



# Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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## Attendance

Class 1: 99%
Class 2: 98%
Class 4: 97%
Class 5: 98%
Class 6: 100%
Class 7: 99%
Class 8: 96%

**Our target attendance is 96%**

**This week's attendance is**

**98.14%**

**Wow!!!!**

## What's happening in school next week?

- On Monday, a certain fellow in red is visiting the children....well he is doing a flyby outside and leaving the children's presents by the door.
- Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will decorate tables, play Christmas Music and have a thoroughly lovely lunch together. **Please read the menu as there will be no sandwich offer on Tuesday.**
- On Tuesday afternoon, one of Father Christmas's elves is coming into school to read the children a Christmas story. FC has sent a little film for the children.  
Timings are tight for the story sessions (mainly because we have to mop the floor in between bubbles). Class 1 may be out slightly late and Class 2 will follow when it is safe, and there is space to do so.
- Wednesday is our party day. The children may come to school in their party clothes. Please make sure that the children wear sensible shoes and clothes that are warm enough to play outside in.
- Puzzling Paul will be visiting. We will organise his shows so that all the children can enjoy it in a Covid safe way – lots of floor mopping involved.
- Party lunch will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – ice-cream for dessert but no jelly this year. **Please read the menu as it is different to our usual offer.**
- The children are all visiting Mayfield Animal Farm next week – virtually. The farm will introduce the children to all the animals but especially the reindeer.
- Our visit to the Panto is not looking likely but we are holding on until Monday. The Government have said that the review of tiers will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December with changes being announced on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. This is all too late for our visit as The

## Well done Class

### Cards & Gifts for staff

We don't expect these but many parents have asked about bringing them.

Here's the latest guidance we have received re accepting them.  
'The virus remains stable on paper and fabric for 4 hours.'

Every class will bring out a box for gifts and cards to be placed in each morning next week. These will be placed out of reach for the remainder of that day and then taken home.

Children have been sharing cards at the end of the day in the playground and this has worked well.

**We'll send home wellies and PE kits next Friday for a clean over the holidays.**

Crucible will need 3 days to prepare for reopening after the announcement. A decision will be made on Monday and any monies sent in will be returned to you. If the visit doesn't go ahead, two of the Panto actors are going to come into school on Friday morning to meet the children (socially distanced with floor mopping if necessary).

- On Thursday and Friday, we are hoping to sing to the residents at Alpine Lodge, through the windows – their windows, not ours. Each class has been practising a Christmas song, and Away in a Manger.
- We break up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December for a two week holiday. School will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Whilst we haven't been able to do our usual nativities, we've done our best to make Christmas in school as magical as we can.

### Looking ahead to the w.b. 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

- On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Miss Denton will teach Class 1 in the morning and Mr. Barker in the afternoon. Miss S Rogers will teach Class 6 in the afternoon.
- On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, Mrs Taylor will be teaching Nursery. We have some of our new Nursery children visiting on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- On Thursday & Friday Amy Barron Hall is in school teaching our Reception children how to safely use the balance bikes.

### *Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week.....*

Finley Wright in Nursery because he waves at me every time I see him. He always has a smile on his face and he just cheers me up!

Angels, shepherds, donkeys....all your children have been superstars this week. We are so proud of them. Amongst the many costume changes, we have also found time to write and post our letters to Santa and make lovely tree decorations. Only 14 more sleeps to go.

### **SuperstarSuperstar of the Week**

**Seb Gill:** What a gentleman. Seb is kind, helpful and loves to learn. He is simply smashing!

Remember to wear your party clothes on Wednesday.



Miss Maclean, Miss Redgate, Hollie Turner, Louie Green & Eva Nicholson

**Who has celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter?**

## Stocksbridge Library

Come along to Stocksbridge Library to collect a 'Christmas is Coming' activity pack, filled with word searches, crafts, baking, colouring and much more. There are two packs available. One for the Under 7's and one for the Under 11's. Why not order and collect one of our lovely Christmas stories whilst you are visiting.

Opening times are:

Tuesday 10 – 12.30 and 2 – 4.30

Thursday 10 – 12.30 and 2 – 4.30

Saturday 10 – 12.30 and 1.30 – 4

Keep a look out for a different Christmas activity pack coming out in a few weeks.



### This week's praise board



Mason Cordon has really pushed himself this week. He's tried very hard and the grown-ups are very proud of him.

Ronnie Kelly has blown Mrs Costellos' socks off this week in phonics.

Ruby Donoghue comes to school with a smile every day.

Maggie Jones for bringing so much Christmas cheer and spirit.

Logan Cordon for putting his hands up lots to answer questions and trying very hard.

Marcie Anderson for being an honest and lovely young lady.

Erin Cottam for wonderful manners.

Amelia Fletcher for trying new things.

Alex Frost for trying his hardest while singing Christmas songs.

Holly Gillott for spreading her cheerfulness throughout class with her friendly chit chat and smile.

Ellis Chadwick has been trying hard and it is showing in his work.

On Kindness Day Class 1 wrote letters to share with vulnerable, lonely people. They had a Christmas card this week from the charity who organised it saying the letters had brought some cheer to the people they support.

Harris King for sorting himself in the toilet.

Alfie Bishop blew Mrs Marsh away with his maths work.

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## Contact over Christmas

You may have read that on Tuesday, the DfE offered schools the option of changing one of the five training days we have each year to take on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This would mean school would finish on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The reason for this is that, should a child or member of staff test positive up to 48 hours after finishing for Christmas on the 18<sup>th</sup>, schools would still need to support parents and Public Health for contact tracing for up to 6 days. This allows times for delays in getting tests and results coming back etc.

Perhaps if the DfE had suggested this in October, we may have changed our plans but we are not about to set too, and change everything we have in place now! We will finish on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> as planned.

Should any child test positive from after school on Friday until Christmas Eve, please email me directly on [headteacher@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk) I will check emails between 9.00-10.00am and 5.00-6.00pm. Please make sure we have up to date contact phone details by the end of school on Friday in case I need to reach you over the holidays. At 6.00pm on Christmas Eve, I'll switch off from school emails for a while. Could I please ask that parents don't contact teachers via email over the holidays.

Another great week for attendance.



## Calming activities for children

On the run up to Christmas, some children just become too excited. A clinical psychologist has put some ideas on you tube. Click this [link](#). They do work. This week I have seen colleagues around school doing many active, sometimes slightly bonkers, things to help children work out tensions and anxieties. Mrs. Priest's favourite is singing Oklahoma at full volume – don't ask!

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Traditional sausage & mash with gravy	Christmas Dinner Roast Turkey and Gravy Dinner	Pizza & potato wedges	Homemade beef & onion pie with mashed potato & gravy	Battered fish fillet & chips with tomato ketchup
Dish of the day 2	Vegetable sausage & mash	Christmas Dinner Quorn Roast and Gravy Dinner	Cheese & onion roll & wedges	Macaroni cheese	Vegetable curry & wholegrain rice.
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)		Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)
Sandwich option	Ham sandwich	No Sandwich option today	Ham sandwich	Ham on breadcake	Ham sandwich
	Tuna sandwich		Tuna sandwich	Tuna on breadcake	Tuna sandwich
	(V) Cheese sandwich		(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on breadcake	(V) Cheese sandwich
Vegetables	Cauliflower & mixed veg	Carrots or Peas		Green beans & carrots	Garden peas & baked beans
Desserts	Ginger sponge & custard	Snowball Crispy or Fresh Fruit Salad	Ice Cream	Vanilla sponge & custard	Shortbread biscuit & fruit wedges



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## Bit of festive fun from National Online Safety

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/view/webinar/we-get-locked-down-christmas-song>



## Christmas Food Vouchers

Sheffield City Council have sent out Christmas Food Voucher letters to parents of those children who are eligible for free school meals. These were sent yesterday so should arrive soon. If your letter doesn't arrive, let us know and we will chase it for you.