

The Stockingford Buzz



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Dear Parents,

It's been a busy week! All the staff have been working hard to prepare the learning packs for next half term. These will be delivered to your homes the first Monday back—22nd February. Please remember that this is also a Teacher Training Day so school will be closed to all pupils. Children who have been attending can return on Tuesday 23rd February.

Although we are still in lockdown so options of activities are limited, please try to make sure that you have a good rest and do something different over the half term week. There is no expectation that any work is completed over half term. The staff will also be having a well-earned rest so will not be checking Class Dojo during half term week.

We also had Safer Internet Day on Wednesday. This seems to be more important than ever as 'screen time' has increased over the last year. There is some advice, information and websites in this newsletter which you might find useful.

After what has been a tricky start to the year, I would like to thank all families, pupils and staff for their continued dedication, hard work and support. Enjoy your half term break. Stay safe.

Mrs Bowser



Valentine's Day Facts



- Although no one knows for sure the exact origin of Valentine's Day, it is believed that it started in the Roman Empire around 270AD under the ruling of Claudius II
- Cupid is the Roman god of love
- Red is the symbol of Valentine's Day because red is the colour of blood. It was once believed that the heart (the body's organ that pumps the blood) is the part of the body that the feeling of love came from.
- The oldest known Valentine's Day card is on display at the British Museum in London, it dates back to the 1400s.
- In Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet, it is said that they lived in Verona Italy. Every year thousands of Valentine's Day cards are sent to Verona, addressed to Juliet.
- The first box of chocolates made for Valentine's Day was made by Richard Cadbury in the 1800s.

Chinese New Year

This celebration is also called Lunar New Year. It is celebrated in January or February in many countries around the world. This year, the first month of the new lunar year will start, according to the Chinese calendar' today—12 February 2021! Chinese New Year lasts 12-16 days. People will eat lots of food, enjoy fireworks, wear special clothes and hang red lanterns to mark the occasion. During the festivities ancestors are honoured and traditional ceremonies are held where people get together and welcome the new year with customs that shall bring good luck, good fortune, wealth, prosperity and happiness.

'Gong Xi Fa Cai'

(which means 'Have a prosperous new year')



**2021 is the
Year of the Ox**



Birthday Zone (12th—25th February)



Lewis Y2	Lexie-Rose Y6	Isaac Y4	Tyler-John Y3	Ollie Y3
Adam Y2	Joanne Y5	Bille May Y2	Aston Y2	Reece Y4
Timothy Y1	Isabelle Y6	Lexi Y6	Libbie Y5	Dylan-Rhys Y4
Francesca Y5	Max Y6	Jenson Y4	Varsitha Y1	

Safer Internet Day - Advice from NSPCC

Safer Internet Day is an annual event aiming to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns, from cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity. Since the first national lockdown was enforced last year you may have been spending more time online to interact with your friends and stay entertained. Apps and social media platforms have been great in helping us all to stay connected during this difficult time, however, it is important to remember that they can also pose risks.

WHAT'S APP When using WhatsApp, it's important to remember that it is an end to end encrypted app. This means that only you and the people you send a message to can see the content of that message. This can sometimes mean that it can be difficult to stop people who may be sending messages or content that is inappropriate or upsetting. Also, it's important that you explore all the different features on WhatsApp as there are many that can share extra information with other people. For example, there's a feature which shares your location, broadcasts your status, shares your contacts and there's a disappearing message feature that if enabled automatically deletes your messages after seven days. To help manage these features, you can visit the app's privacy settings where you can turn them off.

TIKTOK To make sure you are using TikTok safely, you can visit the app's [Youth Portal](#) which has all the information that you need about the app's safety tools and controls. Like WhatsApp, there's a block button that you can use in case someone messages or shares something that upsets you. You can also use the report feature to flag any distressing content to TikTok's moderators so they can remove it from the app.

SNAPCHAT When using Snapchat, it's important to remember that although the content that you share will disappear, people can still screenshot and screen record what you've sent. Therefore, like when using TikTok, it's really important to think about what images and videos you are sharing. You can also manage who can contact you on Snapchat and who can view your stories by visiting 'additional services' in the app's settings. Also, you can disable the Snap Maps feature. This is where Snapchat can track your exact location so your friends on the app can see where you are. Finally, you also have the option to report, block or remove someone as a friend and you can also report individual stories that are upsetting you and choose from a list of options as to why you're reporting it.

[Parents and Carers | Safer Internet Centre](#)

Did you know that there are minimum age restrictions for different social networking platforms?

13 years old and upwards—TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, House Party, Snapchat, Twitter, YouTube

16 years old and Upwards—What's App

[What age can my child start social networking? - Internet Matters](#)



TikTok



Instagram



Snapchat



Facebook



Twitter



Houseparty



YouTube



WhatsApp