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Our school events on the [calendar](#) on the website.

What's happening in school next week?

- Tuesday is World Gratitude Day. We'll work it into assembly.
- Mrs. Townsend is available on Tuesday 21st September 11.00-12.00 to show around parents considering sending their children to Nursery and/or school in September 2022. Just ring to let us know you're coming.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday.
- On Thursday we were running a session for parents on letter formation and handwriting. We're just pausing, sending a Survey Monkey to try to find out the best format and times to deliver these for parents.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Thursday 23rd September.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 7 on Friday 24th September.
- We will have our own version of Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 24th. Please send goodies and make donations via ParentPay. This is for the children only.
- Class 1 will have Forest School on Friday.

Attendance

Class 1: 97 %
Class 2: 94%
Class 3: 96%
Class 4: 100%
Class 5: 92%
Class 6: 94%
Class 7: 95%
Class 8: 92%

Our target attendance is 96%

This week's attendance is

94.9%

Well done
Class 4

Looking ahead to the w.b. 27th September 2021

- The assembly theme will be 'New Beginnings'.
- Mrs. Townsend is available on Monday 27th September at 2.00pm, to show around parents considering sending their children to Nursery and/or school in September 2022.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 8 on Tuesday 28th September.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 29th September.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 2 on Wednesday 29th September.
- Mrs. Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday. Mr. Barker is at a PE conference.
- On Thursday 30th, Amy Barron-Hall is coming into school to run a Learn to Ride workshop. More details being sent with this week's letters.
- Miss Tonks will be teaching Class 5 on Friday
- Class 1 will have Forest Schools on Friday.

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Sophie Howe. For asking such a thoughtful question. She's a real little star in school. Sophie is always in the right place, doing the right thing.

Nursery News

The children have enjoyed exploring Nursery this week. Play dough seems to be incredibly popular and it's great to see all those little finger muscles being exercised and stretched. Outside the children had a wonderful time experimenting with chalky colour mixing, sweeping brushes and a generous helping of rain.

Star of the Week

Harper Jarvis. Harper's smile is infectious – and it never stops. She has tried so hard to chat, make new friends and is a super singer.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 24th September.

We've supported this event for a long time in school and it's nice to be able to do it again. We like to involve all the children. We'd love for you to donate buns, biscuits or cakes for us to share equally among the children. We've set up parent pay so you can make a donation. Obviously we'll do it in a Covid-safe way, I think that goes without saying.

Makaton signs this week

Apologies to parents if you have had to listen to Kum ba Yah 'a lot'. The children seemed to really enjoy learning it. This week we've learned the [Holy Hokey to God](#). Have a play and a listen and see how much the children can remember. The last verse is a little tricky. We recapped last week's signs and learned:



Jesus



Father



Son



Spirit (or ghost)

Stocksbridge Fire Station Recruitment Campaign

The fire station is currently recruiting for on-call fire fighters within the Stocksbridge and Deepcar area. The current recruitment campaign is open from 1st to 30th September. The station is in need of local people to staff their local fire stations. Without the support of local people they struggle to crew the fire appliances. More information has been sent with the newsletter.

Tweak of the Week: Good listening on the carpet and in assembly

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Vegetarian sausage and mash	Beef meatballs and tomato sauce with pasta	Roast chicken with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Beef lasagna with homemade garlic bread	Homemade cheese pizza with chips and tomato sauce
Dish of the day 2	Cheese flan with jacket wedges and tomato sauce	Beandillas with savoury rice	Quorn roast with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Roasted vegetable lasagna with homemade garlic bread	Bean bake with chips and tomato sauce
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo
Sandwich option	Egg	Ham	Ham	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Carrots & sweetcorn	Green beans & cauliflower	Peas & carrots	Green beans & sweetcorn	Peas & baked beans
Desserts	Jam sponge and custard	Iced carrot cake with orange wedge	Flapjack finger with custard	Jelly with peaches	Chocolate fudge cake

Celebrating Children's Achievements out of school:



This lovely little girl earned her first swimming certificate.

Reading Achievements

Well done to Matilda McGhee and Jack Woodhouse who completed the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge. Well done to you all. Prizes were awarded this afternoon.



Start times and late comers.



I just wanted to remind parents of your child's school start time. This is when learning begins and the register opens. Some children are arriving a little late each day. We've not marked them as late up to now as we settle in and get used to school routines again.

	School Start time
Class 1	8.30am
Class 2	8.45am
Class 3	8.30am
The Orchard	8.45am
Class 5	8.45am
Class 6	8.30am
Class 7	8.30am
Class 8	8.45am

Children will be marked late if they arrive after this time from next week.

If your child likes running why not try the new Junior Parkrun at Hillsborough Park. The children run each Sunday at 9am and it really is very friendly with everyone running, skipping and walking the 2 km at their own pace. It is a free event for anyone aged 4-14 and adults can run alongside for support if needed. All you have to do before you go is register your child at www.parkrun.org.uk and print off their own unique barcode. Come and give it a try - a lovely way to start the day.

Online Safety

Staff did some refresher training on how to help children stay safe online this week. Here are the tips we were given and we follow. They are useful for parents too.

1. Ask your child/children what they like watching/looking at on the internet
2. Ask them what they DON'T like watching/looking at on the internet
3. Make sure they know what to do if they see something that they don't like/makes them feel uncomfortable i.e. pause the video (if they're watching one), click 'back' so they move away from the screen
4. Tell a grown-up what has happened and how they feel so that the grown-ups can follow this up.
5. Remember to keep the dialogue open between yourselves and your child/children to avoid building a 'shame' culture.

Breakages policy in school

Accidents happen in school and things are sometimes broken. We do talk to the children a lot about this as Looking after Property is one of our Golden Rules. Where children break equipment intentionally we request that parents pay for the damaged item. Ideally we ask that children pay this out of their 'pocket money' so they learn a little more about the consequences of not looking after things. It's worked in the past.

Wellies and Outdoor Play

Over the course of each week, the children are timetabled in their double/triple bubbles to play outside in the small yard, the big yard and on the field. There'll come a time when we have to review this because of the weather but at the moment we are making the most of the space we have. Even if it's damp or raining, the children will still use the field. It's really important that every child really needs a pair of named wellies in school.

Something as simple as every child having a pair of named wellies under their peg makes a massive difference to how well the children (and staff) cope. We don't have to go on the hunt for spares that fit. We don't have to figure out who the unnamed ones belong to. So, if you haven't already done so, would you please send in a pair (named) next week to help us keep the children dry and stop us losing our sanity!

Thank you.



Complaints

We rarely get complaints in school, mainly, I think, because our door is always open and we try to listen and act on any queries, questions or concerns parents have. If there is something you that concerns you the first port of call is your child's teacher. The next port to stop by, if you don't feel the situation has improved, is to talk to the Headteacher. The third port in our Complaints Policy is the Governing Board. There are more ports available and these are detailed in our complaints policy which has been sent along with this newsletter.

Baby photos in Classes 1 & 2

If you haven't sent yours in yet, via email or an actual person, would you do so next week please.



This week's praise board



Caleb Black can be such a helpful little boy.

Oliver Staniforth really settles and concentrates. He is a jigsaw whizz.

Mollie Steele-Birch for being so amazing with her home learning. She has come on every day ready to learn with a big smile.

Sameer Sajid and Alfie Bryce-Hanson for being fabulous friends to a new class member.

Emily Chappell for looking after the class and always spotting when something needs doing.

Alivia Hinchliffe for dazzling Class 4 with her amazing and creative art work.

William Hague for trying very hard with his handwriting.

Louie Green. Class 2 love sharing his books from home. He's like a walking library.

Flora Wilkinson for making Class 2 tidy. She's a star.

Lily Broomhead always has a smile on her face and comes to school ready to learn.

Zachary Pickering for making sure Class 1 grown-ups were aware of a child's milk allergy in the class.

Mia Lakin for trying her very best to join in with phonics.

India Hall-Mattis for asking Class 1 grown-ups if she can give them a hug.

Theo Emson-Brown knows just what to do at just the right time.

Reggie Griggs for wowing Mrs McGhee and Mrs Costello with his confident reading.

Amelia Russel for her super manners. She is such a polite little girl.

Aubree Donovan for drawing Mrs Newton and Miss Miles for drawing them a lovely picture at home.

Frankie Lakin helped some of her friends by taking the lid off the playdough tubs for them.

Corey Brookes for sharing his gardening successes with school.

Oliver Housley for his cheery hellos in the morning.

Jax Brown for coming into school so well this week. Well done Jax.



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What Parents and Carers Need to Know About... **ROCKET LEAGUE**

Age Restriction
PEGI 3

Rocket League is a free-to-play multiplayer vehicle football game. It was developed by Psyonix, now part of the Epic Games family (which also includes Fortnite and Gears of War). Rocket League is essentially a football game where, instead of running, the players drive rocket-powered cars. The game was a surprise hit that took the world by storm when it first released in 2015. Rocket League is available for the Xbox One, Xbox Series X, PlayStation 4 & PlayStation 5, Nintendo Switch, Windows PC, MacOS and Linux.

Fiercely Competitive Community

Competitive gaming isn't necessarily bad. However, playing purely to win (as opposed to simply having fun) can result in aggressive behaviour among some players if they're not successful in the game. Certain people can become hostile or "toxic" towards other players. Continually seeing this behaviour can cause children to think it is acceptable and lead to anger issues while playing.

Grinding and Increased Screen-time

Features like the Rocket Pass and the ranking system can make Rocket League a grinding-focused game. This means players need to spend a lot of time on the game to progress through levels and collect rewards. Grinding encourages regular long gaming sessions for players seeking to climb the rankings (meaning increased screen time) but it doesn't always result in making much headway.

In-App Purchasing

Free-to-play games (so called because they don't cost anything to download) like this depend on players making in-game purchases to turn a profit. Rocket League's in-game currency, called credits, are used to buy items in the game. Credits can be earned by playing the game or can be bought with real money – which could prove expensive if a child lets their love of the game and desire to progress get the better of them.

Unsuitable Online Interactions

18+

A video game's age rating cannot take player-generated elements into account. Rocket League is rated PEGI 3, but its online features mean that appropriateness can't be guaranteed. Audio and text chat, player usernames, player-to-player trades and other user-created content may not be suitable for young players. The game is moderated, but catching everything can be difficult.

Scams and Bad Trades

Player-to-player trading is common in Rocket League. The game has lots of cosmetic items to collect, and some can be very valuable. Players can trade items among themselves, but younger gamers are not always the best judges of what constitutes a fair deal. This can lead to them being swindled in trades – or to children signing up to illegitimate trading websites, where they then get scammed.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Use Parental Controls

Psyonix has added some safety measures into the game. The text and voice chat can be disabled, for example, limiting contact from strangers. However, it's not currently possible to block contact from other players about trades. It's a good idea, then, to talk with your child about the possibility of scams and bad trades either before they download the game or early in their Rocket League 'career'.

Stay Aware of Spending

Free-to-play games can become money sinks without children realising. For peace of mind, make sure you don't have any payment methods attached to your child's gaming account to avoid accidental purchases. Rocket League credits can be earned through gameplay or bought with real money: encourage your child to use their earned credits first before they ask you to top them up.

Monitor Gaming Time

It's impractical to sit and watch your child every time they play Rocket League. Keeping an eye on their gaming hours is crucial, however; it's easy to lose track of time while playing (even for adults), so "one more game" can soon turn into ten more games. Helping your child to balance their gaming time with their homework, chores and other activities is a life lesson in time management.

Encourage Regular Breaks

Sitting in the same position all day while gaming isn't healthy, but it is an easy habit to fall into. A short break every hour or half hour is important. It allows players to rest their eyes, brains, hands and arms. Learning the value of an occasional break from any activity is good practice for the future. Encouraging your child to rehydrate regularly can also help to lower any rising competitive tempers!

Meet Our Expert

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