our overall attendance is for 2021/22 was **92.5%**. Attendance has been impacted by Covid absences but we continue to strive for at least 97% for attendance for all children. We must therefore aim for children to be in school every day unless your child is too ill to attend.

All parents will receive a letter informing them of their child's attendance percentage for each month. **This is for information only.** Any families whose child's attendance was less than **92%** last year may be required to meet with the Education Welfare Officer to discuss attendance issues. School will continue to closely monitor attendance and punctuality.

Any absences that are due to COVID-19 will be treated the same as any other illness. There are no plans to send classes home when cases are identified.

Please remember to notify school if your child is absent for any reason. We do operate a first day response whereby we will ring you if there has been no contact from you regarding your child's absence. This can be a huge job for Mrs Ford so your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Christian Value

This term's Christian value is Fellowship. It is important because it encourages us to:

- think about others
- follow rules that are designed to make the community work better
- work together as a team
- have less conflict and a more peaceful environment

The foundation of Christian fellowship is Christ's self-giving on the cross, the supreme demonstration of his love for all. We love because he loved us first.

For the first Christians, this was expressed in a genuine common life with shared meals, shared possessions and practical support for the poor. The Christian church today continues to serve not only those within the Christian community but any who are in need.



Early Years Open Days

Wednesday 28th September 2pm and 4pm

Tuesday 18th October 4pm - 6pm



Families are welcome to visit Wavertree CE School on the above dates in preparation for applications for a place in Reception Class 2023.

There will be a short presentation by the Headteacher followed by an opportunity to see the setting first hand.

Staff will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

We look forward to meeting you.

Wavertree Toddler Group



Our Toddler Group will begin on Friday 16th September at 10am. We are very excited to welcome our community into the hall to enjoy a range of activities for their little ones for one hour each week.

There will be a cost of £1 which will cover refreshments and replacement of consumables.

After School Activities

We are beginning to re-introduce some after school clubs again this term. Teachers will write separately to provide full details of the clubs available.

Day	Club	Who can go?	Time	Staff Responsible
Monday	School Council	Members Alternate weeks	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Durie
	Guitar Club Starting 19.9.22	Y5 - Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Holland
Tuesday	Football Club Starting 13.9.22	Y3 and Y4	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Woods
	Running Club Starting 20.9.22	Y3 - Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Hoare
Thursday	Homework Club Starting 15.9.22	Y6	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Miss Vaughan

Staff will advise you Please ensure that your child is collected on time. Thank you.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



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, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or 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, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

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

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