

# Weekly Update 9th February 2018

## Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to this week's update. We wish you all a lovely half term break and will see everybody when we return on Monday 19th February.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1st March. Rather than asking children to dress up this year we would like them to create a headband that represents their favourite book. We are providing two strips of card for each child that can be turned into a headband/hat and on which they will build their design. They might include characters, title, a book review and quotes from the text. Completed headbands/hats will need to be worn to school on World Book Day.

## NETBALL COMPETITION

This will be held at Pendle Vale College on Monday 19th February starting at 4:00p.m and will finish at approximately 5:30p.m. For those children taking part, letters have gone out this week so please return your consent slips as soon as possible. We wish them the best of luck and most importantly to have fun and enjoy it.



## BAG 2 SCHOOL



Bag2School will be coming to school on **Thursday 1st March.** A great opportunity to spring clean your wardrobe! Bags have been sent home in book bags.

## YEAR 3 PARENT LUNCH



Year 3 parents are invited to share lunch with the children on Wednesday 21st February. This is a very popular event although there are a few spaces left. Please book via the School Gateway. All places either paid for on the School Gateway or at the office are confirmed. Please arrive at 12:30p.m. We look forward to welcoming you.



Our Friday Cross Country Club will recommence after school on 23rd February. For those children involved please ensure they have weather appropriate kit and footwear. If any children in Year 4 and above would like to give this a try please contact us in school to make arrangements.

## KEYBOARD LESSONS



If your child would be interested in keyboard lessons and has access to a keyboard to practice then please let us know at the school office. Depending on interest shown this may be something our music tutor could offer during school.

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**URGENT MESSAGE FROM LANCASHIRE POLICE IN REGARDS TO ROBLOX**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Following on from Safer Internet Day on Tuesday Lancashire Police have put out this post following information received about schools. Please read carefully and discuss with your child/children.**

'We are concerned about a popular App ROBLOX which is by far the most popular game played by children from 5-10 years of age.

Most of the children spoken to disclosed that they had online friends in ROBLOX that their parents did not know about. It got worse when many of the children stated they had received many in game messages from 'strangers' and that they hadn't told their parents.

All of the children then stated that they had seen 'naked' characters walking around the game and that the characters were doing very adults things.

The inappropriate content has been disclosed to us thousands of times by young children but we were previously unaware that the children were being sent numerous messages.

When talking to Year 3 students they suggested that a lot of the messages are inappropriate. In all cases the children are not telling their parents.

Most of the young children we spoke to appear to have been talking to strangers in the game by using headsets to speak. The headset is usually just a normal set of ear pods that you would get bundled with an Apple device as opposed to a specific gaming accessory.

We would advise every parent to check their child's ROBLOX account and look to see if they have friends that they do not know. Many of the children we spoke to said their accounts were 'maxed out' meaning they have 200 online friends.'

**We would therefore, like to ask all our parents to check their child's in-game messaging inbox for inappropriate 'friends', contacts or messages.**