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At Stocksbridge Junior School, we are constantly updating and reviewing our curriculum, ensuring that it is relevant to our children. One important facet is thinking about communication and making sure that our pupils are prepared to be global citizens of the future. In Geography, children learn more about our amazing planet. In RE, we talk about respect and tolerance, whilst actually learning how to be a linguist in our French lessons.

On Monday 26th September, we will be celebrating European Day of Languages. Children will have the opportunity to find out more about Europe and its cultures, whilst exploring the wide variety of languages that add to the diversity of Europe. After all, the greater our understanding of our neighbours, the greater the hope for global unity.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Martha Trill
- Y3CS/AW: Nova Butler

- Y4KT: Lily Clayton
- Y4MH: Riley Wesson
- Y4OS: Lily Turner

- Y5FP: Celia Fletcher
- Y5CG: Sophie Clough
- Y5HK: Joel Couldwell

- Y6CG: Milly Turner
- Y6ER: Joshua Reid
- Y6RD: James Kelland

Mrs Shaw: Freddie Brooks
Mr Tee: Presley Krompass

Y3/4 Yard: Millie Montgomery
Y5/6 Yard: Mason Gomersall
Dining-Room: Ruby Gillott Smith

SPORTS MARK GOLD

We are delighted to announce that the school has this week been awarded the Gold School Games Sports Mark for our commitment, engagement and delivery of school sport in 2021/22!

Congratulations to each and every child who has represented and supported the school in competitions and extra-curricular clubs and thank you to the staff for providing our children with these opportunities.



FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school, please complete an online consent form: <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?id=107055&Type=FLU>

The vaccinations will take place in school on 07/10/2022. The link will close on 30/09/2022. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since Sept 2022, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397 (opt 2).

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September from 8:45am to 10:00am. You are most welcome to call in for coffee and cake or buy cakes to take away. We would also appreciate any contributions of goodies to sell to be brought to school either on Thursday 29th September or on the morning. Please join us to support this very worthy charity.



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.



As part of this commitment, we are currently working towards achieving this academic year's National Online Safety's certified school status and would like to invite parents to join us by accessing the wide variety of resources available.

Please use our school's unique link, <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/stocksbridge-junior-school>, to access the NOS website, create an account and explore the resources. To help us progress towards Certified School Status, parents are invited to complete one of the NOS courses, for example, the 'Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 7-11'. The courses are simple to access and include a series of quick films followed by multiple-choice questions.

We very much hope parents find these resources support conversations with children about their online lives.

CROSS COUNTRY



On Saturday, we had a fantastic start to the new Cross Country season. Six fantastic runners represented Stocksbridge Junior School at Bolehills for their first race of the new league. With the sun shining, all six children showed determination during their races, including Ellie-May Murray, William Foster, Penny Cawthorne, James Birch, Archie Brocklesby and Max Glaves.



If you would like to join our SJS Cross Country team, Race 2 is at Parkwood Springs on Saturday 1st October. In the meantime, Miss Hague is doing an After School Running Club on Tuesday evenings. If you would like to give it a try, please contact the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Each financial year, the government allocates funding to schools called 'Pupil Premium'. This funding is calculated on the number of pupils who are currently registered for free school meals or have been eligible in the last six years.

Who is eligible?

Children are entitled for free school meals if they are registered at a Sheffield School and the parent or carer receives one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
 - Income Based Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
 - An income-related employment and support allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Child Tax Credit, but not receiving Working Tax Credit, and your annual income does not exceed £16,190
 - The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for 4 weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week
- N.B. Registering for free school meals will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Free School Meals are now protected for the duration of time a child is in Key Stage 2. This means that if your child is eligible for free school meals (even only for a short period), they will continue to be able to have free school meals (and our school receives the additional funding) even if there is a change to financial circumstances.

How can parents register for Free School Meals? There is a chance you may be eligible for free school meals. Please contact the school office and they can support you with the quick and straightforward application.

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 	Fish of the day or salmon fishcakes with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Marinated Quorn™ wrap with baked potato wedges	Quorn all day breakfast 	Quorn roast with gravy and mashed potato	Vegetarian chilli with mixed rice	BBQ bean burger with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	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 	Fruit crumble and custard 	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



SCHOOL GAMES



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

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