



## ST MARTIN'S NEWS - OCTOBER

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## Harvest - A BIG thank you!



Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our Harvest Festival before half term. Salisbury foodbank shared the following message:

Thank you very much for your support during harvest. So far to date we have collected over 6 tonnes of food – with more still to come. This will see us into the early winter months when demand starts to climb.

We will continue to reach out and support everyone who needs our help. We have already provided 59,310 meals this year. That 19,770 breakfasts provided, by you, our supporters.

More information about the foodbank can be found at <https://salisbury.foodbank.org.uk/>

## Online Safety Feature - Roblox



Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.

### **What rating is Roblox?**

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for Teens on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

### **What should I be aware of?**

**Chat Facility** - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

**Virtual Currency** - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.



**Game content** - as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

### **How do I report abuse and block users?**

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

### **How do I set up parental controls and a pin?**

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up "allowed experiences", which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+.

To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.

### **Further information:**

<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>

## DSAT update



**Diocese of Salisbury  
Academy Trust**

*'Beyond expectations for all of God's children'*

As you are aware, in recent weeks and months we have been consulting on our plans to join the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust. Thank you to those who attended the meetings or responded to the online questionnaire. At the meeting we were able to present our rationale and discuss the options that had been considered, we were also able to follow up a few questions with some of you individually. As part of the consultation, ourselves and the Trust were able to respond to each of the questions raised and there was nothing to materially affect our decision to make this move. Questions were largely around

organisational changes, curriculum and uniform. In each of these cases, you will feel very little difference.

### **Staffing**

The school leadership and staffing structure will remain the same and your day-to-day contact will continue as always. We will be working with the Trust to continually improve and refine our curriculum and education offer in the school as we do now, and we will benefit hugely from their advice and support.

### **Uniform**

In terms of uniform, there is no need to worry – your children will be able to come to school in their current uniform as normal. Over the next little while, our uniform providers will be changing the logo to match the new logo we have designed as being part of the Trust. You will be able to continue wearing the current uniform for as long as it is wearable but any new uniform you buy will have the new logo. Next September, we will be gifting every child with a school sweatshirt with the new logo on.

### **Moving Day!**

Currently, the move to the Trust is on schedule to take place on 1st December – we will let you know if there is any change to this. Mr Lacey, the Trust's CEO, will come into school early in the new year to lead a collective worship and to formally welcome the children and staff into the Trust. The day we join DSAT is actually the day of their 10th anniversary. We will be joining them online for a celebration event at 9.30am that morning so the children will quickly feel part of the wider family. As always, if there are questions you have, please do let us know.

## Social Media



We are delighted that we were able to relaunch our Facebook page a couple of weeks ago. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to follow us, please click the link to do so. Facebook is a great way to stay up-to-date with news, photos and information. [St Martin's CE Primary School Facebook Page](#)

## Dates for the Diary

The best way to keep up to date with events is to subscribe to our calendar. Please do this by following the link below...

[Click here to go to the school calendar](#)

We have been thinking about COMPASSION



So far this term, we have been thinking all about compassion.

We are focusing on how to show kindness, patience and understanding.

Some questions that you could think about at home, with your family, are:

Has anyone shown you compassion? What did they do?

What does compassion mean to them?

How can we show compassion to others?



## Contact Us

As always, please do get in touch if you have a question or concern, we are here to help!

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