



It has felt like a positive week for everyone – both at SJS and around the world. The news that the COVID vaccine has begun to be administered has given us the hope that at some point in the not too distant future, things will begin to return to normal.

Meanwhile, familiar festive events, such as our Christmas parties and Christmas dinner, have begun taking place in school this week. Our weekly Zoom Celebration Assembly revealed classes full of Christmas sparkle and shine, enjoying this special time in school. There can't be a better way to end 2020 than spending time in school with our amazing SJS pupils!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Oscar Edwards
- Y3CP: Cadie-Leigh Berry
- Y3RD: Sophie Hawksworth
- Y4KT: Devon Whiteley
- Y4RL: Rosie Brumby
- Y5CS: Macy Jones
- Y5DW: Maddison Armitage
- Y5HK: Sophie Beechill
- Y6ER: Courtney Brook-Davids
- Y6MC: Olivia Clough
- Y6CH: Charlie Griggs

Mrs Foster: Joshua Taylor
Mr Tee: Lexi-Jo Donovan

Lower School Lunchtimes: Emily Whittaker
Upper School Lunchtimes: Charlie Butcher

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Beth Tompkin
Dylan Kempton

Y3 - PARIS

Bronwen Parfitt
James Gourley
William Powell
Noah Charlesworth
Edward Phillips
Kate Blake
David Staniforth
Martha Sulikowska
Niall Pritchett
Sophie Clough
Georgia Reeder
Dante Attard
Charlie Bullimore
Celia Fletcher
Max Wilson

Y4 - CAIRO

Summer Brooke

Y4 - NAIROBI

Eloise Ruddlesdin
Gracie Redwood-Peace
Joseph Clayton
Lana Horsfield

Y5 - BEIJING

Jessica Ferguso
Lily-Rose Haigh
Macy Jones
Sophie Beechill

Y5 - TOKYO

Ewa Sobczak
Samson Willis
Oliver Green
Luke Warnock
Jack Gill
Fiona Daniels
Harrison Wood
Felix Bond
Oscar Sulikowski
Mason Walker

Y6 - BUENOS AIRES

Leah Savage
Leon Fulcher
Mika Butcher
Scarlett Morgan

Y6 - BRASILIA

Eboni Ruddlesdin
Leah Savage
Maisie Peacock
Grace Jowitt
Benjamin Conway
Matilda Robins
Scarlet Donoghue
Finn Pritchett
Tomas O'Neill

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

The festive celebrations are in full swing! This week our catering team have cooked a delicious Christmas dinner for over 260 of us and four of our classes have enjoyed rather energetic Christmas parties! Next week continues to be busy... we have the team treat for this term's winning houses, we continue with our Christmas parties and each bubble will be testing the power of Zoom with a Christmas sing-song for parents.

- **Christmas Parties:** Children may wear their party clothes to school on the day of their party. They may also bring a small pack up containing a party treat to eat during their Christmas party.
- **Christmas Zoom Concerts:** Earlier in the week, we provided a form on ParentMail inviting parents to request the link to their child's Christmas concert. This form is available until midday on Sunday 13th December. On Monday 14th December, parents who have returned the form will be sent a link to their child's Zoom performance.

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

There are some fantastic raffle prizes available in this year's raffle. Make sure you buy your tickets before the draw on Wednesday 16th December!



STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Mayor, Cllr. Catherine Ward delivered cards to each of our finalists this week!



Congratulations again to all children involved.

LAST SCHOOL DAY OF 2020

We would like to remind parents that the last day of term is Friday 18th December. We can all then wait for Santa to visit and enjoy a well-earned rest for a couple of weeks. We look forward to re-opening on Monday 4th January 2021.

CHRISTMAS PERIOD CONTACT TRACING

Over Christmas, your communication will remain key in making sure that we return safely in January. For this reason, we would ask that if your family is impacted by COVID-19 over the Christmas break, you communicate this immediately.

Up until Wednesday 23rd December:

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, school will be required to act promptly to trace contacts from our setting. Therefore, parents are required to report a positive result to us **immediately** through the SJS general enquiries email address: enquiries@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk.

After Wednesday 23rd December:

Please notify school, via the enquiries email address, if your child is identified as a contact of a confirmed case or receives a positive test result. In both of these instances, your child's isolation period is likely to impact on their return to school in January.

Our enquiries emails will be monitored regularly for COVID-related emails from the close of school on Friday 18th December until Wednesday 23rd December, after which it will be checked once a day.

Your communication will help us to have an overview of any families impacted and to offer the right support and guidance where needed.

SCHOOL TIMINGS

Since implementing the latest arrangements for school timings, we have continued to review the benefits of our school timings on the wellbeing of our children and staff. **Whilst the Government guidance stipulates that we must operate within the containment of 'bubbles' with staggered timings to the school day, we will be continuing with the lunchtime finish on Fridays.** We will next review the school timings once the Government eases these restrictions on schools.

PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER

The school will remain open whenever possible, but the well-being and safety of pupils and staff will also be taken into account.

In the event of severe weather, we will endeavour to keep parents up-to-date with the latest information about our school through the following channels:

- Text messages will be sent to parents whose mobile phone number is registered on our ParentMail system
- Updates will be posted on the school website, www.stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk
- Updates will be available on social media. Please follow [@StocksbridgeJnr](https://twitter.com/StocksbridgeJnr) and [@SheffCouncil](https://twitter.com/SheffCouncil) (or search for #sheffschools) on Twitter and 'Like' our Facebook page www.facebook.com/StocksbridgeJuniorSchool.

If, due to exceptional circumstances, the school needs to close early because of severe weather during the day, the following will happen:

1. A text will be sent to parents via ParentMail.
2. No child will be sent home early unless contact with a parent, relative or responsible adult has been made.
3. Children who cannot be collected early will be kept at school until normal closing time.

SCHOOL FUNDING

This year's school census takes place on Thursday 21st January. Data from this census informs the amount of school funding we receive during the 2021/22 financial year. Now more than ever, we need to ensure sufficient funding to be able to provide the quality of education our children deserve. You may be eligible to help us!

Each financial year, the government allocates funding to schools called 'Pupil Premium'. This funding is calculated on the number of pupils registered for free school meals. This means that for every pupil registered for free school meals, school receives an extra £1,320 to fund valuable support.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office asap. We are able to process your application easily. All we need to know is your full name, date of birth and national insurance number. Please do get in touch.

Please also note that Sheffield City Council have pledged to support those registered for free school meals during the Christmas holiday.

SJS COVID-19 WEBPAGE

Our webpage ensures parents can access to the latest COVID information from school and Sheffield news and resources. Please visit <https://www.stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk/covid-19-parent-information/>

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

Please find below a helpful summary of key resources and sources of support available to help promote and protect the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people at this challenging time.

- [Every Mind Matters](#) includes an online tool and email journey which aims to support everyone to feel more confident in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing. It also includes a section for parents and carers on looking after children and young people during the outbreak and how to support children being back at school.
- The Government's guidance on [supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#), provides advice for parents and carers on looking after the mental health and wellbeing of children or young people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- NHS England has published [advice for parents, guardians and carers](#) on how to help and support a child or young person with mental ill health.

#YOUARENOTALONE

Make Yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

1 Dial
999



2 Listen to the
questions from the
999 operator



3 Respond by
coughing or tapping
the handset if
you can



4 If prompted, press **55**
This lets the 999 call operator
know it's a genuine emergency and
you'll be put through to the police.



OPC Independent
Office for
Police Conduct

#YouAreNotAlone

Supported by

women's aid
until women & children are safe

NPCC
National Police Chiefs' Council

EDUCATION AND SKILLS STRATEGY

The local authority are asking staff from across the schools, early years settings, Further Education and the local authority as well as parents and carers to share their views and priorities to help shape our future education and skills strategy. In order to help inform this strategy and ensure it responds to the needs the city, they have launched a consultation. They would like to hear from as many of you as possible, from all roles, to help shape the strategic direction for the city. Parents are invited to share their thoughts on the strategy via an online consultation before 7th January by visiting <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/education-skills-strategy-vision-2030.html>. This is an open consultation and all feedback is welcomed.

ONLINE SAFETY

TikTok Update Parental Controls with Family Pairing Feature

TikTok is used by many teenagers and sometimes children younger than that 13 despite its terms and conditions. Using the new Family Pairing feature can allow parents to guide their child's TikTok experience in a safer way.

Features include:

- Search: Decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags, or sounds
- Screen Time Management: Sets how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day
- Discoverability: Decide on the account being private (you decide who can see their content) or public (anyone can search and view content)

To find out more information about TikTok's Family Pairing feature visit: <https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-family-pairing-feature/>

To download a helpful poster, go to: <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/tiktok-checklist.pdf>

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.



AGE RESTRICTION
12+
If under 18, supervision of a parent or legal guardian required.

What parents need to know about TIKTOK

MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.

TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers are looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £53.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



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Safety Tips For Parents

TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.

ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.

EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to turn it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.

LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.

Meet our expert

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***NEW FOR 2020* FAMILY SAFETY MODE**

TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to oversee your child's digital wellbeing by giving you direct control over their safety settings and being able to remotely turn features on and off. This includes managing screen time, the ability to send and receive direct messages (and with whom) and the ability to restrict the appearance of content that might not be age appropriate.

SOURCES: www.tiktok.com

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12 Days of Christmas

Holidays Challenge



Are you up for completing the 12 days of Christmas Holidays Challenge? To be in with a chance of winning some great prizes all you have to do is take part in some physical activity on each day of the Christmas holidays, write what you did in the boxes below and send a picture of you on social media to [@movemoreshuff](https://twitter.com/movemoreshuff) and use the [#HealthyElfieSelfie](https://twitter.com/HealthyElfieSelfie)

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12



Children and young people should be active for at least 60 minutes every day.

This challenge is designed so that families can stay active during the Christmas holiday period.

Why not be creative and add a Christmas theme!



For ideas on how to get active head over to www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org



Days of Christmas Holidays Challenge

PRIZES TO BE WON!



Draw a picture of you and your family being active this Christmas



Healthy 'Elfie Selfie' Challenge

Ask your parent or guardian to send us a picture of you being active or eating something healthy and post it on Twitter using the #HealthyElfieSelfie and be in with a chance to win EVEN MORE prizes.

Why not be creative and add a Christmas theme!

Christmas themed ideas to be active:

- Christmas Song - Danceathon
- Have a snow ball fight with socks - ask permission first
- Christmas Star jumps
- Winter Wellie Walks with the family - Go explore your local park/ green space
- Create your own Christmas themed activity challenge/ game at home
- Make a Healthy Christmas snack or meal

If you're getting active remember to drink plenty of water



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