



Friday 14th March 2025 (7 pages)

ATTENDANCE

Well done to every year group in the **green!**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	88%
YEAR 2	97%
YEAR 3	89%
YEAR 4	98%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Layla and Maddie; our Handwriting Heroes Spencer, Hugo H, Jenny and Isla W. Congratulations also to Eliza for receiving the Kindness Award, Hugo A for the Helping Hand Award and both Florrie and Hamish for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Alice and Elijah and our PE stars Ella and Isla C. All children were given a special sticker and a duck to sit on their desk for the week.





ELVIS AND TUFFY THE READING BEARS

The reading bears are really looking forward to going home with Violet and Effie this weekend.



MOUNTAINS, VOLCANOES AND EARTHQUAKES DAY

The children had a great day with Susan from 'One Day' on Tuesday learning all about Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes as part of their Geography topic. They took part in a range of activities including 30 second makes-making mountains and aeroplanes in groups of 2, 3 and 4. They played a Rock, Paper, Scissors Volcano game and completed a very active quiz. They watched videos, sang songs and finished with video making and editing-a really fun and engaging day all round.



PIC•COLLAGE

STANDING UP FOR OUR WORLD

FUNDRAISER



The children in **Years 1 to 4** would like to fundraise for a local foodbank and an international food charity.

They discussed lots of ideas and decided on holding a

'NEARLY NEW BRING AND BUY SALE'

The **'Bring and Buy Sale'** will be held on

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL IN THE SCHOOL HALL

The sale will be **TOYS AND GAMES ONLY – NO BOOKS PLEASE**

Please donate what you can via **Parent Pay-NO CASH REQUIRED**

ALL children in Years 1 to 4 will be given 2 tokens to spend at the sale regardless of any donation.

*Please send **no more than one bag of items ONLY** for the sale.

*Send bags of items in **W/C 31/3/25**

*Please provide your child/ren with a carrier bag on the day to take home their purchases.

REQUEST FROM MISS OSBORNE

If possible please could all children in **Class 2** bring in a 2.5 litre bottle for Science on Tuesday 8th April. Thank you!



CELEBRATING EXTRA CURRICULAR PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Please let Mrs Long know if your child/ren take part in extra-curricular clubs and activities and achieve awards or prizes. We would love to celebrate and share their efforts and successes.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 17th March.**

The children in **CLASS 2 are doing Invasion Games** and the children in **CLASS 3 are doing Hockey**. Both classes will be outside for PE, weather permitting so please ensure they have trainers and a hoody as well as leggings/shorts and t-shirt.



Baby & Toddler Group



Tuesday Mornings
9.30-11.00am
at Humshaugh First School

**Everybody welcome - Humshaugh, Wark,
Acomb, Hexham and surrounding areas**

Tea, coffee & biscuits provided

**Email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk
or call 01434 681408 for more information.**

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

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 on 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.

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Date: Monday 24th - Friday 28th March

Scan the QR code to pay online!

Book Fair

Monday 24th – Friday 28th March

(World book day tokens can be redeemed against books at the book fair)

Two ways to buy

At the Book Fair

The book fair will be open for parents to buy books at the following times – payment is online via the QR code.

Wednesday morning at drop off - 8.45am

Wednesday at pick up – 3.15pm, 4.30pm and at wraparound pick up.

Thursday and Friday morning at drop off – 8.45am

Wish list

Children will be invited to visit the book fair in school on Monday and Tuesday and can complete a wish list to bring home.

If parents would like to purchase any books from their child's wish list they can pay online and record the reference number on the wish list. Children will then be given the book to bring home the next day.

* World book tokens can also be redeemed in participating shops where some books will only cost £1.

* Books at the book fair start from £2.99.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18th March:

Baby and Toddler Group-9.30-11.00am

Skipping Festival-Class 3- PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Monday 24th March:

Class 1-The Very Hungry Caterpillar-Queens Hall-more info to follow

W/C 24th March:

Parent Consultations-appointment times will be sent out next week

Scholastic Book Fair-SEE INFO ABOVE

Tuesday 25th March:

Baby and Toddler Group-9.30-11.00am

Tuesday 1st April:

Baby and Toddler Group-9.30-11.00am

Friday 4th April:

Y1-4 Nearly New Bring and Buy Sale-more info to follow

Tuesday 8th April:

Be You-Friendship Sessions-Reception to Year 4

Baby and Toddler Group-9.30-11.00am

Thursday 10th April:

Easter Service-St. Peter's Church-9.30am-Whole school-everyone welcome

Friday 11th April:

Last day of Spring 2-Break up for Easter

Monday 28th April:

Summer 1 starts

Monday 5th May:

Bank Holiday-School closed

Wed 14th-Fri 16th May:

Y4 Residential-Robinwood

Friday 23rd May:

Last day of Summer 1

Monday 2nd June:

Summer 2 starts

Tuesday 10th June:

Be You-Resilience sessions

Friday 18th July:

Last day of term-break up for Summer!