



# Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Have a lovely, safe Christmas everyone and a happy New Year. Here's to an easier, simpler, safer 2021!

## What's happening in school after the holiday?

- School reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- Pat may not be on crossing duty on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, or the first week back.
- 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 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Miss Denton will teach Class 1 in the morning and Mr. Barker in the afternoon.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 6 on Wednesday (all day) and on Thursday morning.
- Chris Standley, from Imagination Gaming, will be working with children from Class 6 on Thursday.
- Mrs. Heavens is teaching Class 7 on Thursday afternoon.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 4 on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.
- On Thursday & Friday Amy Barron Hall is in school teaching our Reception children how to safely use the balance bikes.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 1 on Friday.

## Attendance

Class 1: 98%

Class 2: 99%

Class 4: 98%

Class 5: 94%

Class 6: 94%

Class 7: 93%

Class 8: 95%

Our target attendance is 96%

This week's attendance is

95.9%

## Well done Class 2

## Christmas Fun

Sheffield have produced some festive activities to keep the children busy over the hols. Click [here](#).

Learn Sheffield (The Sheffield Schools' Company) sent [this](#) as a thank you to schools. It's lovely, uplifting and gives you a tingle. There are some of our old pupils on too.

[Merry Christmas](#) from the Music Service

## Looking ahead to the w.b. 11 January 2021

- Mrs Marsh is teaching Class 4 on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Mr Barker is teaching Class 6 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs Heavens is teaching Class 7 on Thursday morning and Class 5 on Thursday afternoon.
- Chris Standley, from Imagination Gaming is working with children from Class 6.
- Mrs Marsh is teaching Class 5 on Friday.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 2 on Friday.

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

Mariella Batty for quietly getting on. She takes things in her stride; she isn't easily ruffled. She tries hard, is kind and forgiving of friends when things go a little wrong.

### **Nursery News**

Without a doubt, the highlight of our week has been the visits from Father Christmas. His high fives through the window and the delight and excitement on the children's faces was wonderful to see. They then spent much of the rest of the afternoon searching for reindeer hoof prints and peering hopefully into the woods. We would like to wish you all fun, peace and lots of smiles over the next two weeks. Merry Christmas.

### **Superstar of the Week**

**Aria Boudabouza:** What a special young lady. Her manners are perfect and she a pleasure to learn with.



George Griggs and Morgan Leggett celebrate their birthday today. Lots of children have birthdays over the holiday – that is just *too* much excitement. We wish the following children, and grown-ups a lovely birthday:

Holly Gillott, Ashton Johnson, Olly Johnson, Matilda Levick, Roman Richardson, Oliver Cawthorne and Mrs Walton – one of our fab cleaners.

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

### **Vouchers for Children Eligible for Free School Meals**

A host of helpful information is also available for parents on the Edenred website at:

<https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/> and  
[https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/Select/clients/SelectGrocery\\_FSM\\_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf](https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/Select/clients/SelectGrocery_FSM_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf)

The Edenred 'Rescue Team' can be contacted directly by parents using the following email: [freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com](mailto:freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com)

### **Sheffield City Council**

The Sheffield City Council Helpline will also be available to support parents until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4:45pm, on 0114 2734567 and the School Food Service will respond to emails sent to [schoolfood@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:schoolfood@sheffield.gov.uk) until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Would parents please not allow children to play on fixed equipment in the playground at the end of the day? Staff clean it in preparation for the next bubble and children are not insured unless supervised by a member of school staff.**



## This week's praise board



James Birch for fabulous poetry and he has just sorted himself out with behaviour and 'everything' in school.  
He's brill.

Harriett Tibbles for inspiring Mrs Townsend to get her hair cut shorter.

Thank you to Reggie G for helping Mrs Hutchinson pick up the papers she'd dropped without anyone asking him.

Thank you Kamryn for clearing away the plates and bowls at lunchtime.

Sophie Barber has been nominated twice this week – by different adults unknowingly. Thank you Sophie Barber who saw when someone was having a little wobble and she helped them. And for being such a wonderful, sensible young lady. She just thinks of everyone.

Hermione Merrywest for being so amazing at clearing and tidying before anyone else.

Olly Johnson held the door open for Miss Miles when she was coming through with lots of boxes.

Theo Emson-Brown for sharing his vast knowledge of the world. He blew our socks off.

Frankie & Evie Bond and Ronan Lever, who leave us today; have been a joy to teach and spend time with and we will miss them. We wish them well.

Emily Merryman for finding all the missing bits and bobs from under cupboards.

Albie Whittaker and Erin Cottam for tidying up after Class 2 party.

Miss Cowley's has let us off this week as we have been learning so many Makaton signs to go with our Christmas songs. I'm sure she'll start again after the hols.

### A message from Kath Clark, Chair of Governors:

As school closes for the Christmas holidays, on behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to give an enormous thank you to Mrs. Townsend and all the staff who have worked tirelessly to educate, care and support our children and their families. They have ensured our school has been a clean, safe environment for everyone. They have worked relentlessly to manage a situation, which no one has encountered before.

Thank you to our children and families who have adapted to the changes with such a positive attitude and resilience.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and let's hope for a happy and healthy 2021.

Kath Clark

### Coronavirus

Greg Fell (Director for Public Health Sheffield) has produced a short film to help us have a safe Christmas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TN1S6kItJAY>

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Traditional sausage & mash with gravy	Winter chicken casserole	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Homemade beef & onion pie with mashed potato & gravy	Battered fish fillet & chips with tomato ketchup
Dish of the day 2	Vegetable sausage & mash	Cheese & tomato pizza with ½ jacket potato	Quorn roast with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy.	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)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)
Sandwich option	Ham sandwich	Ham on breadcake	Ham sandwich	Ham on breadcake	Ham sandwich
	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on breadcake	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on breadcake	Tuna sandwich
	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on breadcake	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on breadcake	(V) Cheese sandwich
Vegetables	Cauliflower & mixed veg	Broccoli & winter coleslaw	Savoy cabbage & sweetcorn	Green beans & carrots	Garden peas & baked beans
Desserts	Ginger sponge & custard	Fruity flapjack & apple slices	Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce.	Vanilla sponge & custard	Shortbread biscuit & fruit wedges

## Snow Queen

Tutti Frutti are a travelling theatre company. They have visited school several times and the shows are amazing. They are sharing, via Eventbrite, a recording of Snow Queen. Click the [link](#) if you want to register for 'tickets'. The show is now live until 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Another great week for attendance. Even when Covid has passed, we will continue with handwashing and sanitizing as it has definitely helped to keep us all healthy. We've had far fewer bugs going around.



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## Well done Mr. Suggs

Mr. Suggs has been a student with us in Class 5 this term. He's done brilliantly, learned lots and enjoyed his time with us. Miss Palmer has done a wonderful job of mentoring him and I know she, and Class 5, will miss him in the New Year. It's been like having another teacher in school. Well done Mr. Suggs and good luck with the next stage of your training. You'll make a great teacher.

## Contact over Christmas

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.

## Christmas at SNI

It has been a busy, exciting week in school. On Monday (and again today in Nursery) Santa visited all the classrooms doing high fives to all the children through the windows. He didn't stay long as his pesky reindeer got loose and he had to set off to find them.



On Tuesday, our kitchen staff cooked a lovely Christmas lunch for us all and then Santa sent one of his elves to tell the children a festive story.



On Wednesday Puzzling Paul came to entertain the children as part of their party day. The children (and staff) enjoyed his shows.

Yesterday and today, the children have gone over to Alpine Lodge to sing their Christmas songs for the residents. The carers spoke about how much the older people had enjoyed it and how they talked about it afterwards. Today we have welcomed two members of the pantomime who have met all the children, asked them their Christmas wishes and granted them with the magic fairy wand.



## Join the Winter Mini Challenge



If you have enjoyed taking part in this year's Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge why not join the Everyone Is A Hero Winter Mini Challenge?

The challenge is already underway and continues until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

All children have to do is read three books of their choice and then rate and review them at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk)

Books added to the website during the six week Mini Challenge period will unlock special rewards including a certificate and virtual badge.

The website will also feature activities, recommendations for great winter reads and competitions.

Find out more by visiting the Winter Mini Challenge website [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk)

Check out our E-Library for lots of fabulous reads to add to your challenge!

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