



Stocksbridge Junior School

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As is traditional at SJS, we ended our first full week back by getting involved in Roald Dahl Day! It is one of our favourite days in the school calendar and we loved seeing the incredible effort that had gone into the amazing costumes we saw around school. Amongst the children (and staff too!) there were many Oompa Loompas, lots of Charlies (from the Chocolate Factory!) and a whole litter of Fantastic Mr Foxes, to name but a few! Even stranger, our Celebration Assembly was led by the

terrifying Miss Trunchbull and the equally hair-raising Grand High Witch. We hope Mrs Gaymond and Mrs Ross will return next week!

Days like this are part of our mission to make every SJS child a reader. Not only do we want all children to leave us with the necessary reading skills to tackle high school, we also want them to enjoy reading and experience the pleasure of curling up with a good book. Our children have been encouraged to start their reading journeys this weekend. After all, in the immortal words of Roald Dahl, 'If you are going to get anywhere in life, you need to read a lot of books'!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Laurence
- Y4CH/JT: Matilda
- Y5CS: Georgia
- Y6RD: Olivia
- Y3CB: Aria
- Y4GG: Clayton
- Y5HK/CG: Martha
- Y6LR: Millie

The Hub: George

Cedarwood Yard: Summer
Ball Games Yard: Alfie

Attendance & Punctuality: Josh
Dining Hall: Erin

SCHOOL TIMINGS

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| Start of the day | The school gate opens at 8:35am with registers being taken at 8:40am. Mrs Gaymond and Mr Denton greet children on the gate from 8:35am until 8:45am at which point the gate will be closed. Any children arriving after 8:45am must report to Reception. |
| End of the day | The gate will open for parents at 3:05pm. School finishes at 3:10pm for all children. |

SATS MEETING

Y6 Parents are invited to attend a meeting at 5:15pm on Thursday 19th September to find out more information about the end of Key Stage 2 statutory tests. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about SATs and also have a look at some past papers.

We will also use the opportunity to share information about the Y6 residential to Robinwood.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographers will be in school on Tuesday 17th September to take sibling, individual and class photographs. The photographers will be able to take sibling photographs between 8:30am and 8:50am. If you would like a photograph of all of your children together, please bring them to school and join the queue as a family.

PUPIL PLANNERS

In addition to using the school planners for events, they are to be used for:

- **A record of reading.** We hope that you as parents will find them of use for recording daily reading at home. (Please see the 'Read Around The World' section of this newsletter for further details.)
On the yellow tabbed pages, children will record their termly star reading test results plus keep a log of the books they have read alongside quiz scores.
- **A record of rewards.** Your child may use their diary to tally the tokens they have earned each week and, on the blue pages, collect merits and Headteacher's awards awarded for academic achievements.
- **Home/School Communication.** Please feel free to use the diary to jot a message to your child's teacher. (Please ensure your child draws their teacher's attention to the message.)
- **Home-School Agreement.** Your child's class will have recently spent time looking at our home-school agreement that can be found on page 2 of the diary. We request that you take a moment to discuss and sign the 'home' section with your child. Unfortunately, this year's planner experienced a slight mishap and is missing the following half of the Home-School Agreement:

At Stocksbridge Junior School, we encourage every one of our children to be the best that they can be; to develop healthy social and emotional skills, to be ambitious in their learning, to welcome every opportunity and to enjoy every challenge so that they can confidently embrace the future.

We believe that the above can only be achieved in partnership with parents and carers. This agreement is the foundation of that partnership.

School will:

- ~ Provide a rich, stimulating and safe learning environment in which there is opportunity for all children to achieve success and to develop their full potential.
- ~ Provide access to a creative, broad and balanced curriculum.
- ~ Support children in developing healthy social and emotional behaviours through direct teaching and support.
- ~ Encourage children to develop healthy behaviours through a clear focus on REACH:
 - **Respect:** To always consider others - their needs, feelings, qualities and achievements.
 - **Endurance:** To always keep going and try hard in every situation.
 - **Aspiration:** To always have a growth mindset and to keep our ambitions in sight.
 - **Courage:** To challenge ourselves to positively face things that may be tricky.
 - **Honesty:** To always be trustworthy and truthful.
- ~ Work in partnership with parents and carers and the wider community, seeking to provide a welcoming atmosphere and dealing effectively with any communication.
- ~ Inform parents and carers about the aims of the curriculum, home learning expectations and school activities through regular newsletters and notices about special events.
- ~ Inform parents and carers about their child's progress at parents' meetings, through the annual pupil report and through verbal feedback and discussions.

Please encourage your child to use their diary regularly, to look after it and to bring it to school each day. We have a small number of diaries for the arrival of any new pupils. If your child loses their diary, they may be able to purchase a replacement diary for £4.

ONLINE RESOURCES

This week, we have been adding to your child's planner their login details to the various online resources we use in school. The resources we use may vary slightly between Y3/4 and Y5/6 and may include:

- Seesaw: app.seesaw.me
- Accelerated Reading: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1896545>
- Spelling Shed: www.edshed.com
- [Spag.com](https://www.spag.com)
- [Maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk)
- TTRockstars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/2564>

SEEKING DONATIONS

Our Hub teachers are in search of some additional resources to support the children in their class. If parents have any jigsaws, beanbags or superhero-related games or toys which are no longer needed, we would appreciate any donations.

RESIDENTIALS

Planning and preparation are well underway for this academic year's residential trips.

- Y3 – Expression of Interest letters have been sent home today asking our Y3 children if they wish to attend a trip to Kingswood. Please discuss this with your child over the weekend and return the form on Monday.
- Y4 - Our Y4 children are off to Whitby from Wednesday 6th November until Friday 8th November. Personal Information Forms have been sent home this week. We request that parents complete and return these forms promptly to assist with our planning and preparation for the trip. A further letter will be sent home before half term providing finer details, a packing list and children's groups.
- Y5 – Children are off to London on Wednesday 4th June 2025. The second instalment of £100 is due on Friday 4th October.
- Y6 – This year's Robinwood trip has been arranged for 20th until 22nd June 2025. Letters will be sent home soon inviting parents to secure a place for their child.

SJS READ AROUND THE WORLD

Every time you listen to your child read at home, please make a note in your child's diary. For more independent readers, parents are asked to pop their initials in the 'Read Around the World' box to indicate that their child has read at home independently on that day. For every entry, pupils will receive a footprint stamp.

Once your child has accumulated 30 footprints, they will be awarded a postcard from their reading destination.

For example, the first destination for our Y3 children is London. If your child reads every day from their first day at SJS, the earliest they will arrive in London is Thursday 3rd October. The earliest children can begin counting their footprints towards the next destination (Paris) is the first day back after the half term break - Monday 4th November.

Your child's passport will track their journey around the world over the next four years - please encourage them to keep it extra safe in the special plastic wallet towards the back of their diary. Children need to keep their passports safe for the duration of their time at SJS. Children can still accumulate stamps and receive postcards, even if they have misplaced their passport.

SJS Read Around the World Journey Itinerary 2024-2025

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6th Destination

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

| WEEK 3 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| MAIN DISH | Chicken chow mein | Meatballs in a tomato sauce served with pasta | Roast turkey served with new potatoes, stuffing and gravy | Cottage pie | Fish fingers served with chunky chips and tomato ketchup |
| VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH | Cheese and vegetable quesadilla Served with wedges | Marinated Quorn in a pitta served with half of a jacket potato | Roast Quorn fillet served with new potatoes, stuffing and gravy | Creamy pasta bake | Cheese and bean bake served with chunky chips and tomato ketchup |
| ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 A DAY | Carrots and peas Salad Bar | Sweetcorn Salad Bar | Cauliflower Cheese & broccoli Salad Bar | Cabbage & carrots Salad Bar | Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad bar |
| DESSERTS | Marble cake and custard | Jam and coconut sponge served with custard 5 A DAY | Lemon drizzle cake | Shortbread | Fruit & Jelly 5 A DAY |
| FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT | Fresh fruit or yoghurt | Fresh fruit or yoghurt | Fresh fruit or yoghurt | Fresh fruit or yoghurt | Fresh fruit or yoghurt |
| JACKET POTATO AND STREET FOOD | Jacket potato | Jacket potato | Jacket potato | Jacket potato Chicken goujons with loaded potato skins | Jacket potato |

CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

The Cross Country season is upon us once again! We have now received the dates and venues for the races and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible taking part.

Cross country is open to any child who is in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 regardless of running ability or experience. It is all about getting out there, seeing different parts of Sheffield, enjoying the atmosphere and challenging yourself alongside hundreds of other children from across the city.

If you are a seasoned runner or just want to give it a go, please let Mr Tee know you will be attending so he knows to look out for you on the day. This year's cross-country fixtures begin with the first race on Saturday 28th September at High Hazell's Park followed by:

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| Race 2. | Saturday 5 th October, 9:15am | Bolehills |
| Race 3. | Saturday 16 th November, 9:15am | Bradfield Secondary School |
| Race 4. | Saturday 30 th November, 9:15am | Parkwood Springs |
| Race 5. | Saturday 14 th December, 9:15am | Concord Park |
| Race 6. | Saturday 15 th January, 9:15am | Brunswick School |
| Race 7. | Saturday 1 st February, 9:15am | Norfolk Park |
| Race 8. | Saturday 1 st March, 9:15am | Graves Park - City Champs and Presentations |
| Race 9. | Saturday 15 th March, 9:00am | Castle Dyke or Longley Park – Relays and Presentations |

EVENTS COMING UP...

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| Sept 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Choir | School Photographer Day | | 5:15pm Y6 SATs Meeting | |
| Sept 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |

For events further ahead, please check our [school calendar](#) on our website.

SHEFFIELD PARENT HUB, WHAT'S ON GUIDE

The latest Sheffield Parent Hub, What's On Guide, is now available online at

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/sheffield-parent-hub/>

This service provides a range of specific support for anyone to access relating to key themes such as:

- Sleep hygiene (including neurodiverse support)
- Raising resilience
- Improving confidence for your child
- Anxiety support ('Triple P programme')
- Teenage support
- SEND parenting support



SEND PARENT GROUP MEETING



Stocksbridge Junior School

Does your child attend Stocksbridge Nursery Infants School or Stocksbridge Junior School?

Join our parent group meeting
on

Tuesday 24th September at 10am
at Stocksbridge Nursery Infants School

Parents are welcome to stay after drop-off for crafts/play with the children before the meeting.



All parents welcome
Come and find out more
Chat to other parents
Share experiences
Find out about SEND services

For more information or to confirm attendance, email annamarie.emmett@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

If you shop at Asda, we like you to support us with their Cashpot for Schools campaign!
The more parents we can get on board when doing their weekly shop, whether in store or online, the more funds will be raised for our school!



Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



Penistone Grammar School's

Year 6 Open Evening

Calling all Year 6 Students and Parents/Carers!

We are excited to invite you to our open evening where you will have the opportunity to explore school, take part in a range of exciting activities and find out more about the staff who will be supporting you through your PGS journey and what makes us One Penistone.



Thursday 3 October 2024

16:30 - Principal's Welcome Presentation
(repeated at 5.30pm)

17:00 - 19:00 - Departments Open

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Aim High



Be Determined



Be Kind



Be Supportive



Be Proud

Family Communication Seminar

Tuesday 15th October 2024

1.30pm - 3.00pm

**Stocksbridge Junior School, Cedar Road, Sheffield, S36
1AS**

A practical seminar for parents and carers of school aged children. Why communication quality matters to your child's education and how to create the best relationship environment for your children. This seminar covers the following helpful topics:

- Setting a good example for your child.
- Home and school environments – how to help your child.
- What we do and say – the difference it can make.
- Learn simple effective skills of being assertive to improve communication in your relationships



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