



# Stocksbridge Junior School



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As we return to school for our Summer Term, our thoughts turn to (hopefully) better weather and enjoying the great outdoors.

School Council 'Eco Committee' are working hard to protect our school environment through various initiatives. This includes thinking about how we can protect precious resources, by reducing our use of electricity, for example.

As a result of Earth Day, our pupils will spend time thinking about ways we can invest in our planet. This could include planting trees, supporting sustainable fashion, reducing plastic pollution or getting involved in cleaning up the local area.

We are proud of our pupils' commitment to supporting green issues, working together for a brighter future for our planet.

## SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Alex Frost
- Y3MR: Kian-Lee Horton

- Y4KT: Oliver Cawthorne
- Y4SS: Harrison Woodhead
- Y4OS: Archie Brocklesby

- Y5FP: Carson Bullimore
- Y5GG: Gerard Wilkinson
- Y5CH: William Powell

- Y6CG: Jacob Wood
- Y6ER: Xander-Star Bradley
- Y6RD: Lana Horsfield

Miss Sheehan: William Edwards  
Mrs Saville: Riley Wesson  
Mr Tee: Theo Green

Y3/4 Yard: Charlie Sabin  
Y5/6 Yard: Kira Howson  
Dining-Room: Aimee-Leigh Woolley

## STRIKE ACTION

You may have heard in the news that members of the National Education Union (NEU) intend to take national strike action on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Whilst our school has remained unaffected on the previous four dates, it is our understanding that NEU members in our school intend to strike on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May following the rejection of the government's unfunded pay offer.

**School will be open as normal to Year 6 pupils but closed to Years 3-5 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

Whilst teachers are under no obligation to indicate whether they intend to strike or not, we are grateful to our NEU members for informing us so far in advance. This has allowed us to undertake a full risk assessment and communicate the partial school closure to parents.

## KING'S CORONATION

To mark the King's Coronation, children are invited to come into school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May wearing red, white and blue. On this day, a special picnic lunch will be on the school dinner menu too.

We would also like to remind parents that school will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May due to the King's Coronation National Bank Holiday.



## READING AROUND THE WORLD

### Y3 - MADRID

Alex Frost  
Emily Chappell

### Y3 - ROME

Marcie Anderson  
Laila Clarke  
Henry Hollis

### Y4 - CAIRO

Harley Tollan

### Y4 - RIYADH

Thomas Milner  
Violet-Skye Holmes

## WORD MILLIONAIRE

As children quiz, they increase their individual word count as well as adding to their class weekly word count. When pupils individually reach 1 million words, they become a Word Millionaire. Congratulations to Holly Swales and Milly Turner who have joined our roll of Word Millionaires!

## STOCKSBRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL'S 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!!!

On May 11<sup>th</sup> 2023, Stocksbridge Junior School will have been officially educating the children of Stocksbridge for the past 60 years!!! To mark our Diamond Jubilee, we will be celebrating in style with a variety of events which include:

- A day of celebrations for the children in school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Children (and staff!) are invited to come to school dressed in their most fabulous 1960s outfit. Amongst other things planned for the day, a special jubilee barbeque will be on the school dinner menu!
- A Diamond Jubilee Summer Fair on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, including stalls, competitions, a barbeque, performances, sports tournaments and much more! Please pop the date in your diaries and keep an eye out for further information on the newsletter over the next couple of months.

If you would like to join the working party made up of parents, governors, staff and pupils plan an extra special celebration, please contact the School Office.



## PE NEXT WEEK

We do our best to keep each class' PE day to a consistent day each week, however, this is not always possible. Over the coming weeks, the Bank Holidays, SATs week and various other events in school are likely to affect our PE timetable. We will therefore be sharing the PE plan on our weekly newsletter during the summer term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4OS	Y3MR Y5GG Y6RD	Y3AH Y6CG	Y4KT Y5CH Y6ER	Y5FP Y4SS Swimming

## LUNCHTIME STAFF VACANCIES

We are currently looking to appoint two new Welfare Play Supervisors who will work as part of our dedicated and caring team of existing staff during the lunchtime period from September 2023.

6.25 hours per week, 11:55am to 1:05pm, Monday to Friday (38 weeks per year)

If you take pride in your work, enjoy working with children and would like to join our friendly school, please get in touch with Mrs Birley by telephoning 0114 288 2221. Alternatively, please send an email to

[t.birley@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:t.birley@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

Closing date: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Interviews: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

## LONDON 2024

Before Easter, letters were sent home to our Y4 parents with information about our 2024 Y5 London trip. On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 5pm, bookings will go live on ParentMail allowing parents to secure a place for their child with the initial instalment. The bookings will be on a first come, first served basis for the 50 places available, after which a waiting list will be available. Copies of the full letter are available on our school website.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN DISH</b>	All Day Breakfast	Beef Lasagne Served with Crusty Bread	Roast Turkey & Gravy Served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes	Mexican Beef Chilli Served with 50/50 Rice	Battered Fish Served with Chunky Chips
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH</b>	Vegetarian (Quorn) All Day Breakfast	Quorn Lasagne with Crusty Bread	Quorn Roast & Gravy Served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes	Spicy Vegetable & Bean Pittas Served with 50/50 Rice	BBQ Bean Burger Served with Chunky Chips
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b> <small>5 ADD</small>	Seasonal vegetables Salad Bar	Steamed Broccoli Mixed Salad Salad Bar	Carrots & Cabbage Salad Bar	Fresh Tomato Salsa Corn on the Cob Salad Bar	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad bar
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Saucy Chocolate Orange Pudding	Fruit & Ice Cream	Shortbread Biscuit	Apple and Cinnamon Muffin	Fruity Oat Bar
<b>FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT</b>	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
<b>JACKET POTATO &amp; SANDWICH SELECTION</b>	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato

### SHEFFIELD YOUNG CARERS



At Stocksbridge Junior School, we aim to provide the best possible support for all of our children. With this in mind, we want to make sure that we are aware of all of our young carers in school to ensure that they are supported well.

There can be lots of good things about being a young carer but sometimes it may help for adults at school to be aware of a child's young carer role so that the child can be supported, if required.

**Is your child a young carer?** A young carer is a person under 18 who helps to look after family members to a greater degree than might be expected for their age. Young carers, for example, may offer help to a family member who has disabilities, long term physical illnesses, mental health difficulties or issues with drugs or alcohol. Young carers help their families in different ways, providing practical, personal and/or emotional support.

What should you do if I feel your child is a young carer? Please get in touch with school. Simply phone school or, if you would prefer, email: [j.leajones@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:j.leajones@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

## A REMINDER OF EVENTS NEXT HALF TERM

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

April 24	25	26	27 Possible Strike Day  Family Thrive	28 Y4SS Swimming
May 1 <b>Bank Holiday</b>	2 <b>Strike Action: School open to Y6 children</b>  5pm London 2024 bookings open	3	4 Family Thrive	5 Y4SS Swimming
May 8 <b>Bank Holiday</b>	9 Y6 SATs	10 Y6 SATs	11 Y6 SATs	12 Y6 SATs  Y4SS Swimming
May 15	16 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 5th destination	17	18 Family Thrive  Bags2School Collection	19 Y4SS Swimming
May 22	23 Primary Athletics (Y5/6)	24 Whole School Photographer	25 Swimming Gala @ Ponds Forge	26 60th Celebrations! 60s Dress Up Day & BBQ  Family Thrive  Y4SS Swimming
----- Half Term -----				
June 5	6	7 Y5 London	8 Y5 London	9 Family Thrive Y4SS Swimming
June 12	13 Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Administration	14 Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Administration	15	16 Y6 Transition Parents' Meeting with the Healthy Minds Team  Y4SS Swimming
June 19 Y6 Parents' Session	20 Y4 Parents' Session	21 Y5 Parents' Session	22 Y3 Parents' Session	23 Y4SS Swimming  Y6 to Robinwood
June 26 Transition Week	27 Transition Week	28 Transition Week	29 Transition Week	30 Transition Week  Y3-Y5 Annual Reports  Y4SS Swimming
July 3	4 Sports Day	5 Parents' Evening	6	7 Y4SS Swimming
July 10	11	12 Sports Day (Reserve Date)	13 Y6 Annual Reports  Prize Night	14 Non-Uniform Day (£1)  Y4SS Swimming
July 17 Y3 Achievement Assembly  Disco (tbc)	18 Y4 Achievement Assembly	19 Y5 Achievement Assembly  Y6 Leavers' Assembly	20 Curriculum Day (4 of 5)	21 Curriculum Day (5 of 5)

## MESSAGES FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL ECO-COMMITTEE

### How to Earth Day 2023

This year marks the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement, commemorated annually as Earth Day. Since 1970, billions of individuals from more than 190 countries worldwide have come together every April 22<sup>nd</sup> to take action towards a greener, more equitable future for our planet. As the countdown to Earth Day 2023 continues, it is important to remember regardless of where you are or what you do, you have the power to yield real change and be a champion for Earth. To protect our planet, we must invest in it.

Rallying behind this year's theme, Invest in Our Planet, which highlights the importance of dedicating our time, resources, and energy to solving the climate crisis, here are 7 ways you can actively participate in Earth Day 2023:

- Plant trees or a pollinator garden.
- Reduce your plastic
- Participate in advocacy.
- Make sustainable fashion choices.
- Plan your own event.
- Donate.
- Activate on social media.

For more information on how to do Earth Day, be sure to check out the [Earth Day 2023 Toolkit](#) and checking out [EARTHDAY.ORG](https://www.earthday.org)'s website: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/>.

### Duracell's The Big Battery Hunt

The Big Battery Hunt is a nationwide programme to help educate and inspire young people to recycle more used batteries. Stocksbridge Junior School are taking part to help teach the importance of recycling and to take part in the challenge. There are some amazing prizes to be won including £3,500 towards garden and outdoor equipment for the winning school.

**“Showing children that small environmental actions, when taken collectively, can make a big difference is illustrated brilliantly by Duracell's Big Battery Hunt.”**

Allison Ogden-Newton OBE, Chief Executive of environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy

Between now and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 we are asking children to collect flat batteries from home. Perhaps even get the whole family involved by collecting flat batteries from grandparents and other family members. Bring the batteries into school in a bag and these will be added to the class collection. At the end of the scheme, the class that has collected the most batteries will win a prize!

In assembly we have reiterated the following important information about The Big Battery hunt:

Get involved with the permission of an adult at home.

DO collect flat/dead batteries only.

DO take care when handling batteries and wash your hands after.

DO NOT touch a battery that has leaked acid.

DO send batteries to school in a bag/envelope.

DO NOT collect button batteries. This type of battery should be kept out of the reach of children at all times.

### BAGS2SCHOOL

Next week, children will be given their Bags2School bag to bring home. Parents, staff and children are invited to fill their bags (or just a black bag if you can fill more than one bag) with as many unwanted items as possible then return the bag to school in time for our collection on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Bags2School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags and bags
- Hats and scarves
- Ties and belts
- Lingerie and socks
- Jewellery
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains and towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Bag2School are unable to accept duvets, pillows, cushions, uniform or soiled/wet clothing. If you do have any unwanted uniform, any contributions towards our next preloved sale would be gratefully received as a separate donation.

Once the bags have been collected on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, they will be weighed and school will receive 50p for every kilo that we collect. So basically, the heavier your bag is the more money we can spend on equipment in school!

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

