

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a lovely weekend and have enjoyed this glorious weather!

Last week, it was great to see the children returning to school with so much energy and excitement! I am looking forward to another busy week of exciting learning opportunities. This week, please ensure you check your child's red book bag for a hard copy of the spring term curriculum leaflet and maths homework. Please read through this with your child and use it to support their learning at home.

Roblox concerns

Thank you to those of you that have shared their recent concerns about the game 'Roblox'. Recently, it has been reported in the news about a potential biometric location tracking feature which is believed to disclose players' addresses. Some players have also reported 'strange' messages appearing on their device. Therefore, I would highly urge that you follow the recommendations below to keep your child safe online:

- Maintain an open line of communication with your child about their online activities. Encourage them to share their experiences and any concerns they may have.
- Teach children about the risks of sharing personal information online and the importance of maintaining privacy in digital spaces.
- Implement parental control tools and privacy settings on devices and online platforms to monitor and restrict inappropriate content.
- Establish clear rules about internet usage, including time limits and permissible websites, to foster a balanced and healthy online experience.
- Keep yourself updated on the latest online trends and potential threats to better guide and protect your children.

Please see a link below to the school website that has updated guidance, links and downloads on internet safety which are all highly valuable and useful. **This includes a parent guide to Roblox.**

http://www.st-day.cornwall.sch.uk/website/internet_safety/363272

Key dates for this term:

JANUARY 2024

- 15th- Clubs start
- 18th- CENSUS DAY—Special School Menu

FEBRUARY 2024

- 5th- Last week of clubs
- 6th- Safer Internet Day
- 6th- Parent Partnership Meetings 3.10 - 6.00pm
- 7th- Parent Partnership Meetings 3.10– 5.00pm
- 9th- **Break up for half term**

Key reminders for this week:

- New comprehension and maths homework will be sent out
- PE day will be on Tuesday
- Cold weather- As you are probably aware, temperatures are set to drop below average. Please make sure your child brings a **coat, hat and gloves** to school- they will need it. Thank you!

This week's phonics virtual classroom videos:

It is possible that your child may have changed groups after the assessments before the Christmas break. Please check what colour group they are in by looking at the colour of their RWI book in their book bag. If you are still unsure then please do not hesitate to ask.

Sound blending and Red: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GCNLFb90/G9wOXwo1>

Green, Purple and Pink: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/A3ClejYV/Af3yPraa>

Orange, Yellow and Blue: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/u3PpuUmc/C1CJzSD0>

Thank you,

Miss Ponsford