

## Monthly Head Teacher Newsletter

Dear Families,

It has been another fantastic term at Sea Mills with lots going on! The weather has been glorious at the last couple of weeks and the children have been making good use of the weather by learning outdoors as much as possible.

Thank you as ever to all of our parents for the continued support and positive comments, we work hard to ensure our level of service is top notch!

We are looking forward to a fantastic final term. We hope you all have a restful May half term.

## Staff News

I am sure you will all join me in thanking and expressing our very best wishes to Miss Blair who has come to the end of her maternity cover. We wish you all the best in your next ventures and we thank you for all of your hard work during your time at Sea Mills.

We welcome back Mrs Thomas who is returning to us from her maternity leave. She will be taking over in Year 1 and will have spent this last week getting to know everyone and meeting the parents in the Y1 Meet the Teacher session held on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are very sad to announce the retirement of Nicola Phillips our amazing family support worker at the end of this academic year. She embodies the heart and soul of Sea Mills and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with her. She is simply irreplaceable. We recognise that the loss of Nicky will be hard for many members of our community, which is why we have chosen to announce it early so families have time to process. We are very sad to lose her but understand her need to prioritise time for herself and her family after a tough personal year.

Miss Georgiou will be returning from her maternity leave in T6 on the 19<sup>th</sup> July. Her return will only be short as she and her family are immigrating to Qatar during the summer. I am sure you will join me in wishing her luck on their exciting adventure.

Mrs Wimpenny has sadly given notice that she will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. She has been with Sea Mills for many years and we will all be very sad to see her go. We have already began the recruitment process to find an excellent replacement for Reception.

May 2023

## Key Dates

May/June

31<sup>st</sup> Free Family Breakfast Club (10am-12pm)

4<sup>th</sup> Community Litter Pick  
run by Coombe Dingle and Sea Mills Climate Group (meet by the Addison Oak 2-4pm)

5<sup>th</sup> Term Begins

5<sup>th</sup> Y4 Multiplication Check begins

7<sup>th</sup> Class Photographs and Y6 Leavers

8<sup>th</sup> Y6 Swimming begins (inc 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>) and Blaise High Transition day

12<sup>th</sup> Phonics screening week begins

15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 UWE trip

23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 Life Skills Trip

28<sup>th</sup> Science Day – Connections

29<sup>th</sup> PTFA Pub Quiz Night

## July

4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Production

5<sup>th</sup> Move up day

5<sup>th</sup> Bristol Secondary Schools Transition Day

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> DT cooking workshops EYFS – Y6

11<sup>th</sup> Drama workshops EYFS – Y6

12<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs results out and Y6 celebration day trip

13<sup>th</sup> Y3 Trip to the Matthew and Y2 open classroom (3-3.30)

17<sup>th</sup> End of year reports to parents

19<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (parents welcome)

21<sup>st</sup> End of School Year

## Notices

Please check for any school reading books at home.  
We are running low ☹

Please ensure you write children's names in all school clothing. We have a lot in lost property without names.

**DO NOT USE MOBILE PHONES ON SCHOOL SITE**



## Term Dates 23/24

September 2023 – July 2024

**Term 1:**

Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

**Term 2:**

Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023

**Term 3:**

Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

**Term 4:**

Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 29 March 2024

**Term 5:**

Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

**Term 6:**

Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

**Inset Days**

Friday 1st September  
Tuesday 2nd January  
Monday 15th April  
Monday 22nd July  
Tuesday 23rd July

## OPAL DONATIONS NEEDED

- Small word play – figures, farm animals, dinosaurs, vehicles etc.
- Sports equipment – balls, bats etc.
- Buckets and spades for our mini sand pits
- Cardboard tubes
- Old suitcases
- Tarpaulins
- Comics
- Scooters

**(Please bring to the office)**

## Sea Mills Primary School 2 year Nursery are now offering...



Places for 2 year old children (starting in September)

Sea Mills Primary School and Children's Centre  
Riverleaze, Sea Mills, Bristol, BS9 2HL - 0117 353 3520

## Some 2-year-olds in England can get free early education and childcare.

You must be getting one of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- tax credits and have an annual income under £16,190 before tax
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

Children are also entitled to a place if:

- they're looked after by a local council
- they have a current statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education health and care plan
- they get Disability Living Allowance
- they've left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order

## Two Year Old Places

We are now offering a limited number of paid places for our Two Year Old Nursery room. You can choose a mixture of mornings and afternoons but there must be a minimum of 3 sessions per week. £20.00 per 3 hour session (9am-12pm, or 12pm-3pm), £40.00 for the whole day (9am-3pm). Please see Gemma Smith in the Two Year Old Nursery if you are interested or wish to reserve a place for when your child turns two.

# Climate Community Champions!

We are very proud to have been awarded 'Climate Community Champions' after our work with Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Climate Action Group.

## CLIMATE CHAMPION CERTIFICATE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO:

*Seamills Primary  
School*

FOR BEING A COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHAMPION



Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle  
Climate Action Group

## SEND AND YOU ACTIVITIES



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### SEND AND YOU ACTIVITY May-July 2023

Any queries contact us on  
[mail@sendandyou.org.uk](mailto:mail@sendandyou.org.uk)  
0117 9897725

**Evening & Morning  
ONLINE SEND surgeries**

#### School Visits

**Fri 19th May**  
St Bonaventure's  
RC Primary School

**Weds 24th May**  
Cheddar Grove  
Primary School

**Friday 26th May**  
Two Mile Hill  
Primary School

#### Drop in Sessions Symes Resource Centre

**ALL 12:00 - 1:30**

**Thurs 11 May**

**Thurs 8th June**

**Thurs 13th July**

Accessible,  
heated  
building, toys  
for pre school  
children

SEND and You  
Website



**Bristol  
Evening  
Surgery –  
Tues  
16th May**



**Bristol  
Daytime  
Surgery –  
Weds  
14th June**



**Bristol  
Evening  
Surgery  
Tuesday  
11th July**





# Sea Mills Children's Centre

Did you know that we have a Children's Centre on our school site!

Sea Mills Children Centre is one of nine existing and well-established Children's Centres in North Bristol, working together to support families with children. They are very much focused on helping and supporting the needs of the local community. They co-ordinate, organise and run many events locally for parents and young children.

## Family Support Services

Their Family Support team can offer specific 1:1 family support and signposting. This service is confidential and they will not disclose any information without your agreement, unless they consider a child or adult is at risk of harm.

They work with many other agencies to offer a joined up approach and to give you and your family the best service. Some of their partner agencies include: North Bristol Advice, Home Start, Early Help, Health Visitors, Speech and Language Therapists.

### Services Available

- Parenting Support
- 1:1 Advice & Support
- Breast Feeding Support
- Baby Massage
- Home Visits (on request)
- Baby Groups
- Stay & Play Sessions
- Benefits & Housing Advice
- Adult Learning Courses

For further information about the services and groups family support offer, please visit their website:

<https://northbristolcc.org.uk>

## Come and Meet us

They would love to meet you and have a chat about your childcare requirements. They are a friendly bunch so please do get in touch with them to arrange a visit.

# World Cultural Diversity Day







**ROBLOX**  
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

# What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**



## ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

## CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

## ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



**National  
Online  
Safety**

## Top Tips for Parents

### ALERT!

Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Roblox etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

### UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

### CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

### 2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

### HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

### RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

### DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

### IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

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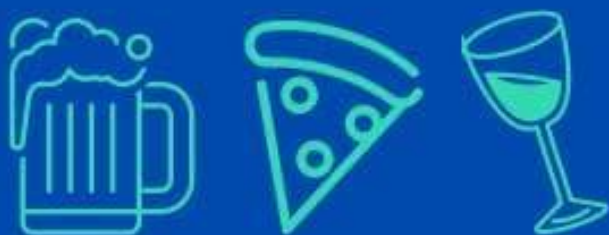
This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)



# QUIZ NIGHT

Join us to raise funds for  
Sea Mills Primary



- Maximum 6 people per team
- Alcoholic and soft drinks served
- Stone baked pizza available to buy



**THURSDAY 29 JUNE**

**7:30 - 9:30pm at School Hall**