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The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



As our final week of remote learning approaches, so does one of our favourite celebrations of the school year, World Book Day!

World Book Day was established 24 years ago, with the aim of changing lives through a love of reading. As we are very aware in school, reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. If we can encourage a life-long habit of reading for pleasure, the improved life chances will naturally follow.

We hope that all our pupils will get involved with our planned book-based activities next week. Whether they design a 'booked' potato, dress up as a wow word or simply enjoy their favourite book, we hope you'll join us in spreading the message that between the pages of a book is a wonderful place to be!

Remember, 'You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child'. (Dr. Seuss)

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Millie Morgan
- Y3CP: Issey Kavadias
- Y3RD: Bronwen Parfitt
- Y4KT: Lexi Saville
- Y4RL: Jack Prentice-Marsden
- Y5CS: Naomi Naylor
- Y5DW: Kai Howson
- Y5HK: Madison Fletcher
- Y6ER: Maisie Thorpe
- Y6MC: Isaac Blake
- Y6CH: Matilda Robins

PE Star: Mason Walker

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Frankie Slater
Marcey-May Fletcher

Y3 - MADRID

Gerard Wilkinson
Alice Wright
Jessica Harper
Lottie Siddall
Niamh Siddall
Cordelia Hibbert
Freddie Bickers
Bronwen Parfitt
Dante Attard

Y4 - PRETORIA

Freya Walker
Lilly-Rae Baguley

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Molly Shaw
Fiona Daniels
Oliver Green
Samuel Smith

DFE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Department for Education have updated their guide for parents which provides information parents need to know about schools during the pandemic.

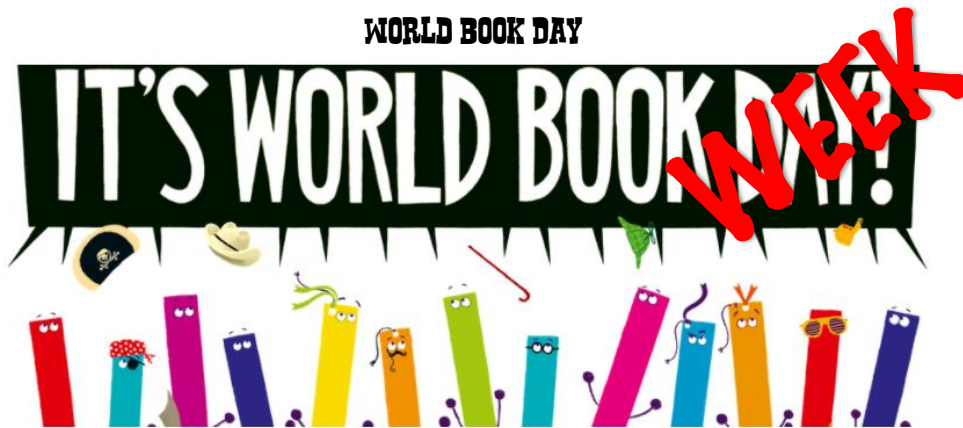
[What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#)

NEXT WEEK'S REMOTE LEARNING PROVISION

To ensure we are fully prepared to welcome all children back to school on Monday 8th March, there will be some slight changes to our remote learning provision during the week beginning Monday 1st March.

- **Morning Learning:** From Monday to Thursday, children will continue to join their class teacher and peers in their morning Zooms. Following this, children will complete their English and Maths learning via Seesaw.
- **Afternoon Activities:** We are having screen-free afternoons next week. Learning will not be posted on Seesaw in the same way it has been previously, instead information about activities related to World Book Day. We have shared some ideas in this newsletter and have sent a document of '101 Reading Activities' via ParentMail. Teachers will also talk children through ideas for afternoon activities during their morning Zooms.
- On **Friday 5th March**, children will be leading their own learning by completing projects on Myon or battling the bands on TT Rockstars, for example. This day of independent learning will allow our class teachers the time away from Seesaw to spend the day in school preparing for children to return. Most teachers have not entered the building since the beginning of lockdown, therefore we must ensure they are given the time to set up their classrooms and organise their resources. Children and teachers will be discussing options for independent learning activities during their last Zoom on Thursday 4th March.
- On-site provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers will continue as planned for N.B. Friday 5th March.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Stocksbridge Junior School will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March 2021. We have a special week of activities planned in preparation for the big day for children learning remotely at home and for the children attending school. Each afternoon, children are encouraged to spend time away from their screen and get creative. Children will discuss activities during their morning Zoom meetings. Activities may include:

A 'BOOKED' POTATO

Design and decorate a potato as your favourite character from a book. Perhaps you will make 'Spuddington Bear' or 'Harry Potato' from everyone's favourite root vegetable. Be ready to show your creation in your class Zoom meeting on World Book Day.

WOW WORD DRESS UP

Choose a word. It can be any word but the more WOW, the better! Design an outfit, hat...anything that shows your word. 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.

There are also some great ideas for activities to do at home on the World Book Day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/share-a-story/>. Please also see the '101 Reading activities' shared via ParentMail.

Please send photographs of your creations to Mrs Saville at c.saville@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk who will then enter everyone who takes part into a special World Book Day raffle to win some fabulous prizes.

ZOOM PARENTS' MEETINGS

Next week, class teachers will be hosting afternoon parents' meetings on Zoom. These meetings will allow you to discuss your child's progress during the autumn term, their wellbeing and engagement with their learning during lockdown and any support they may require as they return to school in person.

The majority of parents have now booked and will be receiving their Zoom link from their child's class teacher today. We have allowed 10-minutes for each appointment as opposed to a 5-minute slot which we ordinarily allow in times of face-to-face Parents' Evenings. Although the booking system suggests appointments are 15 minutes long, the final five minutes is for teachers to switch between meetings. We politely request that parents allow teachers to finish meetings in good time to ensure they are able to meet with the next parent at the scheduled time.

SYMPTOMS

Please be even more vigilant than you already are over the coming week for any symptoms of coronavirus in your children. We need to all play our part to keep the whole school community as safe as possible as we all return on Monday 8th March. Please do not send your child to school if:

- your child is presenting with any of the main symptoms of coronavirus
- anyone in your household is presenting with any of the main symptoms of coronavirus
- your child or anyone in your household is waiting for a test result
- your child or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19
- your child has been identified as a contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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/>



HM Government



Act like you've got it.
Don't accidentally spread coronavirus.



Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 don't have any symptoms, but can still pass it on. And now there is a new strain of the virus which spreads even faster.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

ONLINE SAFETY

It is important to have regular conversations with children and young people about staying safe online. Encourage them to talk to you if they come across something worrying. Find out how to talk to your child about online safety issues and set up age-appropriate parental controls with the following guidance: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#)

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 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.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

 **National Online Safety**
#WakeUpWednesday



Mellors Catering Services

UPDATE



It's lovely to be back after the half term break, with spring just around the corner for us all and a better and brighter future following this pandemic.



Mellors are still catering for key worker and free school meal children serving lunches each day at Stocksbridge Junior School during what we hope will be the final period of lockdown, however, we are really are looking forward to when the schools return on 8th March and we have a full complement of pupils to prepare and serve our delicious nutritious meals for.

Once we are back to full complement our lovely catering manager Sarah and her team will start to introduce our very popular theme days for the children where we can start to get back to normal and introduce some fun themes and competitions for the children. Easter will be our first theme day so do watch out for the fun menu on the website. We will also run some lucky plate days, where children can win prizes for finding a lucky plate sticker when lining up for lunch.

In the meantime, Mellors have published some fun activity sheets with some great ideas for family activities during this period and some fun and easy recipes that the children can help cook at home. You can find these on the school website.

We will look to change to a lighter summer menu after the Easter break. Once we can meet with the student council, we can discuss menu options and provide tasters to ensure that their favourite dishes are introduced as part of the new spring and summer menu.

On a more serious note, Mellors are continuing to work in the background to ensure that we meet the Natasha's Law requirements for when this is introduced on 21st October. All wrapped products will be required to be labelled with all the allergens listed. Our Head of Food Development and Nutrition is heading up this project in readiness for the October launch into the business.

In addition to the Natasha's Law project work, Mellors are delighted to be awarded the globally recognised ISO 9001 quality assurance accreditation once again. This year we have also been accredited with the ISO 14001 environmental award so you can be assured that we haven't let this pandemic stop us in our tracks to deliver on our promises of being a quality assured company and dedicated to our environmental and sustainability credentials.



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