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Attendance

Class 1: 99.1%

Class 2: 95.8%

Class 4: 90.3%

Class 5: 99.1%

Class 6: 86.4%

Class 7: 100%

Class 8: 91.8%

**Our target
attendance
is 96%**

**This
week's
attendance
is 94.6%**

Next week is our last before Easter. We break up on Thursday for two weeks (and a day!)

What's happening in school next week?

- Mr. Barker is teaching Class 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Faye is leading a virtual PE session for some of our children in school on Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Thursday.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 4 on Thursday.
- We break for the Easter holidays on Thursday 1st April.

Well done Class 7!

Looking ahead to the w.b. 19th April 2021

- On Tuesday we will celebrate those children who have had 100% attendance since 8th March. We will take into account those who have been isolating.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 4 on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Miss Denton is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday morning and Mr Barker Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs. Heavens is teaching Class 6 on Thursday.
- Chris Standley is back playing board games on Thursday with Class 8.
- Reception also have Amy Barron-Hall coming in on Thursday and Friday to lead balance bike sessions.
- The Big Pedal starts on Thursday 22nd April. More info to come.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Friday. Come in your old clothes and strong shoes or wellies.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 2 on Friday.
- 23rd April is the closing date for the Active Challenge Badge competition.
- On Friday we will be learning about and celebrating St George's Day in school.

We have a nasty cold bug going around which is giving the children a cough, sometimes a temperature and sore throat. Not being medical experts, it's hard to know which of the children have colds and which have possible Covid symptoms. This pesky virus is still around although we have had no positive cases in school since the beginning of March. I hope I'm not tempting fate!

It's better to be safe than sorry – we'd rather children isolate for a day or so than run the risk of having a positive case spread through a bubble.

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

Mollie Birch for cycling 5 miles last weekend to raise money for Sheffield Children's Hospital.

Nursery News

It's been a froggy kind of week in Nursery. The tadpoles are starting to hatch and we have spent hours standing by the pond watching the frogs have fun in the sun. It has certainly been a super speaking and listening opportunity. I think some of the children may be future Springwatch presenters, they are so knowledgeable. We have also painted frogs, modelled them, put life cycles together. If your children are croaking this weekend, you know why.

Superstar of the Week

Nora Boden-Lovell is a very practical young lady. No matter what Nora is asked to do, she approaches it with a 'can do' attitude. We love her mischievous grin and the twinkle in her eye. She really is 'No fuss Nora' who is always ready to play.



Who has celebrated their birthday since our last newsletter?

Freddie Brooks, Dottie Cookson & Louie Beechill.

Nursery Places September 2021

We are sending letters re September on the 5th May. If your child has their 3rd birthday any time before 31st August they will be eligible for a place in our lovely Nursery from September onwards. Your child will be eligible for 15 hours of provision and dependent on your work situation, your child may be eligible for 30 hours.

To register, please contact the school office ASAP to ensure your child gets the place they are eligible too. Legally we have to see your child's birth certificate and ordinarily we would ask you to pop into the school office. At the moment, we are happy for you just to give school a ring so we have your details and we can add your child to our list.

Tweak of the Week.

This week it was to '**Show kindness to others in School.**'. The winners were **Class 2**

Next week's Tweak of the Week is **Bags on Pegs (and not on the floor!)**

Music this week is all about harmony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52jDFaw8upc>



This week's praise board



Freddie Brooks for some brilliant work in PE, throwing and catching whilst keeping his eye on the bean bag. He stayed focused and tried so hard to listen to the instructions. We had lots of fun and some really great learning.

Charlie Brocklesby for helping the others in his class with his brilliant number thinking. He is always happy to explain how he knows the answer.

Holly-Mae Galloway is a trouper. She has embraced home learning and tries her absolute best all the time. The grown-ups in Class 8 are incredibly proud of her all the time.

Mason Cordon was spotted being kind and polite to children and adults.

Oliver Cawthorne for being sensible, getting on with your work and having a brilliant attitude.

James Smedley for litter picking in Stocksbridge. What a superstar.

Jax Brown has made great choices this week; he has done what he knows is right. The Nursery staff are very proud of him.

Mariella Batty is always so cheerful and polite. She asks grown-ups how they are when she sees them around school.

Casey Randall for making Miss Cryer a card with a beautiful, thoughtful message.

Caleb Tingle for his huge effort in phonics this week.

Archie Brocklesby for picking up loose items in the cloakroom when he walks past.

Sonny Bradbury was spotted with the dustpan and brush tidying up after dinner in Class 2.

Joseph Steele Petts using and enjoying Mathletics in class last week.

Emily Veale and Marcie Anderson for their super handwriting.

Matilda McGhee for her wonderful expressive work in dance. Also for supporting Harris when the fire alarm went off for a practise this week.

Ahrea Bowen for listening well and joining in during maths sessions.

Maggie Jones for always being so bright and cheerful in the morning and wishing Mrs. Greenwood well.

Sameer Sajid made Miss Spencer's Day on Monday when he asked how she was when they passed in the corridor.

Olivia Walker for her great explanation of why we have fire practices.....so we are prepared she told the other children.

Athena Fort is doing a brilliant job of learning her letters.

Alfie, Archie, Oliver and Jax have worked hard to give the Nursery outdoor area a spring clean. Thank you boys. It looks so much better now and we really appreciate it

Siena Shepherd is becoming a super little listener.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Good Friday
Dish of the day 1	Traditional sausage & mash with gravy	Winter chicken casserole	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & 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.	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	Ham on breadcake	Ham sandwich	Ham sandwich	
	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on breadcake	Tuna sandwich	Tuna sandwich	
	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on breadcake	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese sandwich	
Vegetables	Cauliflower & mixed veg	Broccoli & winter coleslaw	Savoy cabbage & sweetcorn	Garden peas & baked beans	
Desserts	Ginger sponge & custard	Fruity flapjack & apple slices	Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce.	Shortbread biscuit & fruit wedges	

Mathletics

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

Bronze

Emily Veale, Sophia Watkinson, Jake Wragg, Charlotte England-Woodcock, Georgia England-Woodcock.



This week's praise board



Madeline Pearson for trying hard in maths this week.

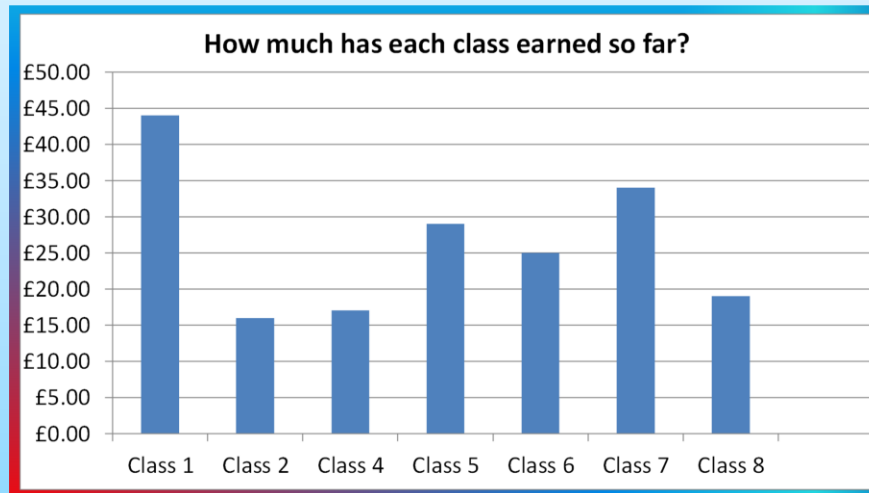
Emily Russon could not have tried any harder in phonics sessions this week.

Class 7 showed great team work when building bug hotels on Welly Wednesday.



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Attendance: Class 7 are slowing creeping towards Class 1.



Sand Play

Many thanks for the things that have been sent in so far. If you have time over the holidays, and feel like a little clear out, would you see if you have any small world toys to donate to school? We would like to develop sand play as a way to help some of our young children tell stories that may be troubling them. All donations gratefully accepted. If we have to buy lots, it might just break the bank!

Children eligible for Free School Meals and the Easter Holidays.

Sheffield City Council are providing food vouchers over the Easter holidays to support families whose children are eligible for Free School Meals. Families will receive a £30 voucher for each child. Letters will be sent directly to you from the council next week. The letter will include the link to the website. If you need any help downloading your voucher/s then please get in touch with us.

Parents will need to go to the following website www.selectourcompliment.co.uk/grocery to redeem your voucher. You will then need to enter your 16 digit e-code and choose the supermarket you wish to shop at. The E-Gift card/voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. Remember to check your junk/spam folder in case it's been delivered there.

If you need any help you can contact the council on 0114 273 4567, option 4, option 3. Alternatively you can contact schoolfood@sheffield.gov.uk.

Whilst all our children are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals, only those eligible for Free School Meals because of the benefits the family receives, are eligible for the vouchers.

Comic Relief

We raised £147.50 last Friday. We made it into the [Sheffield Star](#) with a photo and description of what we'd been up to.

Tidy Cloakroom Award:

The winners this week were Class 5. **Well done Archie Brocklesby for picking up stray items.**

Remote Learning Phase 3!

We continue to develop and change what we are doing remotely to meet the changing situations. Now that all the children are back in school, we return to the scenario where we have single children isolating sometimes. We want to offer these children access to live teaching via zoom.

We would position the technology in the classroom so that the child could see the screen and the teacher. This way, any child at home isolating would still be able to access the phonics input, a maths input and a shared reading input each day. The links to the sessions would be shared on the planning document and this would only be shared with the isolating child's parents. No one else would be able to access the zoom session or the learning.

The child, and parent at home, would be able to hear responses from other children in the classroom but this is not very different from being able to see and hear them via zoom when we had more children at home. The only difference being you would have window into the classroom rather than everyone's home!

If there is a reason you would not want your child to be in a class when an isolating child was accessing it via zoom, then please let me know.

Please log on to zoom using your child's first name only. There is no need for surnames and this makes it more secure in terms of GDPR. Please make sure your child is dressed and in a suitable environment. During phonics sessions it's important they are not eating so they can join in with saying the phonemes etc. An adult needs to be in the room whilst the sessions are

We will begin this way of working after Easter.



We're still using Studybugs. It's an efficient, secure system to report your child's absence. Please download the app, if you haven't already, or register on the Studybugs website.

It helps us to know sooner if your child is unaccounted for in school. We have to contact parents of any child not in school if we are not aware of the reason for absence. This is for safeguarding purposes. The system is quick and easy to use. It provides the NHS and Public Health Organisations with information about which bugs and illnesses are prevalent in which areas.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about REC ROOM

Age Rating

9+

Rec Room is a social hangout game, where users meet up with friends to explore and create rooms, each containing a different experience. One room might be a game of laser tag or dodgeball, while another could be a parkour course or virtual boxing. Available on iOS devices, PlayStation, Xbox, Oculus and PC/Mac, Rec Room is kidSAFE COPPA Certified and carries an age rating of 9+. Nonetheless, parents and carers should remain mindful that gaming online with strangers always carries a potential risk.

Intimidating Interactions

Rec Room is a huge online environment, with more than 10 million users worldwide. Before heading into the individual rooms, players usually mingle in the Rec Centre. Users can move their avatar around this social space and audio chat using their microphone. While most people just want to have fun and make friends, some may say and do things that others find uncomfortable, threatening or harmful.

Online Bullying

As cliques can form naturally during a gaming session, situations could easily arise where some children feel left out or even bullied. Gamers can victimise other players for no reason at all, and many hide behind an online persona which offers a sense of immunity from their actions. Even when players are banned, those determined enough can simply make another account and re-enter the game.

Questionable Connections

Adding someone as a friend is a good way to connect with a person you had fun with online. However, not everybody is who they seem, and some might have more sinister ideas once a friendship has been established. When two players (who don't have junior accounts) accept each other as friends in Rec Room, they're able to chat privately, track each other in-game, and plan to go into rooms together on their own.

Violent or Scary Themes

Rec Room contains mild violent or scary themes, including weapons like swords and paintball guns. It is quite tame compared with many other games but might still leave an impression on younger children. This applies even more when playing in virtual reality: VR significantly enhances an experience – whether exciting or frightening – and can have a lasting impact on young ones who may be upset by adult themes.

Sexual Content

Some rooms have adult themes and absolutely should not be entered by children. The game's code of conduct stipulates that players must be warned about anything of this nature before entering a room, but users who don't have a junior account could still potentially gain access. The major worry is that a young person could be lured into these rooms before realising what goes on inside.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Junior Accounts

Junior users can't send or receive audio and private messages, or create their own room. Anybody under 13 is required to have a junior account, and those accounts are linked to (and moderated by) a parent or guardian account. To create one, start a new game of Rec Room, go to 'Create an Account' and follow the instructions. Be sure to explain the restrictions to your children before letting them play.

Block and Report

To help moderate problem users, select the player (click the right thumbstick on PS4, press 'T' on PC, point in VR, etc). The 'Comfort and Moderation' screen presents options including block, unblock, vote/kick and report. Players you block will not be allowed in the same room as you. The Rec Room website's code of conduct can help you decide whether a player has violated the terms and should be reported.

Tailor the Experience

In the settings (within the 'Watch Menu'), you can tweak individual parts of the Rec Room experience. Everything from muting other players' audio, muting your mic and tweaking voice pitch, through to selecting how close other players can get to you can be found here. This is ideal for people who prefer to avoid social interactions or simply want to enjoy the game without worrying about other players.

Disable Payment Methods

Rec Room is free to download and play, but there are in-game purchases – items like cosmetics and costumes – that users pay for with real money. If you have a card attached to any platform accounts (like a PlayStation or Steam account), be aware that children might therefore incur costs on these without meaning to. It's safest to unlink any payment methods before you download the game.

Get Involved

As it's such a popular game, there are lots of content creators on YouTube and Twitch whose output focuses on Rec Room. Most of this content is tailored to a younger audience. Talking to your child about their favourite creators – and watching their videos together – is a good way of opening a dialogue about your child's experiences in Rec Room and understanding which aspects of the game they enjoy.

Meet Our Expert

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