



Today in school, Christmas was temporarily parked and festivities paused as something very new and very exciting was on the timetable. After weeks of excitement and anticipation, it was finally the day for our Autumn team treat: Quidditch!

Similar to the sorting hat in Harry Potter, as children start at SJS they join one of our house teams: Ewden, Hunshelf, Wharnccliffe or Broomhead. Over the last term, children have worked hard in class, earning our infamous "green tokens" for their teams when demonstrating our REACH values: Respect, Endurance, Aspiration, Courage and Honesty. As winners, members of Ewden and Wharnccliffe have enjoyed a bit of Harry Potter-themed fun today, being involved in some competitive Golden Snitch catching in their very own tournament. We hope that the children have enjoyed their treat today and that all our house teams are ready to earn more tokens in January; who knows what our treat at Easter might be?!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Alicia-Fifi Kiffin
 - Y3SK: Clayton Bullimore
 - Y4KT: Joseph Steele-Petts
 - Y4OS: George Swales
 - Y5CH: Amelia Witton
 - Y5GG: Harriet Pickering
 - Y5GB: Casey Randell
 - Y6ER: Freddie Bickers
 - Y6RD: Tommy Costello
 - Y6SS: Sophie Damms
- Miss Sheehan: Scarlett Westran
Mrs Saville: Jessica Harper
Mr Tee: Sebastian Fox
- Cedarwood Yard: Sameer Sajid
Ball Games Yard: Oscar Wilkinson
Dining Hall: Kaitlyn Thomas
Attendance & Punctuality: Archie Haigh

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - PARIS

Thea Cooke
Ciara Cooke

Y4 - CAIRO

Esther Muhone
Evie Shepherd

Y4 - NAIROBI

Laila Clarke
Matilda McGhee
Emily Merryman

Y6 - BRASILIA

Eadie Gibbins
Logan Clarke
Bronwen Parfitt
William Price

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. Huge congratulations to our second Word Millionaire of the academic year: Esther Muhone!

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Our Christmas disco will take place on Wednesday 20th December, from 4:30pm until 6:00pm. Tickets can be paid for through Parentmail for £3.50 and on Monday we will be handing out an actual ticket to those children who have paid.

Admission will be by ticket only and strictly for children that attend this school.

We would like to remind parents that children are not permitted to bring phones to the disco.

Collection Arrangements: As it will be dark, please ensure that your child is clear about where they will meet you once the disco has finished. At 6pm, we will allow year groups to leave one at a time starting with Y3 and their older siblings. N.B. Due to the number of children attending, we are unable to accommodate for children to be collected from inside the school building.

NON-UNIFORM FUNDRAISER DAY

Children are welcome to wear non-uniform on Thursday 21st December. If your child wishes to wear non-uniform, please ensure their £1 donation has been paid on ParentMail.

CROSSING WARDEN

We have been notified that there will not be a crossing warden at our crossing point on Cedar Road next week. We ask that parents are responsible for their child crossing the road during this time.



PANTOMIME TREAT AT SHS

As a special Christmas treat, we have arranged for all children and staff to watch a pantomime at Stocksbridge High School on Wednesday 20th December. We will walk to the High School after morning registration and be back in school in time for lunch.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023

Congratulations to the following winners of this year's Christmas raffle:

Julie Clarkson
Michelle Knibbs
Agnieszka Nikiel
David Bowden
Agnieszka Nikiel
Kelly Howson
Shaun Martin
Siobhan Hart
Karis Hague
Rachael Horsfield
Kevin Gosling
Marie Hirst
Dominique Hague

Shellie Dowde
Sophie Peace
Debra Johnson
Catherine Smith
Kimberley Stock
Toby Fletcher
Richard Hirst
Emily Green
Joanne Wilkinson
Hannah Butcher
Gemma Butler
Lisa Hudson
Rebecca Burton
Christine Kane

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Each year group will be playing games, dancing and enjoying their party food during their Christmas party in the last week of term. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes on the following days:

- Year 3 – Monday 18th December
- Year 4 – Tuesday 19th December
- Year 5 – Wednesday 20th December
- Year 6 – Thursday 21st December

Children are invited to bring a contribution of party food to include in their class's buffet, for example, sandwiches, crisps, buns, cheese or cucumber or carrot sticks.

Please remember, products must not contain nuts. Drinks will be provided by school.



PE TIMETABLE

Each week, please ensure your child wears appropriate PE kit to school on their class' PE day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Y6ER	Y3SK Y6RD	Y6SS	Y5GG Y5GB

EVENTS NEXT WEEK...

Dec 18 Y3 Christmas Party	19 Y4 Christmas Party Sports Hall Athletics Competition	20 Panto Treat Y5 Christmas Party Christmas Disco	21 Non-Uniform Day (£1) Y6 Christmas Party	22 Curriculum Day
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For events further ahead, please check our [school calendar](#) on our website.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MAIN DISH	Pepperoni pizza served with wedges	Chilli con carne served with rice	Roast Chicken served with mashed potato, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	All Day Breakfast
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Margherita Pizza served with wedges	Macaroni cheese	Roast Quorn fillet served with mashed potatoes	Quorn All Day Breakfast
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 A DAY	Garden Peas & sweetcorn Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Cauliflower and cabbage Salad Bar	Steamed Broccoli Salad Bar
DESSERTS	Flapjack	Fruit sponge and custard 5 A DAY	Lemon shortbread 5 A DAY	Chocolate sponge and custard
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND STREET FOOD	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato Cheese and ham panini served with wedges

CRICKET

Over the last six weeks, we have been lucky to welcome Brady Sounders from Yorkshire Cricket into school to deliver a series of sessions. Each session allowed a group of thirty pupils to develop their cricket skills during inclusive and supportive sessions, progressing their skills over the six weeks. We were very grateful to have had this opportunity and thanks to Yorkshire Cricket and sponsorship from the Lord Taverners charity, these sessions were free for our children to enjoy. Well done everyone involved.



NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES SANTA DASH 2023

Last Friday, we joined in to be a part of this year's National Santa Dash 2023. This is for all schools across the country to join together in organising a fun run/walk around our playgrounds, similar to the daily mile. We know that short bursts of physical activity help our children to focus and concentrate in their learning. Well done to our pupils for giving it a go and doing it with a smile!

If you would like to follow the action you can head to #SGSantaDash and #santasmiles hashtags on social media, and tag us @LinksSSP.



STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Stocksbridge to our school on Friday. Mayor Whittaker presented three of our children with a winning prize in this year's Stocksbridge Town Council Christmas Card competition. Each lucky winner was presented with their original design (framed) and a pack of Christmas cards featuring the of the winning designs. Well done to our three Year 3 children!