



*First the blade, then the ear,
then the full grain.*

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Gillamoor C of E Primary
School

Collective Worship Theme this half term = Honesty & Trust

Attendance this week is 97.5 % (target is 96%)

13 Oct 2023

School News and Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week, either for the Harvest Festival or the Reading Workshop. The children worked really hard on their Harvest Songs and on their prayers, poems and reflections and it was lovely to see some of the classroom learning being shared in our community. It is so fulfilling to see 3 generations come together through our school and church. Well done to everybody.

Mrs Elsey

Careers Session We'd love to continue to welcome parents into school and are sending out a letter about our up-coming Careers session for Y5/6. If you are willing and able to join us for a short session to talk about your job, which skills you need for it and some of the rewards and challenges, please do let us know.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for Health and Safety.

Small stud earrings may be worn on a daily basis but must be removed for PE and swimming.

Healthy Snacks:



As a school, we promote healthy food and snacks. Children are more than welcome to bring a snack for break time; however this needs to be something healthy and **not crisps, sweets, juice or chocolate bars**. In addition, children in Robin class receive a daily fruit snack. Thank you for your support.

Scholastic Book Club

We have created a school account for the Scholastic Book Club—they have a fabulous range of new books, as well as some classics. All books are delivered to the school and we have timed our order window to arrive in plenty of time for Christmas Presents.

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/gillamoor-ce/digital-book-club>

School receives money from every purchase which we can put towards our own school-book purchases.

SCHOLASTIC
READS



Closing date 17 November



**This week's
winning House is
Elm**

**Last week's win-
ning House was
Elm**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13 Oct-Film Night 6.30 pm
- 16 Oct-Administrator interviews
- 18 Oct-School photographs
- 20 Oct- Y3/4 Girls Football, Ryedale
- 20 Oct-Stay and Play 9.30am-11.00am
- 22 Oct-Domino Drive, Fadmoor Village Hall 2.00pm-4.00pm
- 25 Oct-Pickering Castle Wrens
- 26 Oct-Influenza Vaccinations
- 27 Oct- Y5/6 Girls Football, Ryedale.
- 27 Oct-Break up
- 6 Nov—Return to school
- 10 Nov-Y3/4 Boys Football, Ryedale
- 15 Nov-Stay and Play 1.15pm-2.45pm
- 17 Nov-Scholastic order deadline
- 17 Nov-PE session with Mr Jackson
- 24 Nov-Y5/6 Boys Football, Ryedale
- 1 Dec-Bags2School
- 5 Dec-Stay and Play 1.15pm-



We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Elijah's dad Krystian who has designed our new logo!
Our first film night is tonight - doors open at 6.15pm. Hope you can all make it.

Also please could we ask that you take five minutes to complete this parent survey from the FOGS <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAASWrjo5UQkM1UThTMURMNENWSV3TzZUSVdSQU9QRi4u>

Reception places for 2024

We are holding some stay and play sessions for anyone who is considering applying for a place for their child for September 2024 entry to Reception.

- Friday 20 October 9.30 am—11.00 am
- Wednesday 15 November 1.15 pm—2.45 pm
- Tuesday 5 December 1.15 pm—2.45 pm

Please call to book a place and pass on to friends who may be interested.

Flu Vaccinations 26 October

The immunisations team will be coming to school on Thursday 26 October. A leaflet which tells you all about the Flu Programme has been emailed home. There is an E-consent link which parents and carers need to have completed before 26 October. Please complete the form even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination or if they have received it elsewhere. <https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire>



Appointments

We are having an increasing number of pupils missing school due to dental, optician and medial appointments. Unless these are urgent, please can these be made out of school time. Even 1 hour of missed learning per half-term still equates to more than a full day missed over the school year.

Parent Workshops:

We will be running a series of parent workshops this year. These sessions are free to attend. Please see the email sent this week, or contact the office to confirm your interest. We have scheduled the sessions for 3pm, but if we receive enough interest, we can look into running these a little later in the day, if preferred.
24.10.23—Online Safety - What's App, Snapchat and Parental settings workshop

Kirkbymoorside out of school club are taking bookings for October half term. Please contact 01751 430997 522501@nyey.co.uk



Staff Training/meetings

Safeguarding
SEN, interventions and tat-get setting.



Starting Primary School

School Lunches

Week beginning 16 October is week 1 of our menu.

The dates are on the top of your menus.



Online Safety is a serious subject and as teachers, we are keen to help parents understand ways they can act to keep their children safe online. Each week, I will share a link to materials from the National Online Safety organisation. This week's topic is about Roblox.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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 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

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