



Stocksbridge Junior School

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It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the holidays and to feel the school buzzing again as we settle into our daily routines. Classrooms are full of energy, friendships have quickly picked up where they left off, and the lighter mornings and brighter afternoons have been very welcome after the awful weather we experienced last half term. This week, we were also delighted to welcome visitors into our classrooms, who thoroughly enjoyed seeing our children as fantastic learners, demonstrating incredible learning behaviours and positive attitudes to their work. Our choice of assembly music from *Wicked* was definitely appropriate too – our children certainly defy gravity, showing us every day that there is no limit to their learning potential.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

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| • Y3CB: Elliot | • Y4GG: Bridie | • Y5CS: Ollie | • Y6CH/LR: Kian |
| • Y3JG: Erin | • Y4MC: Eva | • Y5HK/CG: Louie | • Y6RD: Reaf |
| PE Star: Holly-Mae | | | |
| The Hub: Ava | | | |
| Y3/4 Yard: Emily | | Attendance & Punctuality: India | |
| Y5/6 Yard: Lylah | | Dining Hall: Lucas | |

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to share that Miss Gillespie and Mr Bundrick got married over the half term break. We would like to wish them all the happiness in the world as they embark on married life together!

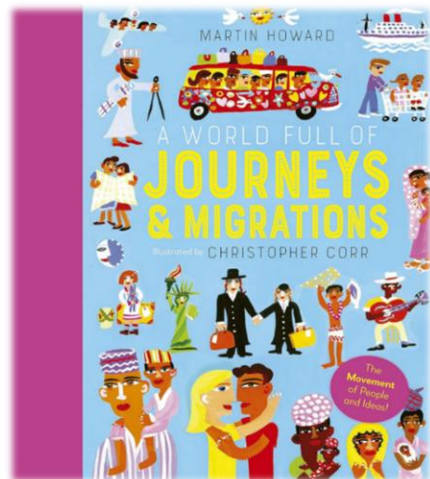
SPELLING BEE



This afternoon, our 'Stocksbridge Junior School Spelling Bee' concluded with a phenomenal finale! Huge congratulations must go to all our finalists who battled it out to the last letter and showed true 'Stocksbridge' endurance, aspiration and courage. Having already progressed through the two previous rounds, our ten finalists went head-to-head in a knockout spell-off! Children were tested on words that they had not previously learned and astonished teachers and children alike with their ability to spell some extraordinarily tricky words. Examples of these words include: harbour, subtle, coincide, foyer and miniature.

Many congratulations to Elliott, Year 5, who has been awarded the crown of 'Spelling Bee Champion 2026' and also to Marcie and Jake who were such strong competitors!

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Mrs Lea-Jones has chosen this week's newsletter: A World Full of Journeys and Migrations: The Movement of People and Ideas!

Since the dawn of time, people have travelled to distant lands for many different reasons; to escape war, famine or injustice, to find work, or to simply see new sights and have an adventure. But everyone who migrates does it to seek a brighter future.

A World Full of Journeys tells some of the most fascinating stories of migration throughout history. From the very first humans who left Africa almost 70,000 years ago and moved around the world, to immigrants welcomed to America at Ellis Island, this book is packed with fascinating tales of human triumph. Beautifully illustrated with bright pictures and maps detailing these journeys bring these stories to life.

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y4 - NAIROBI

Fern
Sam
Rose

Y4 - PRETORIA

Lola
Annie
Charlotte
Sam
Rose

Y5 - BELJING

William
Mia
Zachary
Daisy

Y5 - TOKYO

Mia

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Annie

Y6 - LIMA

Jake

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3CB Y5HK/CG	Y4GG Y6RD		Y4MC Y6CH/LR	Y3JG Y5CS

Y3 CASTLETON

Our Year 3 children and staff are very excited to be heading off to Castleton on Tuesday morning. Please bring your child to the school hall from 8:30am with their bag. The coach will depart promptly at 9:00am to ensure we make the most of our first day of activities. Parents are very welcome to wave the coach off if they wish.

Children will need a packed lunch for the day. To make things easier for them, we kindly ask that packed lunches are placed in a disposable carrier bag, including a disposable water bottle. This will allow everything to be thrown away afterwards, so there are no lunch boxes to carry during the day.

If your child requires any medication, please hand it directly to your child's teacher on the morning of departure and ensure you have completed an "Administering Medicine" form if you have not already done so. We look forward to sharing all of our adventures with you when we return!

CROSS COUNTRY

The Sheffield Primary Schools City Championship race will take place this Saturday (28th February) at Graves Park - Cobnar Road, Norton Lees, S8 8QA. Parking is on the surrounding roads (Hemsworth Road and Derbyshire Lane). Races will start at 10am with the Y3/4 girls. This race is classed as a stand-alone race which means that wherever a child finishes on this day is their overall position in the city!

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

One of our wonderful Y5 pupils has approached us with a fantastic suggestion which we would like to bring to fruition.

Our school is bursting with pupils who take part in an array of activities outside of school, from horse-riding to playing the piano; from litter-picking in the community to performing in panto. We hear about a few through the occasional email or when a child chats with their teacher, however, we would like to provide an opportunity to share these successes with the rest of the children in school. Towards the end of each half term, we would like to add a photo slideshow to our weekly celebration assembly. We therefore invite parents to email a photograph and a short description of something your child has achieved outside of school to office@stocksbridgejunior.chorustrust.org.

Entries into this term's slideshow should be shared with us by Tuesday 24th March.

BOOKFAIR

We are very excited to have our Bookfair in school from Monday to Thursday next week.

We can only accept card payments and are unable to accept cash.

Children are able to attend with an adult between 8:30am – 8:40am (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) or between 3:15pm and 4:00pm (Monday – Thursday).

Parents are also able to browse and make any purchases during Parent Sessions.

Every book sold at the Fair helps to earn FREE BOOKS for our school!

Y4 BASKETBALL



Our Year 4 basketball team travelled to Springs Academy to compete in the Links Final after successfully qualifying through the local round. Out of 28 schools taking part, this was a fantastic achievement in itself! The team delivered an amazing performance, finishing in joint top place overall. They narrowly missed out on progressing further, losing by just two points on goal difference — an incredibly close result. Throughout the competition, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and positive attitudes. Every player contributed, and it was a truly positive performance all round. The team should be very proud of the way they represented the school.

After a brilliant day of basketball, we even had some well-earned fun on the bus journey home! Good luck to Loxley Primary School, who progressed through to the City Final. Well done, Year 4!

Y5 BASKETBALL

Our Year 5 basketball team did very well to qualify for the Links Final, earning the chance to play against some of the strongest school teams in the partnership. The standard of the competition was very high, and all of the teams played with enthusiasm and energy. Our players showed determination throughout the tournament and managed to score some well-worked baskets in their matches. Although we finished in 5th place overall, the team continued to try their best in every game and represented the school positively. Taking part in such a competitive event was a valuable experience for everyone involved. The competition took place at Notre Dame School, and well done to St Mary's, who were the overall winners and will now go on to compete in the City Final. Thank you to the team for their effort and teamwork throughout the competition.



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

MENU WEEK 1

SERVED W/C: 27th Oct | 17th Nov | 8th Dec | 19th Jan |
9th Feb | 2nd Mar | 23rd Mar | 13th Apr

THE
FOOD
EXPLORERS

Hutchison

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

MAIN
MEAL

OPTION
1

OPTION
2

VEGGIES

3
4

FILLED
ROLLS

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

5

Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket po
cheese and beans

SWEET
TREATS

Blueberry
Cookie Bar

Chocolate &
Banana Brownie

Peach & Pineapple
Crumble

World Book Day Menu

Please see
the image
below for
today's
menu!

Vegan Vegetable Nuggets
& Chips

Oven Baked Fish
Fingers & Chips

Beans or Peas

Cheese
Ham

ans, tuna mayo or

Lemon
Shortbread

Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt

KEY

Nutritionist's Choice

Vegetarian

Vegan

Added Wholewheat

Would Book Day Menu

Thursday 5th March

Storybook BBQ Chicken Pizza

or

Storybook Roasted Vegetable Pizza

Served with Adventure Wedges and Page-Turner
Peas

Followed by
Enchanted Chocolate and Apple Brownie

*Jacket Potatoes and Cheese/Ham Sandwiches will also be
available



EVENTS COMING UP...

March 2 Y4 Parents' Session Book Fair: - 8:30am – 8:40am - 3:10pm - 4:00pm - During Y4's Parent Session	3 Y3 Castleton Y6 Parents' Session Y4GG Swimming Book Fair: - 3:10pm - 4:00pm	4 Y3 Castleton Y5 Parents' Session Parents' Evening bookings go live Book Fair: - 8:30am – 8:40am - 3:10pm - 4:00pm - During Y5's Parent Session	5 World Book Day Book Fair: - 8:30am – 8:40am - 3:10pm - 4:00pm	6 Y5 Trip: Hallé for Youth Concert at the City Hall
March 9 Y6 Robinwood	10 Y6 Robinwood Y4GG Swimming	11 Y6 Robinwood	12 Y3 Parents' Session Easter Egg Competition Opens	13
March 16	17 Team Treat Y4GG Swimming Parents' Evening	18 Parents' Evening	19	20 Red Nose Day
March 23	24 Y4 Magna Trip Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 4th destination	25 Easter Egg Competition Closes Disco	26	27 Non-Uniform Day (£1)
--- Easter Holidays ---				



Easter Bonnet Competition

Design and make your own Easter Bonnet and take part in our Easter parade.

Entries £2.00

To Enter:

Bring your Easter Bonnet to our Easter Fayre on
Sunday 29th March 11am-3pm

With special head judge:
The Easter Bunny!

If you have any queries our would like any further information please contact the centre on 0114 288 3792.



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Events

EASTER FAYRE

**29th March
11am - 3pm**

**BUNNY HUNT
ENTERTAINMENT**

MEET THE SCLC EASTER BUNNY

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

CRAFT STALLS

EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

RAFFLE

£ MUCH, MUCH MORE

Free entry and car parking

For further information, including stall prices, or to book a table: please visit our website or contact the Centre

By phone: 0114 288 3792

Or email: admin@stocksbridgeclc.co.uk

Food and drinks
available all day from



For more information
about all our events



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