



Stocksbridge Junior School

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It has been a fantastic eight weeks at SJS, and although we are all feeling a little tired, there is so much to feel proud of as we look back on everything the children have achieved over the last two months. It has been lovely to welcome so many parents into school over the last fortnight, giving you a flavour of life in our classrooms during our parents' sessions last week, before finishing the half term with parents' evenings this week. These have been wonderful opportunities to share how well the children have settled into their new year groups, celebrate the progress they have made since September and talk about their next steps in learning. Thank you for your continued support; it really does make such a difference. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved half-term break, with plenty of time to rest and recharge, ready to return refreshed for another busy and exciting half term as we begin the countdown to Christmas!

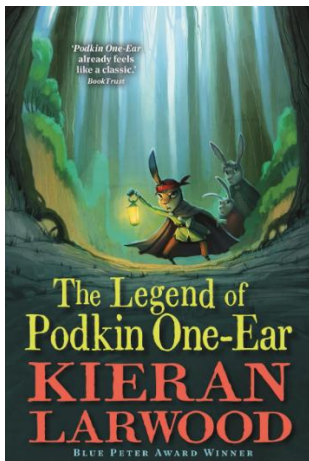
SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MC: Charlotte
- Y3RP: Oscar
- Y4EN: Busby
- Y4LC: Millie
- Y5CS: Wrenn
- Y5GG: Frankie
- Y5HK/CG: Emilie
- Y6CH/CG: Josh
- Y6RD: Molly

PE Star: Remy
Attendance & Punctuality: Ada

Y3/4 Yard: Eleni
Y5/6 Yard: Ivy
Dining Hall: Ada

BOOK OF THE WEEK



My book this week is 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear'. Here's a little synopsis for newsletter:

Written by Kieran Larwood, The Legend of Podkin One-Ear is a KS2 children's fantasy novel about a lazy young rabbit named Podkin who must step up to protect his family and his world after a brutal attack. On Midwinter Night in Thornwood Warren, a mysterious traveling bard arrives and trades stories for food and shelter. He tells the young rabbits the real, unvarnished story of Podkin One-Ear - not a mythical giant with fire in his eyes, but an ordinary, reluctant rabbit who had to grow up fast.

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Sophie
Emily

Y4 - CAIRO

India
Ada
Seth
Aurora

Y5 - BEIJING

Seb

Y6 - BUENOS AIRES

Bronte

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

As our Y4s are off to Whitby after half term, PE will look slightly different to normal for Week 1 only.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4LC Y5GG + Y5CS ¹	Y4EN Y6RD	Y3MC Y5HK/CG + Y5CS ²		Y3RP Y6CH/CG

Y4 children who have opted not to attend the Whitby trip will need to wear their PE kits on Wednesday and Friday, please.

SNOWFLAKE FUNDRAISING



Thank you for supporting today's fundraising non-uniform day towards our Children's Hospital Snowflake. So far we have raised £310!

The 'Dress Down Day' item will remain open over half term in Arbor's School Shop for any parents who have not yet had the chance to donate.

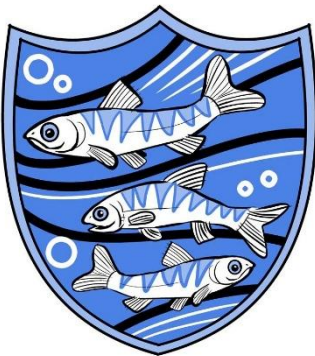
(N.B. Parents can increase the 'quantity' to amend the amount they wish to donate.)

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. ❤️ ❄️

FARWELL TO MRS BENDELL

Today, we say a fond farewell to our Receptionist, Mrs Bendall, who is moving on to a new role within Sheffield University. We would like to wish her every success in her new position and thank her for all her hard work in the school office. She will be greatly missed by staff and children alike!

TEAM TREAT



We are delighted to announce that our winning house this term is Ewden! The children have worked incredibly hard, showing our school values every day and earning tokens for their effort, kindness and fantastic attitude.

To celebrate their achievement, children in Ewden are off to the cinema on Wednesday 11th November 2026.

If your child is in Ewden, please look out for an email with further details, and for you to give consent.

GONE GREEN

We are on a roll with even more children turning their TTRS heat maps green! Congratulations to India and Oliver!



OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Our termly Out-of-School Achievements slideshow is always a wonderful reminder of just how talented, determined and ambitious our children are. We are incredibly proud to celebrate everything they achieve beyond the classroom.

A huge well done to all the children featured in today's celebration, and thank you for sharing your fantastic achievements with us!



NEW MENU

Our school caterers, Hutchison, have created a new menu for when we return after half term. Parents will have received an email this week with the three-week menu attached.

MENU Week 3

Served W/C

2 Nov, 23 Nov, 14 Dec, 4 Jan,
25 Jan, 8 Mar

Hutchison

THE
FOOD
EXPLORERS

Main
Meal

1

Mixed bean bolognese
with penne pasta

Vegetable sausages and
mashed potatoes with
gravy

Vegetable pastry with
roast potatoes and gravy

Cauliflower korma with
rice

Vegan Sausage Roll, chips
and tomato ketchup

2

Beef bolognese with
penne pasta

Pork sausages with
mashed potatoes and
gravy

Roast chicken breast
with roast potatoes and
gravy

Chicken korma with rice

Fish fingers, chips and
tomato ketchup

Veggies

Green beans and
Sweetcorn

Carrots and Peas

Broccoli and Roasted
Carrots

Tomato, Cucumber and
Carrot Salad

Baked Beans

Sandwiches

3

Cheese

Cheese

Cheese

Cheese

Cheese

4

Ham

Ham

Tuna mayo

Ham

Ham

Sweet
Treats

Lemon shortbread

Orchard crumble with
custard

Raspberry Jelly and
Mandarins

Chocolate and Orange
Brownie

Sliced Fruit Selection

Available Every Day

5

Hot Vegetables and Crunchy colourful Salad Bar | A choice of Fruit, Jelly or Yoghurt |
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise, and Cheese & Beans

KEY

Added Chickpeas

Added Lentils

Vegan

Vegetarian

Wholegrain

Nutritionist's Choice

Made with Pea Protein

HEAD LICE

We have received reports of head lice in Year 3.

HOW TO PREVENT HEAD LICE

Head lice is not just a school or a one family problem – it can happen to anyone. Head lice are tiny wingless insects that live on the human scalp, multiply rapidly and are almost impossible to eliminate unless properly treated. Head lice do not hop or jump; they have claws that are adapted for grasping – giving them a strong grip on the hair shafts. Head lice may strike anyone regardless of personal hygiene practices. To minimise cases of head lice in school, it is important for all families to take precautions to prevent infestation. Suggested precautions include:

- Children with long hair should come to school with their hair tied back in plaits or pigtails/ponytails.
- Children should not share hats, combs or brushes with friends.
- Children should be discouraged from playing with each other's hair.
- Vigorous daily brushing and combing of hair prevents establishment of head lice.
- Children's hair should be checked at home frequently for any evidence of 'nits'.
- Parents should be alert for unusual irritation or itching around ears and nape of neck.

Once an infestation of head lice is detected, special lotion or spray should be used. Vigorous washing with usual shampoo is not effective. The NHS offer further advice on [their website](#). Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

EVENTS COMING UP...

Nov 2 Read Around the World: Set off on your journey towards your 2nd destination Risks Outside The Home Seminar Parent Seminar	3	4 Y4 Whitby	5 Y4 Whitby Bowls (No Y4 Swimming)	6 Y4 Whitby
Nov 9	10	11 Ewden Team Treat	12 Y4 Swimming Bowls	13 Children In Need
Nov 16 Odd Socks Day Anti-Bullying Week	17	18	19 Y4 Swimming Flu Vaccinations Bowls	20 Sheffield Book Awards
Nov 23	24	25	26 Y4 Swimming Bowls Y6 Steel City - Kelham Island Trip	27
Nov 30	Dec 1 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 2nd destination	2	3 Y4 Swimming Bowls	4 Deadline for placing Y6 Leavers' Hoodies orders
Dec 7	8 Y6 Christmas Concert	9 Y5 Christmas Concert Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day	10 Y4 Christmas Concert Y4 Swimming	11 Y3 Christmas Concert
Dec 14 Y3 Christmas Party	15 Y4 Christmas Party	16 Y5 Christmas Party Christmas Disco (TBC)	17 Y6 Christmas Party (No Y4 Swimming)	18 Non-Uniform Day (£1)
--- Christmas Holidays ---				