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As we break up for our half term holiday, we would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable break, with time to relax and recharge those batteries. The children have had a busy half term in school and are ready for a rest!

Thank you to all the parents who have joined us for Parents' Evening this week. Whether your appointment was face-to-face, or virtual, it is always a pleasure to meet with you and share your child's successes and progress.

We look forward to the children's return to school on Monday 31st October, ready to start the exciting weeks on the lead up to Christmas. In the meantime, whether you are creating leaf prints, baking spooky Halloween cakes or just enjoying being outside in the glorious Autumn colours, from all of us, have a great half term holiday!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Laila Clarke
 - Y4KT: Annabelle Fisher
 - Y5FP: Millie Morgan
 - Y6CG: Hayden Harrap
 - Y3CS/AW: Elodie Proctor
 - Y4MH: Kitty Albinson
 - Y5GG: Ricardo Steers
 - Y6ER: Griffin Williams
 - Y4OS: Luna Sugrue
 - Y5HK: William Price
 - Y6RD: Shannon Taylor-Cuss
- Miss Sheehan: Chester Parsons
Mr Tee: Marcie Anderson
Mrs Shaw: George Griggs
- Y3/4 Yard: Declan Hague
Y5/6 Yard: Sophie Clough
Dining-Room: Violet Horsfield

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Nova Butler
Matilda McGhee
Jahvan Orr-Swabey
Sophia Watkinson
Maximus Briggs

Y4 - CAIRO

Isla McGrail
Conner Teasdale
Millie Hallows
Harriet Warren
Olivia Walker
Reuben Priestley
Iqra Sajid
Violet-Skye Holmes

Y5 - BELJING

James Reed
William Powell
Jaxon Beresford
George Spencer
Chester Parsons
Dylan Whiteley
William Edwards
Millie Morgan
Bronwen Parfitt
Harley Porter
Freddie Bickers

Y6 - BUENOS AIRES

Freya Walker
Mason Gomersall
Neve Smith
Finlay Brown
Summer Brooke
Faith Skelland
Eloise Ruddlesdin
Matilda Evans
Delyse Galloway
Dwayne Lakin
Freya Bradbury
Grace Wilkins
Poppy Newton

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for responding to our recent parent questionnaire. We will review the feedback and provide a summary of your responses along with our intended actions as a result after half term.

THE SJS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mrs Lucy Ross
Deputy Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Ruth Davy
Y6 Teacher & Looked After
Children Designated Teacher

Designated Safeguarding
Deputy



Mrs Amanda Woods
Assistant Head & SENCo

Designated Safeguarding
Deputy



Mrs Jane Lea-Jones
Nurture Teacher & Attendance
Lead

Designated Safeguarding
Deputy

Chair of the Governing Board and our Safeguarding Governor is Martin Booth.

Contacting our Safeguarding Team

During term time, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (or a Deputy) will always be available (during school hours) for staff in the school or college to discuss any safeguarding concerns. Outside of these times any emails or telephone messages left will be responded to when we return to school.

If you are worried that a child has been harmed or is at risk of harm then phone the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub on 0114 273 4855 (24 hours) to speak to a social worker.

If a child is in immediate danger, then call 999 for a police response.

NEXT WEEK'S DINNER MENU

WEEK 1	MONDAY <small>MEAT FREE</small>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Vegetarian meatballs in a tomato sauce with spaghetti <small>5 ADAY</small>	chicken curry with 50/50 rice <small>5 ADAY</small>	Roast chicken and stuffing with roast potatoes and gravy <small>5 ADAY</small>	Chicken and tomato pasta bake	A choice of fish fingers or fishcakes with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetarian shepherd's pie <small>5 ADAY</small>	Vegetable curry with 50/50 rice <small>5 ADAY</small>	Roast Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes and gravy <small>5 ADAY</small>	Macaroni cheese	Quorn™ nuggets 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 <small>5 ADAY</small>	Shortbread biscuits and mandarins <small>5 ADAY</small>	Chocolate crunch	Apple flapjack	Fruit and ice cream <small>5 ADAY</small>
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

HARVEST

Thank you to every single one of you who donated to our harvest collection for Stocksbridge Food Bank. We were amazed at the amount we received and we know this will make a difference to those in our community most in need.

A REMINDER OF EVENTS NEXT HALF TERM

As always, please keep an eye on our school calendar on the SJS website.

Oct 31 9am Closing date for entries to the MP Christmas Card Comp Y6 Rowing Competition	Nov 1	2	3	4 Y4KT Swimming Y5HK to The Books Awards at The Crucible
Nov 7 Y6 Weighing & Measuring Programme	8	9 Y4 Whitby	10 Y4 Whitby	11 Y4KT Swimming Y4 Whitby
Nov 14	15	16	17	18 Y4KT Swimming Children In Need
Nov 21	22	23	24	25 Y4KT Swimming
Nov 28 New Dinner Menu Begins	29 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 2 nd destination	30	Dec 1	2 Y4KT Swimming
Dec 5 Y3 Christmas Concert	6 Y4 Christmas Concert	7 Y5 Christmas Concert Christmas Dinner	8 Y6 Christmas Concert Christmas Jumper Day (£1 for Save the Children)	9 Y4KT Swimming Christmas Panto
Dec 12 Y3 Christmas Party	13 Y4 Christmas Party	14 Y5 Christmas Party	15 Y6 Christmas Party Christmas Disco (tbc)	16 Non-Uniform Day (£1) Y4KT Swimming

MP'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We have received a letter from Miriam Cates, our local Member of Parliament, to invite our children to take part in a Christmas card competition. There will be one design chosen from entries from the Stocksbridge and Upper Don ward and one overall winner from the six wards that make up the Penistone and Stocksbridge Constituency.

The winning design will be printed on the front of all Miriam Cate's Christmas cards. There will be prizes for the winner and for five runners-up and those children and their parents will be invited to join Miriam in her office for refreshments and a presentation on 25th November 2022.

If your child would like to take part, please encourage them to design their entry on white A5 paper and ensure your child's name, age and school are written on the back. Please return to the school office by Monday 31st October 2022.



Christmas Fayre 2022

**Sunday 20th November
11:00am to 4:00pm**

**Craft & Market Stalls
Santa's Grotto
Christmas Raffle
Tombola
Food & Drink
Festive Music
and much more ...**

**For more information or
to book a stall please
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SENDIT

Sendit is an add-on to Snapchat, not a standalone app: it requires users to have an active Snapchat account, which they then connect to Sendit. It's important that trusted adults realise, therefore, that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using Sendit. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever': users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, although – for paying subscribers – Sendit reveals hints about who sent which messages.

Age rating:
12+
 App Store
Teen
 Google Play
 However, Sendit's own terms and conditions state that it was developed for the 17+ age group

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymity online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" – coupled with the app's anonymity – mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem – heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bullies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target – who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child – or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently – spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted – and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Sources: <https://www.getSendit.com/privacy> | <https://www.getSendit.com/parents> | <https://www.getSendit.com/terms> | <https://screenrant.com/s-sendit-anonymous-on-snapchat/>

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