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Finally, we have reached the end of what has felt like a long half-term. We have approached the last six weeks in true SJS style – working hard together and supporting each other in our Stocky family.

Although we understand that for many of you, it may not be a holiday next week, we hope that you will all have the opportunity to take some time out and recharge.

Our pupils in particular need to take a break next week, unplug and do the things that make them happy. Whether that's reading or drawing, watching a film or playing with Lego, baking or playing in the garden, the choice is yours.

So, step away from Seesaw, have some downtime and emerge ready and refreshed to take on new challenges after the break. We are looking forward to seeing you all, virtually of course, on Monday 22nd February, ready to tackle a new half term.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: William Edwards
- Y3CP: Oscar Wilkinson
- Y3RD: Henry Clark
- Y4KT: Josh Reid
- Y4RL: Ebony Colley
- Y5CS: Samuel Smith
- Y5DW: Freya Owen
- Y5HK: Fiona Woodcock
- Y6ER: Darcy Milner
- Y6MC: Rhys Wilson
- Y6CH: Tomas O'Neill

PE Star: Ewa Sobczak

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - PARIS

Chester Parsons
Priya Marshall
Bella Keenan

Y3 - MADRID

Sophie Clough
Martha Sulikowska
Eadie Gibbins
William Price
Niall Pritchett

Tommy Costello
Charlie Bullimore
Aurelia Cottam
Carson Bullimore
William Edwards
Oscar Edwards

Y4 - CAIRO

Elijah Muhone

Y4 - NAIROBI

Griffin Williams

Y4 - PRETORIA

Griffin Williams
Delyse Galloway
Alex Harris
James Kelland
Lana Horsfield
Imogen Goddard

Y5 - BEIJING

Kira Green
Liam Whitworth

Y5 - TOKYO

Freya Owen
Skye Pawson

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Felix Bond
Freya Owen
Mason Walker
Ellie Gaymond
Archie Jowitt
Flynn Micklethwaite

Y6 - LIMA

Eboni Ruddlesdin

QUESTIONNAIRE

We have had an incredibly positive response to our recent parent questionnaire. Thank you so much for taking the time to provide such valuable feedback and constructive suggestions. We are now in the process of analysing the information and responding to points raised. We will ensure we share a summary of our findings with parents in due course.



Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

Child A

reads 20 minutes per night,
5 times per week



Child B



reads only 4 minutes per night
...or not at all

In one week:

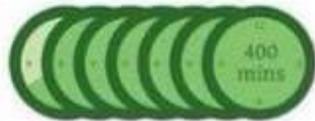
100
minutes of reading



20
minutes of reading

In one month:

400
minutes of reading



80
minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):

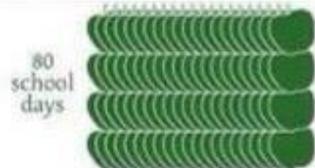
3600
minutes of reading



720
minutes of reading

By the end of Year 9

28,800
minutes of reading



5760
minutes of reading

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
- How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?



SJS SUPER SKIPPERS

Our wonderful PE Team have created a special tutorial video called 'Super Skippers' for you to have a go at during the school holidays and beyond. For this challenge, you will need a skipping rope and a safe space to work. It is designed for beginners as well as challenging the skipping experts amongst you. It will cover lots of top tips to get you started, including basic jumping actions along with how to turn a rope. Furthermore, it also demonstrates some fancy tricks for you to have a go at including the Figure of 8, Cross-over and Doubles.

Skipping is a fantastic form of exercise for children to keep active and have fun, especially during this current climate. This activity will require persistence and resilience so stick at it and never give in.

The following link will take you to the video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/HJpE9Wdejo0>

We're looking forward to seeing your skipping skills next half term! Enjoy yourselves!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM WITH SHEFFIELD LIBRARIES

Sheffield Libraries are hosting a number of virtual events over the half term week for children and families. Please visit <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/libraries-archives/events-children-families> if your child would like to participate in craft activities, poetry, rhyme time or Bollywood dance.

SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The Sheffield Children's University Home Learning Challenges for the February half term are now available! The booklet contains five fun, home learning activities, crafts and games for families to enjoy, and collect CU credits for taking part too! Find the challenges by visiting: <https://bit.ly/SCUFeb2021HomeLearningChallenge>.

Families can now order a Sheffield CU Passport to Learning online: <https://bit.ly/SCUOrderPassporttoLearning>.

These Passports will cost £4.50 (incl. postage).

WORLD BOOK DAY

Not to let a global pandemic get in our way, Stocksbridge Junior School will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March 2021. We have a special day planned to mark this event for children learning remotely at home and for the children attending school on the day. There will certainly be opportunities to win a book or two, so please encourage your child to get involved!

A 'BOOKED' POTATO

Decorate a potato as your favourite character from a book. Perhaps you will make Paddington Bear, Horrid Henry or Supertato from everyone's favourite root vegetable. Upload a photograph to Seesaw to show off your creation.

WOW WORD DRESS UP

Choose a word. It can be any word but the more WOW, the better! Dress up as the word and play 'Guess My Wow Word' during your class Zoom on World Book Day. Don't make it too hard to guess!

READ SOMEONE HAPPY

During the week beginning Monday 1st March 2021, we would like you to make an extra special effort to read to someone in your family who you haven't been able to see during lockdown. Perhaps you could FaceTime grandad to read him a bedtime story or Zoom your cousin to share your favourite book. Not only will you be practising your reading, you will be bringing a smile to someone's face.

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/>

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

10 Top Tips for ... KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM CYBER CRIME

We all want to continue being informed and inspired by the ever-expanding capabilities of the internet. But we also need to be able to safeguard ourselves against the growing amount of online hazards. Knowing what is fact, understanding what dangers exist and taking appropriate steps can go a long way towards protecting yourself and your family. National Online Safety has collaborated with the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit to compile 10 pointers to help you keep your children safe from cyber crime.

1. Spot Phishing Bait

Phishing messages are untargeted mass emails asking for sensitive information (e.g. usernames, passwords, bank details) or encouraging recipients to visit a fake website. It's safest to learn the warning signs of phishing and increase your child's awareness. Too good to be true? Spelling or punctuation errors? Odd sense of urgency? These are all red flags. Don't click on links or follow demands; if you're unsure, contact the official company directly online to enquire further.

3. Encourage Strong Passwords

Weak passwords make it faster and easier for someone to gain access to your online accounts or get control of your device – giving them a route to your personal information. For a strong password, national guidance recommends using three random words (e.g. battlegaragepylons). Consider paying for your child to access a password manager. Encourage them to have a separate password for their email account. Ensure the whole family uses two-factor authentication where possible.

5. Back up Your Data

Some cyber attacks can lead to the theft or deletion of important (and possibly sensitive) data or loss of files (like photos and videos) that can't be replaced. Backing up your data to the cloud – or to another device – will help prevent data loss if you ever become the victim of a cyber attack. Where possible, set your child's devices to back up automatically. Also encourage them to back up their data prior to installing any updates.

7. Take Care When Chatting

Criminals may look to manipulate others online and coerce them into using their talents or cyber skills for unethical means. Try to get your child to be open about who they are talking to online. Communication tools such as Discord are popular among gamers – but be cautious of the other people using them, and ensure you know who your child is chatting with.

9. Understand Their Motivations

Those being influenced online to use their skills unethically may display certain key warning signs. Sudden evidence of new-found wealth (unexplained new clothes or devices, for example), secrecy around their online behaviour or boasting of new online friendships are all causes for concern. If in doubt, refer through to your regional cyber crime team.

2. Don't Over-Share

Is your child sharing too much on social media? Do they post things about their private life, upload images of your home, or discuss their friendships and relationships online? Criminals will gather this information and may try to use it for identity theft or other offences such as fraud. To combat this, ensure your child's privacy settings mean they are only sharing information with family and close friends. Use parental controls where appropriate.

4. Stay Updated

People often put off installing updates to apps or software because they don't feel it's necessary, it can be time consuming, or could cause problems with programmes they rely on. But updates help protect users from recently discovered vulnerabilities to malware. You can usually set them to run automatically – encourage your child to select this option. Ensure updates are installed as soon as possible after you're notified they're available.

6. Be Wary of Public Wifi

Free public WiFi is commonplace – but it's often not secure and sends unencrypted data via the network. A hacker on the same network could access personal data (like financial information) without you even realising they'd done so. To avoid this, suggest to your child that they use their 3G or 4G mobile data when they're out and about, rather than free WiFi. Consider purchasing a VPN (Virtual Private Network) where possible.

8. Recognise Warning Signs

Often, budding cyber experts will relish the challenge of testing themselves or earning recognition from peers for their exploits. Even principled 'white-hat' hackers will look to test their skills online. If you think your child is interested in hacking, try to understand what their motivation is. You could encourage their participation in ethical competitions such as bug bounties.

10. Know the Consequences

Many young people may feel that hacking is essentially a light-hearted prank, and not especially serious. So make sure your child is aware of the implications of a conviction under the Computer Misuse Act – not only the possibility of a criminal record, but also lifelong travel restrictions and damage to their future career or educational prospects.

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The Yorkshire & Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit (YHRCU) works with the National Crime Agency (NCA) and other partners, in the UK and abroad, to investigate and prevent the most serious cyber crime offences.



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