



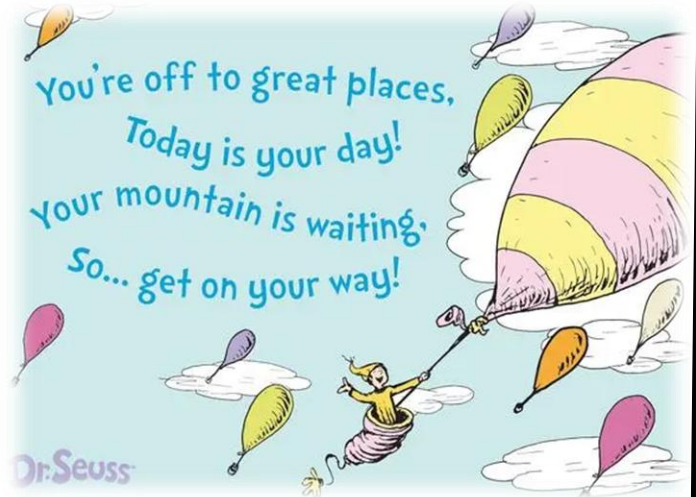
Stocksbridge Junior School



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Last week, our Parents' Sessions in school hopefully gave parents, family and friends a flavour of the all-important learning magic that takes place in our classrooms, with a focus on our Reading curriculum. This week, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings gave a different insight into SJS life – thank you to all the parents who attended our Autumn Parents' Evenings. Parents' Evenings provide essential time where parents and teachers can sit down together and discuss the most important part of school - our SJS children! Eight weeks into our academic year, these meetings provide a useful update on your child's progress and how they have settled into their new year group. More importantly, we were able to discuss the next steps forward that need to take place before the end of the Summer term. We're looking forward to seeing just how far your children can go!



SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3CB: Miller
- Y3JG: Oliver
- Y4GG: Charlotte
- Y4LS: Archie
- Y5CS: Lillie
- Y5HK/CG: Elliott
- Y6CH/LR: Martha
- Y6RD: Reece

PE Star: Reggie
The Hub: George

Y3/4 Yard: Arie
Y5/6 Yard: Lillia

Attendance & Punctuality: Ava
Dining Hall: Oliver

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Mrs Lea-Jones has chosen this week's Book of the Week: The Invisible String by Patrice Karst. A beautiful picture book to be read when you are feeling alone or in need of support. The story is about an invisible string that connects us with our loved ones wherever they are- at school, at home, at work, in outer space, in the deep jungle, in a submarine, and even in heaven. It reminds us that although we cannot always be with the people closest to us, the connection cannot be broken.

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Pheobe	Leo
Pearl	Oliver
Rory	Kodi
Milo	Poppy
Lottie	Erin

Y4 - CAIRO

Fern
Frankie
Heber
Odin

Y5 - BEIJING

Louie

PE TIMETABLE - WEEK 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5CS	Y3CB Y6RD	Y4GG Y5HK/CG	Y6CH/LR	Y3JG Y4LS

NEW MENU



INTRODUCING YOUR **NEW!** PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU!

We're excited to be launching a brand-new primary school menu after the October half term!

Our food team have designed a menu that reflects regional tastes and preferences. We've looked at local favourites, used ordering data, and even tracked plate waste to make sure it's not just about what pupils choose, but also what they enjoy eating.

FRESH LOOK. FRESH CHOICES: You'll notice the menus look a little different. Our vegetarian and vegan dishes are now proudly listed as *Option 1*. This change was made after consultation with food charities and experts, and reflects our commitment to tasty, plant-forward meals that are good for children and better for the planet.

BALANCED & NUTRITIOUS: As always, our menus are checked by our nutrition team to meet School Food Standards. They include a healthy mix of fruit, veg, wholegrains, protein and carbs, with at least two fruit-based desserts each week. We also keep foods high in fat, salt and sugar to a minimum.



NUTRITIONIST'S CHOICE: Look out for the new rainbow icon on menus which reflects our 'Nutritionist's Choice'. This is a recommendation from our Head of Nutrition, highlighting dishes packed with plant ingredients like fruit, veg, beans and grains, with less salt and fat, and no unnecessary extras. We'll be growing this range throughout the year.

KEEPING PUPILS SAFE: Our menu structure is underpinned by robust safety systems. This includes an *Allergen Aware Menu* which mirrors the main menu as closely as possible, creating an inclusive offer for all pupils while keeping things simple in the kitchen. These dishes are free from gluten, dairy, eggs and soya, and have been carefully reviewed to ensure they still provide the nutrients every child needs to thrive.



We hope your children enjoy discovering some new favourites, and we look forward to serving them more exciting meals in the months ahead.

Kind regards,

Alex Hall, Food Director – Impact Food Group
Claire Venys, Director – Hutchison Catering

MENU FOR W/B MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

MENU WEEK 2

SERVED W/C: 3rd Nov | 24th Nov | 15th Dec | 5th Jan | 6th Jan |
16th Feb | 9th Mar | 30th Mar | 20th Apr

THE FOOD EXPLORERS

Hutchison

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OPTION 1 MAIN MEAL	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Cottage Pie & Gravy	Baked Mac 'n' Cheese	Tex-Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap
OPTION 2	Salmon Pasta Bake	Pork & Beef Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry, Rice	Oven Baked Fish & Chips
VEGGIES	Peas & Sweetcorn	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
3 4 FILLED ROLLS	Cheese Ham	Cheese Chicken	Cheese Tuna	Cheese Ham	Cheese Ham
5 AVAILABLE EVERY DAY	Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans				
SWEET TREATS	Strawberry Mousse	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Original Flapjack	Chocolate & Carrot Muffin	Lemon Sponge & Custard
	Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt				
	KEY Vegetarian Vegan Nutritionist's Choice Added Wholewheat				

SHEFFIELD'S QUILT OF WELCOME PROJECT

Recently, some children from our school have been involved in the Sheffield's Quilt of Welcome project. This has involved making quilt pieces in different languages to welcome people to our multi-lingual city. During half term, the quilt will be being assembled in the Cadman Room of Millennium Galleries (next to Sheffield Winter Gardens), at the following dates and times:

Friday, 31st October: 12noon-4pm (multilingual storytelling at 2pm)

Saturday, 1st November: 11am-4pm (multilingual poetry reading at 2pm)

Sunday, 2nd November: 11am-4pm (multilingual storytelling at 2pm)

All families are very welcome to get involved. We are hoping the finished quilt will be shared in a future assembly to allow us to appreciate this impressive work of art!

Y4 WHITBY

Our Y4 trip to Whitby takes place the first week after half term.

The school gate will be open from 8:30am on Wednesday morning for Y4 parents to bring their children into the school hall for registration. The coach is due to depart at 9:30am.

Letters have been sent home this week providing the itinerary and a suggested packing list. We will be meeting with the children on the first day back to answer any of their last-minute questions and to give out administering medicine forms to children who require medication whilst we are away.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page during the trip for photos of our Whitby adventure!

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 14th November we will be showing our support for BBC's Children in Need with a non-uniform day. Children can come to school dressed in something yellow, spotty or just something they feel comfortable in for a contribution of £1 which is to be paid on ParentMail.



THE SJS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mrs Lucy Ross
Deputy Headteacher



Miss Ruth Davy
Y6 Teacher & Looked
After Children
Designated Teacher



Mrs Amanda Woods
Assistant Head & SENCo



Mrs Jane Lea-Jones
Nurture Teacher &
Attendance Lead

Designated Safeguarding
Lead

Designated Safeguarding
Deputy

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Chair of the Governing Board and our Safeguarding Governor is Martin Booth.

During term time, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (or a Deputy) will always be available (during school hours) for staff in the school to discuss any safeguarding concerns. Outside of these times any emails or telephone messages left will be responded to when we return to school.

During the school holidays, if you are worried that a child has been harmed or is at risk of harm then phone the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub on 0114 273 4855 (24 hours) to speak to a social worker.

If a child is in immediate danger, then call 999 for a police response.

STOCKSBRIDGE FOODBANK

Stocksbridge Community Food Hub, which is based at the Christian Centre on Cedar Road, is open during the school holidays on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am until 2pm.
