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"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

Although the weather has been wet and wild to welcome us back, in school everything has been calm as we have settled back into everyday routines.

Despite the weather, our Year 3 have been enjoying their first taste of Cedarwood this week. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness their enjoyment as they have explored our outdoor learning space for the first time.

These explorations have also provided the ideal opportunity for children to put positive behaviours into action. We have encouraged the children to continue developing their social skills whilst they are playing and it has been a pleasure to see the children turn-taking, using manners and helping their friends, but most of all, being kind.

In these uncertain times, where so much is unknown, one certainty is that we can make a difference by being kind.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Iqra Sajid
- Y3JT: Liliana Hallas
- Y3RD: Connor Powlesland
- Y4CG: Celia Fletcher
- Y4KT: Georgia Reeder.
- Y4OS: Alice Wright
- Y5GG: Maddie Birch
- Y5HK: Alyssa Mitchell
- Y5JH: Amelie Methley
- Y6ER: Jessica Bonner
- Y6MC: James Wilkinson
- Y6CH: Dylan Waters

Mrs Foster: George Howe
Miss Sheehan: James Lycett
Mr Wright: Bebe Thompson

Lower School Lunchtimes: Theo Green
Upper School Lunchtimes: Amy Palmer
Dining-Room: Fiona Daniels

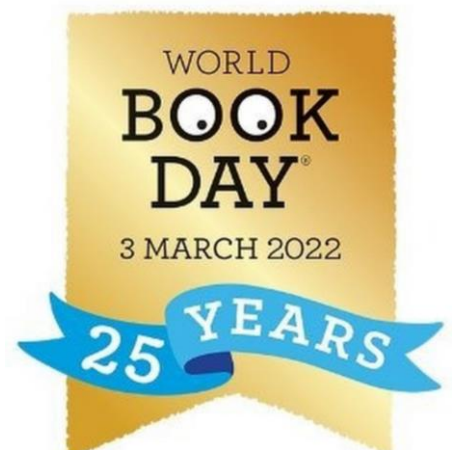
WORLD BOOK DAY

This year, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day with some very exciting activities!

Now you may have heard of 'The Masked Singer' but how about 'The Masked Reader!?' On World Book Day, children will get the chance to attend a story-time session with a mystery reader in school. Clues will be given out before World Book Day about the stories and the masked readers. All will be revealed when children attend their story session on Thursday.

In addition, Lisa, from Stocksbridge Library, will be visiting all year groups on Thursday to deliver an exciting workshop around book characters. Children will work together in their teams to decipher the clues and reveal the mystery book characters who have come to dinner.

As always with World Book Day, we invite pupils to dress up as a book character if they wish to. No expensive costumes required! Finally, at the end of the day, all children will receive their £1 World Book Day token, which is valid until 27th March.



READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Freya Eyre

Y3 - PARIS

Maximus Glaves

Y3 - MADRID

Olivia Walker

Y4 - PRETORIA

William Powell
Sophie Hawksworth

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Esme Tym
Imogen Goddard
Holly Swales
Braxton Shields
Sophia Fletcher-Radion
Freya Bradbury
Eloise Ruddlesdin

Y6 - LIMA

Samson Willis
Fiona Daniels

CLUBS NEXT WEEK

We would like to remind parents that Choir and Gymnastics after school clubs are both cancelled next week due to Parents' Meetings.

UNIFORM

Children are required to attend school each day wearing the correct school uniform with the exception of pre-planned non-uniform days. Over the past few months we have seen a significant rise in the number of children not wearing the correct uniform.

Please see the uniform page on our school website for the full uniform policy but, as a minimum, children are expected to wear:

- A navy blue school sweatshirt/cardigan embroidered with the school logo
- A white or navy blue polo shirt either embroidered with or without the school logo
- Plain navy blue, black or dark grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore

Uniform can be purchased from Logo Leisurewear:


<https://logoleisurewear.com/product-category/schools/schools-stocksbridge-junior/>

Children should wear their school PE kit **only** on their specified PE day. Children are not permitted to wear make-up or any jewellery other than a small pair of stud earrings and a watch, if they wish.

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to be able to support our families who may benefit from pre-loved school uniform items. If you have any school uniform which your child no longer needs, your donation will help to enable all our children have suitable school uniform. Please drop uniform donations off at school with the members of staff at the gate. Thank you so much for your support.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU...

WEEK 2	MONDAY <small>MEAT FREE</small>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Vegetarian sausage with mashed potato and gravy	All day breakfast 	Roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding with gravy and mashed potato	Sweet and sour chicken with mixed rice <small>5 ADAY</small>	Fish of the day or salmon fishcakes with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Marinated Quorn™ wrap with baked potato wedges	Quorn all day breakfast <small>5 ADAY</small>	Quorn roast with gravy and mashed potato	Vegetarian chilli with mixed rice	BBQ bean burger with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS <small>5 ADAY</small>	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Ginger biscuit	Carrot and orange muffins	Fruit and ice cream <small>5 ADAY</small>	Fruit crumble and custard <small>5 ADAY</small>	Chocolate orange cookies
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
JACKET POTATO & SANDWICH SELECTION	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

EVENTS COMING UP THIS HALF TERM...

Feb 28 Y3 Parents' Meetings	March 1 Y4 Parents' Meetings	2 Y5 Parents' Meetings Family Thrive	3 World Book Day – Dress Up!	4 Y5 London Balance Due Indoor Athletics Squad Training Gymnastics Comp
March 7	8	9 Family Thrive	10 Y5 History Van	11 Indoor Athletics Squad Training
March 14	15	16 Family Thrive	17 South Yorkshire Indoor Athletics Final	18 Red Nose Day
March 21 Easter Egg Competition Opens	22 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 4th destination	23 Family Thrive	24	25
March 28	29	30 Family Thrive	31	April 1 Easter Egg Winners Announced Non-Uniform Day (£1)

Easter Holidays

For events further ahead, please check our [school calendar](#) on our website.

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 game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

IN-APP PURCHASES

Not all of Fortnite is free. Save the World mode, for example, can become quite costly. An in-game currency called V-Bucks is used to buy items such as cosmetics, which are not a necessity to play the game. It can feel like buying them is essential, however – even for adult players. Making sure no payment methods are linked to the game's store is a good idea when children are playing Fortnite.

REPEAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fortnite now offers a monthly repeat subscription which costs £9.99 (or equivalent). This package offers different non-essential benefits every month – including fancy cosmetics, rare weapons, V-Bucks and special bonuses. Signing up, therefore, can be tempting for dedicated players. However, subscriptions cannot be paid for with V-Bucks earned in the game, only with real-world money.

COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY

Fortnite isn't purely a competitive experience (some modes prioritise cooperation), but the rivalry aspect remains central. Battle Royale is an especially ruthless mode, where the last player or squad left standing wins. Games can become heated, and players' desire to win can often cause excessively aggressive or "toxic" behaviour towards others – via the game's audio chat, for instance.

POSSIBILITY OF SCAMS

Popular games like Fortnite are often targeted by unscrupulous individuals trying to trick or exploit genuine fans. In Fortnite, scammers have been known to offer children free V-Bucks or vast amounts of V-Bucks in exchange for rare items – often asking the player to click a particular link. These scammers are seeking access to your child's account, personal information and payment details.

USER-CONTROLLED CONTENT

Some elements of online video games can't be rated for age appropriateness because the developer doesn't have control over them. In Fortnite, for instance, things like voice or text chat, usernames, trades and other player-generated content may not always be suitable for children. It also means that the makers aren't liable for anything a stranger might say to young Fortnite players online.

Advice for Parents & Carers

STAY AWARE OF SPENDING

Free-to-play games (that is, ones without up-front costs) can still be big financial drains. In Fortnite, for example, the Battle Pass – a set of rewards to improve players' experience in the game – can be either earned through playing or bought with real money (with additional incentives for the latter). With supervision however, this can be a great lesson in money management for children.

TALK ABOUT TALKING

Communication is key in the squad-based Fortnite modes, and children will quickly realise that talking with team-mates online helps to increase their win rate. It's a good idea, therefore, to chat with your child first about speaking to strangers online, trading, scammers and other potential risks. Remind them that they can always come to you for help if they run into problems online.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

Gaming sessions can reach marathon lengths, especially when your child is on a winning streak and doesn't want to stop. Sitting in the same position for hours, of course, isn't healthy but it's an easy habit to form. Encouraging young ones to break regularly for drinks and so on will help them stay hydrated, rest their eyes and release some of the tension from competitive gameplay.

DISCUSS OTHER APPS

Games like Fortnite can lead on to third-party apps (Discord, for example) where players can join a voice, text or – in some cases – video chat about the game. Certain add-ons also let children talk with other players from their local area, which clearly presents a potential risk. When discussing Fortnite with your child, you might also want to ask them about other apps they use while playing.

Meet Our Expert

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