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January has felt like a long, grey month. The children have worked hard after the Christmas break but are now getting ready for some sunshine and better weather. January for many families has meant positive COVID tests and the difficulties and complications this brings to everyday life. We appreciate the support and understanding our Stocksbridge families have given to us, especially when we have been sharing news with you that you probably didn't want to hear!

We are ready to welcome February next week. Let's hope that as we say 'Goodbye' to January and welcome a new month, we can look forward to better times ahead.

### SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Louie Beechill
  - Y4CG: Beth Tompkin
  - Y5GG: Alex Harris
  - Y6ER: Oliver Cunningham
  - Y3JT: Dottie Cookson
  - Y4KT: Stan Collett
  - Y5HK: Jack Prentice-Marsden
  - Y6MC: Flynn Micklethwaite
  - Y3RD: Alfred Robinson
  - Y4OS: Jasmine Hill
  - Y5JH: Emily Ralph
  - Y6CH: Lexi Hill
- Mrs Foster: Celia Fletcher  
Miss Sheehan: Sophia Fletcher-Radion  
Mr Wright: Madison Fletcher
- Lower School Lunchtimes: Nolan Robinson  
Upper School Lunchtimes: Lola-Jae Dawson  
Dining-Room: Henry Robins

### READING AROUND THE WORLD

#### Y3 - LONDON

Jack Mitchell  
Harriet Pickering  
Ronnie Kelly

#### Y3 - PARIS

Thomas Milner  
James Birch

#### Y4 - CAIRO

Harry Hanson  
Noah Charlesworth  
Carson Bullimore

#### Y4 - NAIROBI

Cordelia Hibbert  
Lottie Siddall  
Bronwen Parfitt  
Freddie Bickers  
Devon Taylor  
Chester Parsons  
Ted Goff

#### Y5 - TOKYO

Elijah Muhone  
Evie Aubrey

### STAFFING UPDATES

We would like to officially welcome some new members of staff to our team:

- Mrs Birley has joined us as our new Business Manager
- Miss Snell, Miss Beaver, Miss Scothern have joined us recently as Teaching Assistants through the government's Kickstart Scheme
- Miss Whitham and Miss Holling have also joined our lunchtime team as our Play Leaders

We would also like to take this opportunity to officially say farewell to Mrs Sedgwick who retired at Christmas having worked here at Stocksbridge Junior School for an incredible twenty years. On behalf of the governors, staff, children and parents both past and present, we would like to thank Mrs Sedgwick for her loyalty and commitment to our school. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

And finally, we would like to congratulate Mrs Woods on her successful promotion to Assistant Headteacher! Mrs Woods continues in her roles as SENCo and Designated Safeguarding Deputy but is now also an official member of the Senior Leadership Team.

## PARENTS' EVENING

As England's COVID restrictions have recently eased, we have reviewed arrangements for this term's Parents' Evening and will now be offering the opportunity for parents to opt for either an online appointment or a face-to-face appointment.

	Online Appointments	Face-to-Face Appointments
<b>Year 3</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 3:30pm-5:30pm Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 1:00pm-2:00pm	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2:00pm-5:00pm
<b>Year 4</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 3:30pm-5:30pm Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 1:00pm-2:00pm	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2:00pm-5:00pm
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 3:30pm-5:30pm Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 1:00pm-2:00pm	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2:00pm-5:00pm
<b>Year 6</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 3:30pm-5:30pm Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 1:00pm-2:00pm	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2:00pm-5:00pm

The booking system will go live on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 10am.

## SHEFFIELD INDOOR ATHLETICS WINNERS

Congratulations to our awesome Indoor Athletics Squad who have been crowned Sheffield WINNERS in this week's Sheffield Schools Indoor Athletics competition. The squad now progress to compete in the South Yorkshire Indoor Athletics competition in March, as one of the top eight schools in the county! The last time we made it to this stage of the competition was 2011. Well done to the children for such an amazing achievement!



## CROSS-COUNTRY

For several reasons, Saturday's Cross Country race at Norfolk Park was a quiet one. However, the runners who came and took part enjoyed perfect running weather. Norfolk Park provided a short, fast-paced course with a long steady incline to finish! All SJS runners had outstanding races, with some finishing in a personal best position.

We are always looking for more runners to come and join our SJS Cross Country team! Our next race is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February and takes place at Longley Park. In the meantime, speak to Miss Hague if you are interested in joining the running club on Monday evenings.



## PEER MEDIATORS PROGRAMME

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, a selection of our Year 5s proudly completed their Peer Mediator training! After an application process, the children were selected to take part and had two days to develop their skills. Peer Mediators learn how to deal with conflict, supporting younger children with their skills.

Thank you to Jess and Heather from CRESST Conflict Resolution Education for their support in helping our children to shine. We are so proud - well done, Year 5!

## MISSING COAT

A navy blue coat with a furry hood has recently gone missing - last seen on the yard on Wednesday. The coat has the Y4 child's name inside. We would appreciate it if parents could check that it has not been brought home by mistake.

## YS LONDON

We have had to make a couple of slight changes to this year's Y5 trip to London due to the availability of theatre tickets. To enable us to see Matilda we will now be travelling a day later on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and will now be staying at YHA London Central, which is an even better location than our original accommodation.

The cost and attractions remain unchanged.

We will be requesting that parents complete Pupil Information Forms for the trip later this term. In the meantime, we request that parents ensure the full balance is paid by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, please.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU...

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT MAIN MEAL	Freshly baked pizza served with potato wedges	Chicken curry served with wholemeal rice and naan bread	Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding sage & onion stuffing, Roast potatoes & gravy	Homemade spaghetti Bolognese served with garlic bread	Fish fingers or salmon bites with chips & ketchup
VEGETARIAN MEAL	Freshly baked pizza served with potato wedges	Tomato and mascarpone pasta	Quorn roast with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Quorn curry served with wholemeal rice	Quorn nuggets 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	Shortbread served with mandarins. Homemade tray bake	Chocolate fudge served with custard. Homemade tray bake	Rice pudding with fruit compote Homemade tray bake	Apple crumble served with custard. Homemade tray bake	Chocolate and cherry cookies Homemade tray bake
FRESH FRUIT & 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

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 of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ▶ YOUTUBE ▶

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

## CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

## SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

## HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

## TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

## SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it *does* offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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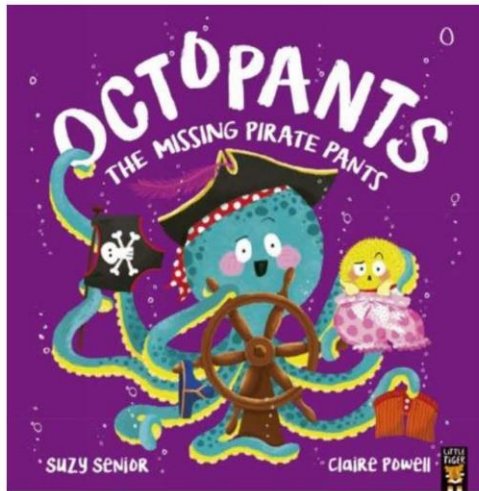
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**Octopants and the Missing Pirate Pants**  
with local Sheffield author Suzy Senior  
Join in with this online activity on Monday 14th February 10.30-11.15am.  
Suitable for children aged 3-7 years.



Come and join local Sheffield author Suzy Senior for a funtastic time with Octopants!! Suzy will be introducing her new book Octopants and the Missing Pirate Pants and sharing her much loved Octopants. There will be lots to join in with, pirate fancy dress optional!

Book your place via Eventbrite using the QR Code.



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**Sally and Her Super Snot** with award winning author Salma Zaman.  
Join in with this online activity on Tuesday 15th February 2.00-3.00pm.



Meet Award Winning Author Salma Zaman and hear her recite her latest Children's book 'Sally and her Super Snot'. Explore creative themes, illustrations, dance, music and make your own Slime! Get ready to get messy! This is going to be so much FUN! Don't miss out.

Sally feels her nose start to tickle. Everyone knows what this means.... Super snot! As the snot stretches all over the museum causing immense havoc, a whole host of historical characters, including Medieval kings, Egyptian mummies, and Victorian children, try to stop the snot. But the snot keeps getting away, hear the dinosaurs roar loudly at the snot. Will the children get out safely or will the super snot cover them from head to toe?

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