

## MESSAGE FROM NIKKI BURROUGHS, EXECUTIVE HEAD



And so another academic year comes to an end – and what a year this one has been – perhaps with even more challenges than last year, however there has been lots to celebrate too!

The recent summer fetes, sports days and transition events were a huge success and it was wonderful to be able to welcome so many families and friends back into our schools. I hope you enjoyed them as much as we did. We look forward to continuing to developing our parent partnerships further next year with even more events in our schools.



It has also been fantastic, specifically these last few weeks, to see so many of our children and young people access high quality, purposeful educational outings, work experience opportunities and residential. There have been trips to the Zoos, The Aquarium, numerous different parks, soft play areas and even a few trips paddle boarding to name but a few.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those students leaving our school this Summer to go on to new adventures elsewhere, all the very best for the future. We have loved being part of their journey and hope they remember their time with us fondly.

I am sure you will all join me in extending thanks to our wonderful staff team for their incredible dedication and commitment throughout this extraordinarily challenging year.

My final thanks however, goes to you, our parents and carers, for allowing us the privilege of educating and caring for your children and young people, and to our superb children and young people themselves, who brighten up each and every one of our days. We look forward to continuing to help them grow and achieve even further next year. I wish you all a fabulous summer holiday!

## SHORT OF TIME?

**School Lunches** - Costs are rising as from September 2022. The new cost will now be £2.60 for Lower School and £2.70 for Upper School.

**Summer Fete** - Thank you if you came along/supported the Summer Fetes. We raised £1,874.35!

**Transitions** - If you have any questions about your child's or young person's education next year, email your Class Teacher or call Katy Bradley or Monika Davis.

**Latest Makaton Sign** - Page 2.

**Term Dates 2022-2023** - Attached.

**HAF Programme** - Running this summer. Check the link on page 2 to find out more details/check if you are eligible for support.

**Student Council Update** - On page 4 and attached.

**E-Safety Briefings** - Taking place for families. See dates below.

**Physios** - Two physios will be working over the summer holiday. See page 5 for email contact info.

**Preparing for Adulthood** - Our FE Dept will be known as Sixth Form from September.

**Summer Reading Challenge** - If you'd like to encourage your child to read over the summer, click on the image on page 6.

Download the **Sociability App** on page 6 to find local places which truly are accessibility-friendly.

## DATES 2022

- Wednesday 27th July ..... ETC Wayside Crescent Leavers' Assembly
- Wednesday 27th July ..... Last day of term for pupils and staff
- Tuesday 6th September ..... Pupils return to school
- Tues 20th/Wed 21st September ..... Parents' Evenings
- Thursday 29th September ..... E-Safety Training for Families at ETC
- Tuesday 4th October ..... E-Safety Training for Families at ETS
- Tuesday 11th October ..... Online E-Safety Training for Families at 5.30 pm
- w/c 24th October ..... Half term holiday



## COST OF LUNCHES

With rising energy and food costs, the Federation needs to increase the cost of a school lunch **from September 2022**.

The cost of a Junior School meal will increase to £2.60 per day, and a Senior School meal will rise to £2.70 per day (an increase of 20p per meal).

Payment needs to remain upfront but you can choose whether to pay daily, weekly or half termly. The cost of cookery contributions will not change.

Thank you.



## SUMMER FETE

Thank you!

**A BIG THANK YOU** for coming along and supporting the Summer Fetes at both Wayside Crescent and Hollow Lane this year.

All your prize donations were gratefully received by the PTFA who created wonderful hampers for the raffle. I hope you were one of the lucky winners!

At the College fete, it was great to see the students running their own stalls. There were lots of opportunities to improve their maths skills with cash counting.

At Hollow Lane, the wet sponge game was very popular as was the football shoot out. It was especially nice to see lots of families back in school and the College!

Our Finance team has counted all the cash and we're delighted to say the ET Fetes raised **£1,874.35!**

Thank you so much for your support.



## TRANSITION EVENT

We hope you managed to make it into Ellen Tinkham School at Hollow Lane last week for the Transition Event.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's or young person's class next year, please do get in touch with us. Either contact your Class Teacher or put in a call to Katy Bradley or Monika Davis, Heads of Site.



## MAKATON SIGN

This week's sign is "Good Afternoon".

[Makaton for 'good afternoon' - YouTube](#)



## TERM DATES 2022-2023

Term dates are at the end of this newsletter.

The last day of term this Summer is:

**Wednesday 27th July 2022**

We look forward to welcoming all the children and young people back on:

**Tuesday 6th September 2022**

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF)

The HAF Programme provides holiday activities and a meal for children aged 5-16 (and 4 year olds if in Reception) who are eligible for and receiving benefit-related Free School Meals. The programme also covers their families and their friends if this encourages the children to attend. To access the programme, you should book a place direct.

Full information can be found on the DCC website (click [here](#)).



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL & COLLEGE

### Key Stage 3 Visit to Exmouth



Students and staff from Key Stage 3 enjoyed the gentle lapping of waves on the beach as they embarked on a train journey to Exmouth this term. The students went bowling at Ocean and spent some time playing on the beach before heading back to College.



They practised their road safety walking to and from the train station, while those who didn't take the train enjoyed the luxury of staff cars or school minibuses along the A376.



Students had a fantastic day and this was a great experience to make memories and develop their independence.

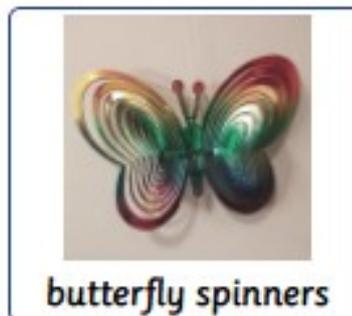
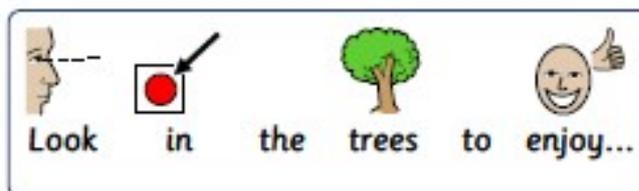
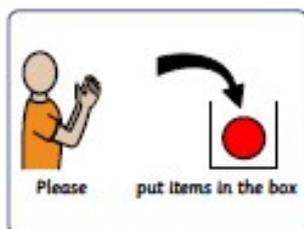
### Key Stage 2 - A Day Out on the River



## UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Attached to this newsletter is the latest update from the Student Council. They've received a response from the local MP regarding their recycling question around food waste!

Also, as you may remember, the Student Council held a "Creative Hair and Odd Socks Day" as a fundraiser a little while ago. Well, thanks to the generous donations received, the Student Council has purchased separate storage boxes and separate outdoor resources for use by everyone at both sites:



## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Do you have any musical instruments at home that you no longer use? If so, would you consider donating them to the Federation?

As part of our strategic plan and site developments, Federation staff have been undertaking music training and we are currently auditing our musical instruments.

It would be good if we could have some more instruments to use in classes. Drums, hand bells etc. Thank you very much.



## E-SAFETY TRAINING FOR FAMILIES



Remember completing a Technology Questionnaire, telling us how often your child or young person accesses their electronic device and what they view and engage with when online? We've reviewed your feedback and would like to invite you, to what we hope, will be the first of a number of e-safety training sessions in the next academic year.

The training sessions will be held as follows:

- Thursday 29th September at Wayside Crescent, 10.30 am - 12 noon
- Tuesday 4th October at Hollow Lane, 10.30 am - 12 noon

For our working families, we will also be running an online Teams session on Tuesday 11th October starting at 5.30 pm until 7 pm.

Please pop one of these dates into your diary now, and we'll be in touch with further details in September on how you can sign up.

## PHYSIOS

Gill Scott and Claire Harradine, our Physiotherapists, will be working over the summer holiday. If you need to get hold of them, please email [charradine@ellentinkham.devon.sch.uk](mailto:charradine@ellentinkham.devon.sch.uk) or [gscott@ellentinkham.devon.sch.uk](mailto:gscott@ellentinkham.devon.sch.uk)

## FURTHER EDUCATION CHANGING TO SIXTH FORM

This academic year, we have undertaken a comprehensive review of our Key Stage 5 (FE) department, including its strategic direction and curriculum offer. As a result, I can confirm that from September 2022, the Learn to Live Federation will no longer have a department with a designation of Further Education (FE). For young people being educated in Years 12 to 14, the department will be known as the "Sixth Form". Classes will be named "Sixth Form 1", "Sixth Form 2" and "Sixth Form 3". Our Ellen Tinkham College logo has also changed (see above).

Education within our Sixth Form will still follow the Learn to Live Federation's personalised curriculum for all students. Our young people will continue to be taught a breadth of subjects including functional English and Maths. Preparing for Adulthood will remain a key focus within Years 12 to 14 as we continue to develop students' employability skills and provide opportunities for relevant work experience placements. Our aim in Sixth Form is to ensure young people are as prepared as possible for their next steps towards becoming an independent adult, and to be able to participate and contribute meaningfully within their own local community.

At the Parents' Evening which will take place during week commencing 19th September 2022, you will have the chance to discuss the above with your Class Teacher but if you have questions you would like answered in the meantime, please contact Monika Davis, Head of College.

Being part of the Years 12 to 14 cohort is an exciting time for students both in terms of their education and the opportunities it provides, as well as specific privileges it brings whilst in school. We hope everyone will enjoy being a member of our Sixth Form.

Preparing for  
**Adulthood**



## SUMMER READING

This Summer, why not encourage your child to delve into a book and be inspired by tales of creativity?! Join the Summer Reading Challenge online and see where your child can go this summer. Click on the image below for more info:



## SOCIABILITY APP

For more than one billion disabled people worldwide, poor accessibility poses a significant barrier to social inclusion, equal opportunity and quality of life.

Whether you're disabled or, elderly, or pushing a pram or simply with someone who is – knowing the accessibility (or lack thereof) of a venue in advance makes a world of difference. With the right planning, obstacles can be overcome, stress can be avoided, and everyone can be included.

By making it quick, easy and free to find detailed & reliable accessibility information, Sociability helps disabled people find accessible places and enjoy greater social inclusion.

Scan this QR code to install the Sociability app to find your accessible place.





## Student Council Update July 2022



Students on both sites have chosen their top toys and activities to have in the playground areas.



We have organised them and put into the outside spaces. Symbols cards have been made to go with them.



We are working hard to plan the end of term events.



It was chosen by separate school and college votes.



A disco for the College.



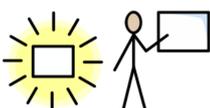
A water party for the school.



We have interviewed candidates at school and college.



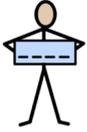
What we thought was told to the Senior Leadership team.



New teachers start after the holidays.



The whole school have an enterprise project. It is for Ellen Tinkham School, College, and for Bidwell Brook School.



We are thinking up a name for the Enterprise Company the federation will have from September. The next job will be to design a logo.



There are prizes for the winners.



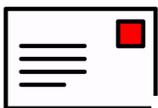
Our Champion for Change rep is going to a meeting with Debbie Stafford and Ben Mitchell from the Devon County Council Preparing for Adulthood team.



She is going to talk to them for us about needing more opportunities for employment.



Our Champions for Change rep had a letter from her MP. It was in response to her letter to him about food waste in schools. He has agreed with her that it is an issue.



The MP has written a letter to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on her behalf. Our rep is expecting a response.

## TERM DATES 2022-2023

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key:	pupils in school				school holidays (school closed)			staff training days (non pupil days)			occasional days (school closed)			Bank Holidays and weekends		

# STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

How many tips can you find?

UNSURE?  
ASK A TRUSTED  
ADULT





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.



## Top Tips for Parents

**ALERT!**  
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There 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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