





Years of Learning Together

Stocksbridge Junior School's Diamond Jubilee Fun Day is on Saturday 8th July 2023.

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Although the weather was too damp to sit outside, it was lovely seeing our 'red, white and blue' children enjoying their Coronation picnic today. Whilst looking forward to this historical event tomorrow, we are also thinking about the SATs tests next week for our amazing Year 6 children. Although these events feel poles apart, perhaps they are not as different as they seem...



King Charles has known all his life that one day he would be King. For our Year 6s, they have been focused on developing their knowledge since September, in fact for the last 4 years. These assessments give the children the opportunity to show everything they have learnt in their time at SJS - we are so proud of the mature learners they have become.

For King Charles, despite outward appearances, there must be nerves about being the centre of such a huge event. Some of our Year 6 children have talked about having 'butterflies' before next week but generally, we are seeing them showing our school value of 'endurance' - when the going gets tough, the tough get going! We know our Stocky children go into any situation willing to give their best and we are sure next week won't be any different! Year 6 - we can't promise you processions or crowns but we know you'll reign supreme!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Alfie Hanson
- Y3MR: Sophie Howe
- Y4KT: Connor Morgan
- Y4SS: Bailey Ede
- Y4OS: Kira Fulcher

Miss Sheehan: Lucy Martin Mrs Saville: William Price Mr Tee: Noah Siddall

- Y5FP: Priya Marshall • Y5GG: Phoebe Silvester
- Y5CH: Edward Phillips
- Y6CG: Sophia Fletcher-Radion
- Y6ER: Joshua Reid • Y6RD: Freya Walker

Y3/4 Yard: India Hall-Mattis Y5/6 Yard: Liya Sudak Dining-Room: Lacey Whiskey

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

We must highlight the importance of our school being nut-free. We have children with severe nut allergies who are at risk of significant reactions even being in the close proximity of a food containing nut products like hazelnut filling. Please ensure the contents of your child's lunchbox and their snack do not contain nuts

for the safety of all our pupils.







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

During SATs week, Y6 will be active every day. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear to be able to take part.



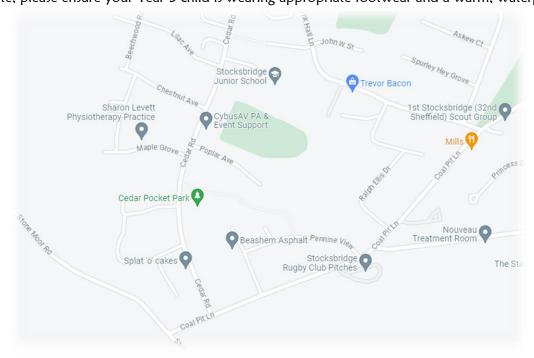
NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH		Pizza of the Day Served with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Served with Baby Potatoes	Chicken Curry Served with 50/50 Rice & Naan	Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH		Piri Piri Quorn & Bean Pitta Served with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Quorn™ Fillet Served with Baby Potatoes	Macaroni cheese Served with Crusty Bread	Quorn Nuggets Served with Chunky Chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5	Bank Holiday	BBQ Beans Coleslaw Salad Bar	Cauliflower Cheese Carrots Salad Bar	Steamed Broccoli Salad Bar	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad bar
DESSERTS		Berry Flapjack	Chocolate crunch	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Fruit in Jelly
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	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato

YEAR 3 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK TRIP

On Tuesday 9th May 2023, Year 3 will be completing their Geography fieldwork study. This will involve a short walk in the local area, looking at the physical and human features in Stocksbridge along with using their map reading and compass skills. Their walk will take them along pavements and woodland paths.

On this date, please ensure your Year 3 child is wearing appropriate footwear and a warm, waterproof coat.



FREE FOOD SUPPLEMENT VOUCHERS FOR MAY SPRING BANK HOLIDAYS

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. A £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the May Spring Bank holidays:

- Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM).
- Families who get income-assessed Early Years Support (2–4-Year-Olds).
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).
 Vouchers will be issued via Edenred during the week commencing Monday 22nd May 2023.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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 registered for free school meals. This means that for every pupil registered for free school meals, school receives an extra £1,345 to fund valuable support such as extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. If you are eligible and you would like your child to have a free, healthy school meal at lunchtime, they will get their free meal (saving you more than £350 a year) and the school gets an additional £1,345 per year. If you are eligible for free school meals but your child would rather have a packed lunch from home, they can do. As long as it is registered that you qualify for free school meals, school still gets an additional £1,345.

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.



10 top tips for safely using SMARTMATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion–hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

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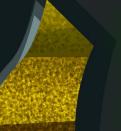


Meet Our Expert

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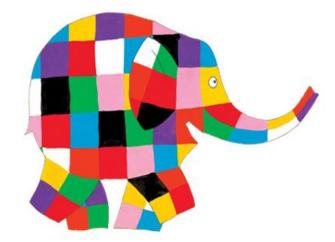
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Saturday 27th May



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