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As we break up today for the Christmas holidays, our thoughts turn naturally to the events of 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, both with our recent Christmas events, and during the unusual times we have continued to experience this year.

All the staff at Stocksbridge Junior School would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you manage to spend some time with the people you love and enjoy the magic that the festive season brings.

Our parting gift to you is our traditional staff Christmas song on Facebook ... remember, we'll always be together,



however far it seems!

We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 5th January – let's see what 2022 brings!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Connor Teasdale
- Y3JT: Liliana Hallas
- Y3RD: Amelia Witton
- Y4CG: Millie Morgan
- Y4KT: Issey Kavadias
- Y4OS: Niamh Siddall
- Y5GG: Joseph Clayton
- Y5HK: Dwayne Lakin
- Y5JH: Sophia Fletcher-Radion
- Y6ER: Bebe Thompson
- Y6MC: Sophia Franco
- Y6CH: Oscar Sulikowski

Mrs Foster: Harry Clancy
Miss Sheehan: Freya Walker
Mr Wright: Tayla Corcoran

Lower School Lunchtimes: Ashton Johnson
Upper School Lunchtimes: Violet Merrywest
Dining-Room: Heath Dyson

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Kitty Albinson
Alana Platts

Y4 - CAIRO

Dylan Kempton
Harley Porter
Rosie Guest

Y5 - BEIJING

Eloise Ruddlesdin

Y6 - BUENOS AIRES

Y3 - PARIS

Dominic Lakin
Addie Williams
Reuben Priestley
Connor Teasdale
Harley Tollan
Dottie Cookson

Y4 - NAIROBI

Edward Phillips
Alice Wright
Millie Morgan
Oscar Edwards
William Edwards
Lucy Martin
William Powell

Y5 - TOKYO

Gerard Wilkinson
Matilda Evans
Izaak Teeling
Griffin Williams
Alfie Jackson

Y6 - BRASILIA

Jessica Bonner
Darcy Tshibangu
Fiona Daniels



CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Links to all our Christmas performances were sent home on Wednesday via ParentMail. Have a look in your inbox if you haven't yet had chance to see your child shining! If you have had problems watching the films, try either 'double clicking' on the video, or 'right clicking' and selecting 'preview'. Please remember that these films should not be shared, including on Social Media. We hope that being able to watch these plays will partly make up for not being able to attend in person – hopefully next year we can be back, squashed in the hall again!

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

On Tuesday afternoon, Stocksbridge Junior School's Indoor Athletics team competed in the Links Partnership Final at All Saints Secondary School. The team faced fierce competition from some of the city's most accomplished athletes from six other schools. Every member of the team stepped up and took part in two track events and one field event. The children, who have trained hard to reach the final, received an early Christmas present when they took 1st place on the podium, to be crowned this year's Partnership WINNERS! The children now go on to test their physical and mental agility in the Ultimate City Final in January. Well done team - what an outstanding performance! Good Luck for the final.

Y3 KINGSWOOD

Looking towards the new year, the next payment for children going on our Y3 Kingswood residential is due on Thursday 6th January. Please make sure that the next instalment of £55 has been paid by this date.

YOUNG VOICES

Unfortunately, all Young Voices 2022 concerts, including the one that the SJS choir was due to attend on the 3rd February 2022, have been postponed to later on in the year. We do not have a new date for our concert yet but all tickets that have been purchased will be transferable to the new date.

We do not have any further information at the moment but Mrs Shaw will be in touch in the new year when we know more.



ANNOUNCEMENT

We understand that during the rising tension around the Omicron variant and the outlook for January that there are questions being raised regarding YV 2022 concerts.

As always, our priority here at Young Voices is the health, both physical and mental, of our children, teachers and the families who attend our concerts. It is therefore our decision to postpone all of our concerts to Spring/Summer 2022. We tried so hard to give this every opportunity to go ahead but we had to make this decision in the end and as a result we would also like to apologise for not being able to make the call any sooner.

We are currently working hard alongside our venues to make sure all of our original dates can be accommodated within this new time frame and we will be announcing new dates as soon as we have them. All ticket orders will be transferable to the new concert series.

Until then we wish you a safe and healthy Christmas break and please know that the Young Voices team will be doing everything behind the scenes to make sure this is worth all of the wait!

youngvoices.co.uk

COVID UPDATE

Before the holidays begin, we would like to update you about the recent changes to national guidance for those identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 positive case.

From Tuesday 14th December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated, and children aged **5 to 18 years and 6 months**, who are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19, help protect education settings by reducing transmission and, will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace or following exposure to a confirmed positive COVID case, all contacts should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to school.

If the test is negative, they can continue to attend school. Outside of school, close contacts should continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#). This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and immediately order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily LFD tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive or they start to develop symptoms. If at any time anyone starts to develop symptoms, they should isolate and take a PCR test (even if they have already recently taken a PCR test or their LFD is negative).

Please help us in following the guidance so we can keep our community as safe and well as possible.

ROCKETLEARN

Sheffield City Council have teamed up with RocketLearn to offer your child free access to their online learning camp. This camp runs for four days and includes daily Maths, English, and Academic Enrichment sessions. There is a Christmas creative writing competition with a £100 Amazon voucher up for grabs, and lots of fun quizzes and videos too. There is also bonus content in the form of well-being sessions and PE challenges – a great way to keep your child purposefully busy through the holidays! This program usually costs £20, however Sheffield families can access it for FREE – [sign up here](#) and enter the code SHEFFIELD to get your free place.

SHEFFIELD HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Imagination Gaming are delighted to announce that they are supporting **Sheffield's Healthy Holidays Programme**. Available for all **Free School Meal children** during the festive period. It is an opportunity for children to try new activities and enjoy some healthy food.

Sheffield children and young people eligible for free school meals can choose from a huge range of free, fun activities... we would love for your children to come and join us over the Christmas holidays at any of the below venues:

- **Monday 20th December Richmond Park Community Centre S61**
- **Monday 20th December The Venue Stocksbridge S36**
- **Tuesday 21st December Richmond Park Community Centre S61**
- **Tuesday 21st December The Venue Stocksbridge S36**
- **Thursday 23rd December Stocksbridge Community Centre S36**
- **Thursday 30th December Stocksbridge Community Centre S36**

Children can sign up for as many days as they like and booking is easy - just visit <https://sheffieldhealthyholidays.org/>

MENU FOR AFTER CHRISTMAS...

WEEK 2 13/9/. 4/10. 15/11. 3/12. 3/1. 24/1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT MAIN MEAL	Beefburgers in a bun served with diced potato	Beef lasagne served with garlic bread	Roast chicken served with mash potato	Chicken hot pot served with new potato	Battered fish served with chips & ketchup
VEGETARIAN MEAL	Quorn burgers served with diced potato	Macaroni cheese served with crusty bread	Quorn fillet served with mash potato	Cheese whirl served with new potato	Quorn hotdog served with chips & ketchup
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread	Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread	Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread	Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread	Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread
DESSERT	Mango & banana cake served with custard Homemade tray bake	Fruit sponge served with custard Homemade tray bake	Orange muffin Homemade tray bake	Cornflake tart served with custard Homemade tray bake	Chocolate crunch Homemade tray bake
FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt
JACKET POTATO	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket potato with a choice of fillings

