



Stocksbridge Junior School



Learning Together



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Our celebration assembly music this morning was the very fitting, 'Lovely Day' by Bill Withers. The weather this week has certainly been lovely and lifted everyone's spirits, injecting a much-needed dose of Vitamin D.

Many people have been reminded of the equally beautiful weather we experienced in 2020 at the start of the first Lockdown. It seems bizarre now to look back at those strange, early Lockdown days and remember the times when it felt as if the world stood still.

We are all still aware that Covid has not vanished – it is still currently having an impact on many people's lives – whether at school, in work or at home. However, we are all relieved that those days two years ago, March 2020, are behind us, and that we can enjoy the sunshine together on this lovely day.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Presley Krompass
- Y3JT: Esther Muhone
- Y3RD: Maja Plenik Mastalerz
- Miss Sheehan: Ben O'Neill
- Y4CG: Marcey-May Fletcher
- Y4KT: Jenson Shortt
- Y4OS: Amelia Hodkin
- Dining-Room: Alex Harris
- Y5GG: Connor Wharton
- Y5HK: Dwayne Lakin
- Y5JH: Macey Tollan
- Y3/5 Yard: Harrison Woodhead
- Y6ER: George Wilkinson
- Y6MC: Ellie Gaymond
- Y6CH: Fern Clancy
- Y4/6 Yard: Alistair Bradder

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Charlotte Appleby
Charlie Brocklesby
Louie Beechill

Y3 - PARIS

Heath Dyson
Millie Hallows
Iqra Sajid

Y3 - MADRID

Dominic Lakin
Maximus Glaves

Y3 - ROME

Violet-Skye Holmes

Y4 - NAIROBI

Harley Porter
Celia Fletcher

Y4 - PRETORIA

Gerard Wilkinson
William Price

Y4 - RIYADH

Niamh Siddall
James Gourley
Lucy Martin
Charlie Bullimore
Niall Pritchett
Logan Clarke

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Macey Tollan

Y5 - CANBERRA

Faith Skelland
Joshua Reid
Holly Swales
Imogen Goddard
Braxton Shields
Summer Brooke
Delyse Galloway

Y6 - BRASILIA

Jack Gill

Y6 - LIMA

Jack Gill

Y6 - MEXICO CITY

Oscar Sulikowski
Archie Jowitt
Flynn Micklethwaite

RED NOSE DAY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all children who participated in our Comic Relief activities last week. We raised an amazing £484 for this fantastic cause.

FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL

Our first bagel order finally arrived yesterday, which enabled us to offer every pupil in school a free breakfast this morning!

Every morning, bagels will be available for children arriving for our early morning Maths groups and at the school gate for children arriving at normal school opening time.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION REMINDER

We are so pleased to be able to host our traditional Easter Egg competition this year. Entries are beginning to trickle into school – do keep them coming as we have seen some cracking entries so far!

Any last minute entries need to be brought into school no later than 3:10pm on Wednesday 30th March. The winning entries will be announced before school closes for Easter.

We look forward to seeing your egg-strordinary entries!

EASTER EGG-ROLLING COMPETITION

During the pandemic we held an Egg Rolling Competition rather than our traditional Easter Egg competition. Children enjoyed it so much that our School Council have decided to run this egg-citing Easter event as well this year! Next week, each class will have a traditional egg-rolling competition (we will pick a sunny day that week).

To take part, your child will need to bring a very simply decorated hard-boiled egg into school by Tuesday 29th March 2022. The creator of the egg that rolls the furthest in each class will win a prize.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are currently looking to recruit Parent Governors to join the Governing Body and would also welcome interest from people that have no direct connection to the school but have an interest in supporting the school and community in the role of a Co-opted Governor.

Please see the letter from Martin Booth, our Chair of Governors, which has been sent home today or you may wish to contact Martin Booth at chair@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk to discuss this opportunity further.

COVID UPDATE

We have managed to maintain staffing levels within the classroom throughout the pandemic to ensure continuity of learning for our pupils. Over recent weeks this has become increasingly difficult and we now have a number of members of staff who are absent with COVID.

Your support throughout this period has been much appreciated, however, we still need your help to reduce the risk of further spreading and ask all families to remain vigilant and considerate. If your child is unwell or has a temperature, please do not send them in to school as this puts staff and other children at risk.

During this time you may have a different member of staff taking your child's class as we try our best to manage the situation. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO STOCKSBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday afternoon, Year 5 pupils will visit Stocksbridge High School to take part in an exciting workshop led by SHS staff. Each Year 5 class will attend one of the sessions, which will be either Science, Drama or Computer Science. Pupils will walk to SHS with their class and teacher. They will return to school before home-time. As always, children should wear suitable footwear and bring a coat and water bottle. There is no cost for this trip. We are looking forward to our visit to SHS and hope to have further visits throughout the year.

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




The Sheffield Children's University Passport to Learning newsletter, which includes details of activities happening across the city during the Easter holidays, is now available!

A copy has been shared electronically via ParentMail and can also be found by going to <https://bit.ly/SCUPassportActivityNewsletterEaster2022>

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PREPARATIONS

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Town Council would like to produce a flag for the Jubilee to fly from the Town Hall. They have decided to invite the six schools of our area to each produce a design which will all be printed together onto the flag. We would therefore like to encourage our children to get creative over the Easter holidays by creating a design which may be chosen as our school's final contribution. Entries must be on A3 landscape paper. It is advised that the design be simple and bold in order to be seen once the flag is hoisted. Please ensure your child has handed their entry to the school office by Friday 29th April.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU...

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Cheese pizza & potato wedges	 Chicken and vegetable pie with mashed potato	Roast chicken with Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes and gravy	 Chicken tikka masala with brown rice	Fish fingers & chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	BBQ bean & cheese wrap & potato wedges	Sweet potato and vegetable hot pot 	Vegetarian toad in the hole with roast potatoes and gravy	Quorn™ lasagne with crusty bread	Quorn™ nuggets with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	 Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Shortbread biscuit 	Mango and banana muffin	Ginger biscuit with fresh fruit 	Oaty apple crumble and custard 	Fresh fruit scone
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

Family Fun Calendar

1 Go on a walk	2 Color together	3 Movie Night	4 Play a game	5 Nature Hunt
6 Sidewalk Chalk	7 Bake something	8 Dance Party	9 Ice Cream Sundaes	10 Plant something
11 Food Taste Test	12 Face Time Family	13 Make your own pizza	14 Talent Show	15 3 Color Challenge
16 Screen Free Day	17 Lego Competition	18 Look at old photos	19 Play Charades	20 Make puppets
21 Scavenger Hunt	22 Magic Tricks	23 Stargazing	24 Create Something	25 Do a puzzle
26 Formal Dinner Night	27 Read together	28 Camp Out	29 Pajama Day and Breakfast for Dinner	30 Create a family motto

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PHONE SCAMS

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SMISHING

SMS phishing, or 'smishing' is one of the most common forms of mobile-based cyber-attack. Smishing is when a scammer texts their target, pretending to be a reputable person or organisation. They aim to trick the victim into supplying sensitive data such as bank details and personal information, so that they can then access the target's bank accounts and remove money.

IMPERSONATION

Fraudsters often impersonate someone else to trick the victim into actually transferring money directly. They might claim, for example, to be a friend or relative using a different number who urgently needs funds. Other common cons include sending fake texts informing the target that they have a package which requires a fee to be delivered, or that they have an unpaid bill to settle.

NUMBER SPOOFING

Here, the scammer takes impersonation cons a step further by cloning the phone number of a genuine company. So when the target receives a call or text, their phone recognises the sender's number as legitimately belonging to Amazon, HMRC, the NHS or the DVLA (who have all been impersonated in these cons). This makes the scam far harder to spot and the victim much more inclined to comply.

FAKE TECH SUPPORT

Attackers contact a target, pretending to work for their employers' IT support team. They then advise them to download some software to fix 'a technical issue' with their device. In reality, however, the software grants the scammers access to the victim's private data and sensitive information. This con is more common on desktop and laptop devices, but is still possible to accomplish on mobiles.

SIM HIJACKING

SIM hijacking switches control of a phone account from the victim's SIM card to one in the scammers' possession. Criminals use personal details pieced together from social media (birthday, address, pet's name and so on) to pose as you, then instruct your phone network to transfer your number to *their* SIM – giving them access to all calls and texts meant for you, including one-time login passcodes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO SOME DIGGING

If you've received a call or text asking for specific information, research the caller's number. There are several websites that allow you to enter a phone number and will then display any relevant information about it – this usually includes feedback and comments from other people, so you can easily see if that particular number has been implicated in potential scams.

TRY A CALL BLOCKER

If a suspicious call comes through on your mobile, you can manually block the number if you believe it to be dubious or a nuisance caller. Alternatively, you could consider installing a call blocker service on your phone. They automatically stop calls getting through from numbers which have been reported as suspicious, halting potential scammers in their tracks before they can reach you.

VERIFY THE SOURCE

Never disclose confidential details to an individual or organisation you're unfamiliar with. If the caller claims to represent a company you trust but is *still* asking for personal information or payment on an outstanding charge, end the conversation. Then find the company's genuine number on a bill or on their website and call them directly to confirm if there really is an issue you need to address.

BREAK OUT THE TECH

Lots of anti-virus software now also protects mobiles. Some anti-virus apps can detect phishing links in text messages and alert you to the risk. When you're out and about, try not to use public WiFi for sensitive transactions: it's far less secure than your home WiFi network. Instead, you could consider installing a VPN (virtual private network), which encrypts all data travelling to and from your phone.

REPORT INCIDENTS

If you or a family member does give out confidential information to a caller you aren't sure about, contact the actual company mentioned to check if the call was genuine. If they confirm that the call was *not* made by their organisation, you should report it as a potential scam via the Action Fraud website and (depending on exactly what information was divulged) consider involving the police.

BE WARY OF LINKS

If you get a message from an unknown number asking you to click on a link, report it as spam and **do not open the link**. One recent example 'warned' victims they'd been exposed to the Omicron variant and needed to click a link to buy a special test – only to find they had paid their money to scammers. Links can also install malware onto your device, so always treat them with extreme caution.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptoCloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



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Sources: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2021/45-million-people-targeted-by-scams/> | <https://www.cprcallblocker.com/blogs/news/shocking-new-uk-fraud-statistics-financial-scam-committed-every-15-seconds/> | <https://www.which.co.uk/news/2022/01/the-five-biggest-scams-of-2021/>

Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre



Easter Bonnet Competition

Design and make your own Easter Bonnet and bring it to our Easter Fayre on Sunday 10th April 11am to 4pm
(competition entry fee £1.00)



All bonnets must be presented for judging by 2:30pm on Sunday 10th April

Judging will take place at 3:00pm by the Easter Bunny at the Easter Fayre

If you have any queries or would like any further information please
contact the centre on 0114 288 3792