



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Attendance

Class 1: 91%

Class 2: 93%

Class 3: 93%

Class 4: 92%

Class 5: 87%

Class 6: 87%

Class 7: 95%

Class 8: 95%

**Our target
attendance
is 96%**

**This
week's
attendance
is**

91.6%

What's happening in school next week?

- Our assembly theme will be Advent.
- Steve Cooper is coming into school on Monday to take Family Portraits between 3.00 and 6.30pm. Please call the office to book a slot. Photos will be with you for Christmas – they make great presents!
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 8 on Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday.
- Dance Club on Tuesday until 4.00pm.
- On Wednesday, Tutti Fruitti are coming into school to perform The Princess and the Pea. They are the best travelling Theatre Company we've ever had. We have organised so that the children watch the performance, in their bubbles and socially distanced from other bubbles with windows and doors open and cleaning in between performances! We have just 2 positive cases in children at the moment in different classes. We're doing well. Classes 1 & 3 may be a couple of minutes late out next Wednesday but we'll be as organised and slick as we can be.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday 1st December.
- Lisa McNaught from Stocksbridge Library is coming into school over the next couple of weeks to share winter and Christmas stories with the children.
- We're running a little info session on letter formation and handwriting on Thursday, 5.00-6.00pm in the school hall. A crèche will be provided.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Friday (3rd). Mr. Barker is attending some training.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.
- Class 2 have Forest School on Friday

**Well done
Classes 7 & 8**

Nursery News

It has been a week of fire engines and fire fighters in Nursery. Amazing paintings, models and games of children racing to emergencies. It's been lots of fun. We are impressed with how determined the children are to learn to put their own coats on. Some of them can even turn their arms from inside out and zip them up.

Star of the Week

Lottie Moore is such a bubbly little lady who loves to make us smile. She is becoming far more independent and loves to learn as much as she can about the world around her. Her confidence is soaring and it's lovely to see this little learner going from strength to strength.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 6th December

- Our assembly theme will be Christingle
- On Monday there is a celebration of achieving Platinum Modeshift Stars. We have an actor coming into school to perform for each double/triple bubble in the morning. The celebration will start with a walk all together, parents, children, staff and actor from Stocksbridge Leisure Centre at 8.00am. It would be lovely to see lots of you there with us.
- Miss Maclean is not in school on Monday or Tuesday as she is attending training.
- On Monday (6th) we will be holding our Nursery Induction session for those children joining us in January 2022. It's virtual and parents will receive the link in their welcome packs.
- On Tuesday Classes 1 & 2 and 3 & 5 are off to Penistone Paramount for our first visit out in a very long time! Many thanks for the donations made already; we only have a few at the moment. It is only with these donations that the visit will be possible. A decision will be made on Friday 3rd to check viability. It would be great if the children had a LFD test before coming to school that morning.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday.
- Dance Club on Tuesday until 4.00pm.
- Mrs Jennings and Mrs Newton will not be in school on Thursday (9th) or Friday (10th) as they are at First Aid Training.
- Lisa McNaught (from Stocksbridge Library) is in school sharing stories with our Reception children on Thursday afternoon.
- It's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December. We've set up ParentPay to receive donations for Save the Children.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.
- Class 2 have Forest School on Friday.
- Classes 1 & 2 are popping over to sing songs to the residents at Alpine Lodge from outside.
- On Friday 10th December we have a special festive visitor. It isn't the man in red but one of his elves.

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Marcie Anderson is one of the most thoughtful children I know. She is always there to lend a hand. She shows empathy and understanding beyond her years. She is kind and patient. She's an asset to any class and any school.

Christmas Nativities in School.

It will come as no surprise that we have taken the decision **not** to have audiences for our nativities. We have organized for Steve Cooper to come into school when the children have their dress rehearsals. He will photograph each child in the nativity outfit. His colleague will film the children on what would have been their performance. Miss Rogers is sorting Nursery 'in house'.

To make sure you get to watch your child's nativity before Christmas, we need to take pre-orders for the DVD. The cost of the DVD is £6.00. You can pre-order via ParentPay. You will need to do so by the end of Sunday 12th December. This is to allow Giannis the time to process the orders and get the DVDs back to us, and us to you, before we break for Christmas on Friday 17th December. **We will not be able to take late orders.**

On the day of your child's dress rehearsal, they will bring home an order form for a photograph. These are £6.00. The deadline for ordering photos will be Monday 13th December at 9.00am. Steve Cooper will ensure the photos are with us, and you, before we break for the holiday.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Veggie Bolognese with pasta and homemade garlic bread.	Homemade chicken and sweetcorn pie.	Roast chicken with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Beef burger in a bun with jacket wedges and tomato sauce	Homemade cheese pizza with chips and tomato sauce
Dish of the day 2	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with homemade garlic bread	Veggie spaghetti Bolognese with half jacket potato	Quorn roast with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Quorn burger in a bun with jacket wedges and tomato sauce	Tortilla layer 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 & carrots	Peas & carrots	Green beans & sweetcorn	Peas & baked beans
Desserts	Ginger shortbread with milk	Shortbread biscuit with custard	Treacle syrup sponge with custard	Jelly with peaches	Hobnob cookie with apple wedges

Information Sessions for Parents

Many thanks to parents who completed the recent Survey Monkey on the best times and way to provide you with information on how we teach in school, how young children learn etc. By far the most popular and convenient times for parents were between 5.00 & 7.00pm. With that in mind we have pencilled in the following sessions which will take place in our school hall.

Thursday 13th January 2022 – How do young children learn to write? 5.30-6.30pm.

Thursday 20th January 2022 – How do we teach maths in school? 5.30 – 6.30pm.

Please follow the link to 'book' the sessions you are interested in attending. Knowing who is coming, what age your children are will help us plan to make sure the session is relevant for you. We will run the sessions if we have enough interested parents for each session.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/72QMQVS>

Christmas is coming

It's a lovely time of year but we are very aware of the financial pressure it puts on families. We have great links with Morrisons and Stocksbridge Food Bank. If a 'food parcel' would help anyone out in the run up to and over Christmas, let us know (confidentially) and we'll get it organised. You can email me on headteacher@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk, mention it to your child's class teacher, let Carly Redgate know or just give us a ring.

Assembly Theme: Advent

Mother Goose at The Venue in Stocksbridge

David McNeill, our Community Services Co-coordinator, has organised for the theatre company to put on an additional showing of Mother Goose at The Venue on Sunday 19th December at 11.30am. **The event is open to any families in receipt of Free School Meals** (not universal infant free school meals which all Reception to Year Two children are eligible for). This is a family event for children and parents/carers. If you would like tickets, please contact the school office with the number you require – there is no difference in adult and child tickets, they are just tickets. David will then deliver the tickets out to us and we'll get them to you before we break for the Christmas holiday. If we have more requests that we receive tickets, they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We have 49 families eligible for free school meals and we've been allocated 30 tickets but we'll try and get more.



Children in Need

We raised £431.60 for the charity last Friday. Thank you for all the donations.



Stocksbridge Christian Centre (corner of Cedar Road and Pot House Lane)

The centre invites you and your family to two events this weekend at the church:

Saturday 27 November - Christmas Fair from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stalls, games, tombola, hot and cold refreshments.

Sunday 28 November - 'Activity Nativity' from 3 to 5 PM. Music and Craft activities. Creating a variety of different Christmas decorations which can be taken home or placed on the church's Christmas tree. Refreshments are available throughout.

Elf on the shelf

Some new [Elf activities](#) for those who have started early. There are some [Santa](#) ones here too.



The children's achievements this week. The children love sharing these in assembly so please keep sending them in. They say they feel proud in front of their friends.



If you want to know anything about flags of the world, ask this amazing little girl. She knows them all! She is incredible!



A first dancing certificate and rosette for this little girl.



This lovely Bumble Bee took part in her first show last weekend. She also had a part as a Gingerbread man. She did so well being on stage.



A dancer who is doing well in her lessons.



This fine young fellow is trying very hard in swimming lessons and it's paying off!



This week's praise board



Amelia Powlesland for a lovely chat with Mrs. Townsend, a ticket to her birthday (but she has to check with her mum first when her birthday is!)

Sonny Bradbury for sharing his photo book. That boy is so talented and has so many unusual hobbies.....often involving animals – some alive and some dead!

Isayah Scales has great emotional intelligence. He understands emotions really well, knows what to say to make others feel better and when there has been an injustice.

Olek Herbert helped a friend when they found something tricky.

Reggie Grayson tries really hard at whatever he does. He's really conscientious. He was seen this week not only putting everyone's coats on pegs but tidying up the benches underneath too.

Aubree Donovan for being very brave.

Seth Cheetham is trying really hard at blending his phonics together.

Well done Ada-Lily Fiddler who has been practising key words at home.

Fern Bradshaw has been super chatty with grown-ups this week and we've enjoyed the conversations.

Lillia Hall, Hollie Turner, Jack Clayton, William Hague, Florence Brown, Lily Fletcher, Henry Warren, Lacey-Mae Whittles, Katie Bailey, Lillie Dowde, Flora Wilkinson and Molly Wilkinson have shown how well they can work in teams as part of Forest Schools.

Miss Rogers had a great time playing dominoes with Layali-Mekkah, Carter, Milo, Ronnie, Leia and Kodi. They took turns, helped each other and are always desperate for another game. Super number recognition too.

Leo Priestley is an expert on firefighters and also a jigsaw king!

Rocco Kelly has had some fabulous manners this week.

Miss Palmer and Miss Cryer are very proud of Class 2 this week. They asked some fabulous questions when the firefighters came to visit. They followed this up with some great factual writing. They have all tried hard to use the phonics they know to spell words and to include finger spaces.

Mia Lakin has been a great friend to others this week.

Lily Broomhead did a great job of looking after a friend who was hurt.

Molly Bailey and Nathaniel Tym have very neat handwriting.

George Pedler has wonderful manners. He is a fabulous, sensible young man in everything he does.

Noah Siddall tries so hard with his learning. He never gives up.

Alivia Hinchcliffe has dazzled Class 5 with her writing this week; she just put her head down and gave it a go!





This week's praise board



Emmie Capper is always so 'on the ball' with her learning. The class talked about how brilliant her attitude to learning is.

Bella Harkness has blown Mrs Heavens socks off this week with all her amazing learning.

Lennon Krompass has settled into Class 1 brilliantly. It's like she's always been with us.

Well done Amelia Fletcher for joining in with other children when her special friend wasn't here.

Emily Veale for her thoughtful answers during Class 3's Jigsaw lesson this week.

Elliott Lonigro for his enthusiastic singing in assembly this week. All the right notes..... But the enjoyment on his face, the expressions, the hand movements make up for putting one or two extra notes in.

Harry Powell has a hug for everyone. You can't have a dull day with him around.

We held our first fire drill this week. It went seamlessly. The children were so calm and sensible as they filed out of school. They waited patiently to be counted. 'Why do we always have to do it when it's cold?' asked Harris. We all blamed Mr. G!

Harry Oxley is on fire with his blending skills at the moment.

Amelia's (Class 6) cutting skills improve every time she picks up a pair of scissors.

I'Marai is a great artist. He adds lots of detail to his pictures.

Thank you to Class 7 who showed beautiful manners out on their walk this week. Thank you for a lovely visit out of school. (Thank you also to Mrs Priest for organizing this.)



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CRYPTOCURRENCY

What is cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency is software enabling the exchange and storage of digital 'coins' representing financial value. To monitor who owns which coins, platforms save an online record of every transaction, called a 'ledger' or 'blockchain'. This is secured by cryptography: a set of methods for protecting sensitive information. Bitcoin, released in 2009, was the first cryptocurrency; other platforms have since launched such as Ethereum, Tezos and Filecoin. As cryptocurrency becomes a more established part of digital life, young people are bound to encounter it – so it's vital that trusted adults understand its risks, and how it can be explored and used safely.

COMPLEX TECHNOLOGY

Like any new software, cryptocurrency comes with bugs, flaws and limitations. Broadly, it hasn't yet evolved to be as user friendly as web browsing or social media. Using it safely means spending time learning about the complicated technology it uses. We would strongly suggest anyone considering getting involved in cryptocurrency should consult specialised tutorials to learn about it properly in advance.

WIDESPREAD EXAMPLES

Cryptocurrency software for smartphones is often free to download from app stores. Emails with links to cryptocurrency services can land in any inbox. Cryptocurrency is also advertised on search engines, on social media and in online games (for example to buy add-ons which help players level up). It can't be purchased easily without a credit card or bank account, but young people will still be exposed to cryptocurrency in various settings.

CHANCE OF SCAMS

Cryptocurrency provides another opportunity for scammers to extract personal data and money from unwary web users. Unlike credit card transactions or wire transfers, a bank can't reverse cryptocurrency transactions after a suspected fraud – making it an appealing channel for online extortion. These transactions do leave evidence in the blockchain, however, which means that cryptocurrency scammers can and do get caught.

BEING LOCKED OUT

If you forget your online banking password, you can reset it by proving your identity in another way. In the world of 'crypto', however, the private key to access your funds can't be reset. Cryptocurrency operates without intermediaries like banks – so no-one stores a copy of users' private keys. This has security benefits, but also presents the huge risk of permanently losing access to your account. Learn how to store private keys securely before purchasing any significant amounts of cryptocurrency.

RISKY INVESTMENT

Prices can be very volatile, so cryptocurrencies are considered high-risk investments. If you might need your savings soon, don't hold them in cryptocurrency as their value could drop suddenly and sharply. Sometimes, cryptocurrency may be a profitable investment – but note that any gains are taxable. You may even have to pay tax when exchanging one cryptocurrency for another if the currency you're exchanging is priced higher than it was when you bought it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

AVOID IF UNSURE

In the UK, cryptocurrency is considered risky, because users aren't well protected if something goes wrong. Most cryptocurrencies use software developed by decentralised communities, so there's no customer service and no support if your funds get stolen or you lose access to your mobile cryptocurrency wallet. Unless you understand cryptocurrency, it's probably best not to use it. After all, if you couldn't comprehend the highway code, it wouldn't be safe for you to drive.

EXPECT EXPOSURE

If your child plays online games that involve some form of virtual currency, and has access to some kind of payment method, they may find themselves in a position to buy and use cryptocurrency. There's probably no immediate danger, but discussing the potential risks with them could be useful. If your child is old enough to understand the concepts of spending and saving or to grasp the basics of programming, then they're old enough to learn about cryptocurrency.

CHECK CREDENTIALS

Buying cryptocurrency for the first time involves wiring funds from your bank to a cryptocurrency exchange – a business that converts your money into cryptocurrency. They can also store cryptocurrency for you, though this could present a security risk. Cryptocurrency businesses in the UK must now comply with money laundering regulations: the Financial Conduct Authority's website has a list of all businesses that are approved, and it's best to avoid dealing with any that aren't.

STAY CAUTIOUS, STAY INFORMED

Approach cryptocurrency with caution as well as curiosity. Don't click on links in unexpected emails referring to cryptocurrency and beware of promotions promising free cryptocurrency in exchange for personal information. Avoid mentioning on social media that you own cryptocurrency, as this can attract scammers. Stay informed of potential new risks and regulations by regularly checking specialised sources (such as CoinDesk).

Meet Our Expert

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