

## Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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### Mrs. T's Weekly Challenge

The children made the residents at Alpine Lodge so happy just before Christmas when we went across to sing to them.

They talked about it for some considerable time afterwards.

I thought it would be nice to send in messages to cheer up the residents. This can either be a little recorded film clip or a written message, or a picture to make them smile. I'll put them together and send them over. I won't identify any children in doing so.

### Remote learning and zoom

Some staff are finding zoom issues when delivering sessions to the groups. It seems to be ok when we are using it for 1:1 reading etc. We are going to try locking the session just before the teaching starts to see if that improves how well it runs.

Also just to remind parents, children on zoom should have an adult in the room, they should be dressed (not in PJs) and not eating as it's hard to do phonics with a mouth full of food.  
Thanks.

### What's happening in school next week?

- **Classes 1 & 5.** Miss Palmer and Miss Cryer will be teaching next week in school. Mr. Barker and Mrs. Costello will be in charge of remote learning. If you have a child at home, regardless of whether they are in Class 1 or 5, please contact Mr. Barker next week if you need any support. Please note, Mr. Barker will not be available on Wednesday or Friday, as he has time for PPA (Planning, preparation and Assessment) and his SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) role in school
- **Classes 2 & 4.** Mrs. Heavens, Mrs. Dronfield/Mrs. French, Mrs. Hearnshaw/Mrs. Darnill will be teaching in school. Mrs. Ollerenshaw/Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Maclean and Mrs. Marsh (Wed – Fri) will be in charge of remote learning. If your child is in Class 2 or 4 and they are at home learning, please contact Mrs. Ollerenshaw (Mon, Tues) or Mrs. Greenwood (Thurs, Fri) next week if you need any support.
- **Classes 6 & 7.** Miss Miles, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Bembrick will be in school next week. Mrs. Priest (Mon, Tues, Thurs) and Miss Denton (Thurs – Fri am) and Mrs. Jennings will be in charge of remote home learning. If your child is in Class 6, 7 or 8 and they are at home, please get in touch with Mrs. Priest or Miss Denton (from Thursday onwards). Please note Mrs. Priest will not be available on Wednesday or Friday as she is taking PPA and Miss Denton will not be available on Wednesday or Friday afternoon for the same reason.

### For the children who love music (like me!):

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**Class 8.** Miss Denton will be teaching on Monday and Tuesday in school and Mrs. Hutchinson for the rest of the week. Miss Cowley will be here all week.

**Nursery.** Miss Rogers will be teaching as usual on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Taylor will be teaching on Wednesdays. The children will be taught and supported by Miss Spencer, Mrs. Schofield, Miss Price and Miss Schroeter as usual. Mrs. Jennings will also be in Nursery on Tuesday (instead of Miss Spencer).

### Looking ahead to the w.b. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

- **Classes 1 & 5.** Mr. Barker and Mrs. Costello will be teaching next week in school. Miss Palmer and Miss Cryer will be in charge of remote learning. If you have a child at home, regardless of whether they are in Class 1 or 5, please contact Miss Palmer if you need any support. Please note, Mr. Barker will not be available on Friday, as he has time for PPA (Planning, preparation and Assessment) and his SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) role in school.
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- **Classes 6 & 7.** Mrs. Priest, Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Bembrick will be in school. Miss Miles (Monday – Thursday), Mrs. Newton and Miss Denton (Wed – Fri am) will be in charge of remote home learning. If your child is in Class 6, 7 or 8 and they are at home, please get in touch with Miss Miles or Miss Denton (from Wednesday onwards). Please note Miss Miles will not be available on Friday as she is taking PPA and Miss Denton will not be available on Friday afternoon for the same reason.
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### Who has celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter?

Tia Monaghan, Olly Charlesworth and Miss Miles. (Miss Miles said thank you to the Reception children who sang to her on Wednesday this week).

**We hope you all had a lovely birthday.**





### ***Mrs Townsend's School Learner of the Week.....***

**Mair Marshall-Gane** for her fantastic drawing of a mixed up animal. Also because she is always so interesting to talk to. She knows such a lot and is the most incredible reader.




### ***Mrs Townsend's Remote Learner of the Week.....***



**Martha Trill.** Her remote learning is as good as her school learning. She does everything asked of her and her work is always super quality.

### **Nursery News**



This week has been simply fruit-i-licious. We have tasted mango, pineapple, passion fruit and kiwi after learning about how they grow in Africa. We chatted about how different Kenya is to England. We have also been very creative – our fruit printing is marvelous and our water colour pictures amazed even the grown-ups. On Tuesday we even managed to squeeze in glow stick dancing too – now that was so much fun. Mrs. Schofield can't wait until we do it again one day. We are so pleased that Pearl has come to join us – she has fitted right in and tried her hand at all sorts of things.



### **Superstars of the Week**

**Oliver Housley.** Not only is he a mud kitchen MasterChef, junk modelling genius, a fabulous friend and a cheery chatterbox, but Harry is also such a great young man who will have a go at anything and everything. He is a pleasure to work and play with.

**Jack Woodhouse.** Having Jack in Nursery is so much fun. He loves to share what he knows and always gives everything a go. Jack has the most fantastic ideas, conversation and imagination. What a super young man!

### **Well-Being Wednesdays**

Planning for the next two Wednesdays will look a little different. The announcement of 100 000 people losing their lives to this virus was poignant, sad and a reminder of how important it is for us all to look after our physical and mental well-being. With this in mind we are planning two well-being days where we will encourage the children and adults (in school and at home) to do things which make you feel better. Zoom sessions will be paused, just for those two days to allow us to take a breather from them and do something different.

We have found managing school and remote learning hard work, much harder than being in school every day with all the children. We know many parents find home learning a challenge, whether that be because the children don't find it as easy to engage, because you are juggling lots of balls, or because the IT is driving you nutty.

Plans will have ideas for things to do, but you don't need to share these on Seesaw/EvidenceMe. Do some lovely things together, or individually, that feed your soul, lift your spirits, or just give you a breather. One request, please don't let the children use screens all day....really not good for their mental health.

### **For the children who love music (like me!):**

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Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Beef meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta	Chicken curry with wholegrain rice.	Roast chicken with stuffing, mashed potato & gravy.	Beef pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Fish fingers & chips
Dish of the day 2	Quorn meatballs in tomato sauce	Tomato and basil pasta	Quorn roast with stuffing, mashed potato & gravy	Bean bake & chips	Cheddar flan with homemade potato wedges
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 bread cake	Ham sandwich	Ham on bread cake	Ham sandwich
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Vegetables	Garden peas Fresh salad	Carrots Sweetcorn	Savoy cabbage Mixed vegetables	Baked beans Garden peas	Cauliflower Sliced green beans
Desserts	Hot chocolate fudge cake with custard	Shortbread & fruit	Lemon drizzle cake with custard	Chocolate muffin	Ginger & mandarin muffin

## Covid 19

This week we were informed by the DfE that schools are not required to stay open for February half term. School will close for one week at 3.00pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Vouchers for our children and families eligible for free school meals, those who are working with social care or MAST will be sent to you using the Edenred system. The vouchers are being posted out by Sheffield Local Authority on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

The Government provide a free school meal for all children from Reception to Year 2. This is known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). The above scheme does not relate to all our children but just those who, if UIFSM did not exist, would still be eligible to a free school meal (FSM). A clip to explain FSM can be seen on [YouTube](#)

If you are struggling to afford everyday essentials because of the pandemic, you may be eligible to apply for Covid-19 Hardship Related Assistance. You can find further details on the [Sheffield.Gov website](#).

Fruit is now being delivered but we have excess. They're delivering enough as if we are fully open. So, on Friday mornings, David G will put out our excess fruit. Please help yourself. If you'd like a bag and your child is at home, let us know, we'll put one together and you can pick it up as part of your daily walk.

You will have heard yesterday that the Government have no plans to reopen school until 8<sup>th</sup> March. At this time, this is all the information we have. We will continue with remote learning after the February half term until the 8<sup>th</sup> March, in the first instance.

Our Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) arrived on Tuesday. Those staff who have opted in have just begun testing. We have done so well to now with the need for staff to self-isolate. We will just have to wait and see what the introduction of testing brings. If remote learning and/or school learning is affected we will let you know straight away.



## This week's praise board



Kamryn for sharing his play dough with Miss Cowley.

Molly Wilkinson for making the grownups smile every day.

Darcy Ruddlesdin read beautifully on a 1:1 zoom. She has moved up a reading level and sailed through her keywords.

Theo Davies for doing amazing reading on zoom this week.

Elliott Lonigro has a great understanding of the world. He has been learning about different countries using his globe.

Molly Bailey for continuing to work hard after the zoom sessions have finished.

Lily Clayton has worked so hard at home this week. She has practised her spellings, flown through her maths and done some super sentences in phonics.

Olly and Ashton Johnson have to complete their home learning a little later, but they always make the effort to do it. What superstars.

Max Graves has gone above and beyond this week. He has completed his maths, writing and thrown in some RE and work on food chains. He has been a busy bee.

Reuben Priestley for being on fire with his home learning, even when he'd not had pancakes for breakfast. He made the grown-ups laugh on zoom.

JJ listened really well during Friday phonics and spelled all the words correctly.

Harrison Teeling has persevered with maths this week in school.

Tilly McGhee for always doing her best work and brightening our days with her lovely smile.

Lydia Horsfield has lovely listening skills.

Charlotte Armitage is becoming much more independent and having a go more confidently.

Nora Bowden-Lovell has been a kind friend to the new children. She has made the grown-ups smile, even on the dullest days.

Jack Clayton has been a superstar reader this week. He's moved on with his keywords and is blending beautifully.



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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know About

# WECHAT

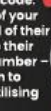


**17+**  
App Store  
Rating

WeChat is an all-in-one communications app for free text messaging, voice and video calls, photo sharing and games. Additionally, through "mini-programs" (apps integrated into the main WeChat platform), it becomes a one-stop shop by allowing users to do things like send payments, make purchases or book taxis, flights and hotels. Headquartered in Shenzhen, China, WeChat is one of the world's most popular social media downloads, with around 980 million active users.

### Risky Connections

Users of WeChat can exchange contact info instantly through their own unique QR code. That also means that one quick scan of your child's QR code would give a person all of their details. Users can also add a person to their WeChat network using just a phone number – and, more worryingly, there's an option to search specifically for nearby users, utilising their device's location services.



### Random Contacts

WeChat has a 'discover users' mode which allows you to connect with other people – either worldwide or nearby – entirely at random, through the device's GPS locator. The 'shake' facility (i.e. literally shaking the phone) puts you in touch with another user (most likely a stranger) and instantly allows messaging and video contact. For children and young adults, this feature is potentially incredibly dangerous.



### Questionable Impartiality

There have been numerous media reports of WeChat blocking or censoring messages because of 'restricted' keywords, usually related to politically sensitive subjects (for example, criticism of the Chinese Government's response to the Covid-19 outbreak). Some people's accounts have allegedly been disabled because of something comparatively innocuous that they posted. If this is accurate, it raises questions about the reliability and fairness of WeChat's content.



## Advice for Parents & Carers



### Research It Yourself

If your child is interested in using WeChat, it's a good idea to download it yourself before they do, to help you decide if it is appropriate for them to use. Getting the app yourself will allow you to experience how easy it is to obtain, how users can create and share their own content, quickly make connections with other people, discover users' locations and so on.



### Disable Location Services

If you are intending to let your child use WeChat, we would strongly suggest that you do not let the app access their device's location services. That will not only prevent random – and quite probably, unwanted – contact requests from strangers, but it will also stop other users nearby being able to pinpoint your child's whereabouts.



### Adjust Security Settings

Unless a user alters it, the default security setting is that anyone else on WeChat (anywhere in the world) is able to see what they've posted – including photos and videos. What's more, when a user adds text, images or video to their 'Moments' (a scrolling feed of friends' updates), not only their contacts but anyone nearby can see what they've uploaded.



### Remember Linked Accounts

Bear in mind that users can connect WeChat to their Facebook and Twitter. That makes it easy to share content from the app – including posts that were intended to be private. If your child does link social media accounts, encourage them to think carefully before posting. Similarly, WeChat offers in-app purchases of stickers and games, so you may want to discuss in-app spending with your child in advance.



### Meet Our Expert

Jonathan Taylor is an authority on online safety, social media and online grooming, having previously been a covert internet investigator with the Metropolitan Police for more than 10 years. He has worked extensively with UK and international schools to deliver training and guidance around the latest apps, platforms and dangers.



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# Mathletics

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved a certificate in Mathletics this week.

## Bronze

Violet-Skye Holmes, Harlow Long, Olivia Walker, Aroussia Lahdiri, Emily Veale, Ellis Chadwick, Henry Hollis, Emily Merryman, Evie Shepherd, George Swales, Martha Traill, Sophia Watkinson, Mariella Batty, Alfie Bishop, Nova Butler, Morgan Leggett, Tia Monaghan, Hattie Simpson, Dollie Bowskill, Lillia Hall, Charlie Cleaver, Holly-Mae Galloway, Mair Marshall-Gane.

## Silver

Aroussia Lahdiri

## Gold

And Georgia Woodhouse has completed the whole course! What an achievement. Well done Georgia.

### Additional resources:

The Modeshift team have sent some resources to help keep us all active. Escal reading volunteers have sent a document with 101 tips, ideas and activities to support reading.

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