



# Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Our Year Group pages have been updated on the [website](#)

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

- Our theme this half term, and our learning, will be all about extreme environments.
- Assembly theme for the week is Love.
- Mrs. Hutchinson is teaching Class 6 all week. Miss Bennett, the new teacher for Class 6 after February half term, will be visiting at some point this week.
- On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January we will be celebrating 100% attendance for the second half of the autumn term.
- Our new Nursery children are visiting on Wednesday and Friday.
- We have a new club starting on Wednesday – Quidditch led by Hermione Granger aka Miss Maclean.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching in Nursery on Friday.

## Attendance

Class 1: 92%

Class 2: 93%

Class 3: 97%

Class 4: 93%

Class 5: 97%

Class 6: 89%

Class 7: 94%

Class 8: 98%

**Our target attendance is 96%**

**This week's attendance is**

**94.1%**

**Well done Class 8**

## Looking ahead to the w.b. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

- Our new Nursery children start with us this week.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 6 on Monday and Mrs Hutchinson for the rest of the week.
- Dance Club on Monday until 4.00pm for those children booked in.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 2 on Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup>).
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon (12<sup>th</sup>).
- Mrs Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 3 on Thursday morning (13<sup>th</sup>)
- We have a workshop/information session for parents on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. This one is all about how young children learn to write. It's at 5.30pm in the school hall (Covid permitting).
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.

### Nursery News

The highlight of this week has undoubtedly been our visit to see Santa. We had a good old chat with him, told him what was on our lists, searched for reindeer and told him how good we had been. Merry Christmas to all our families – may it be full of fun, games and happy smiles. We can't wait to hear all about it in January.

### Star of the Week

**Rohan Simmons** is a quiet young man when he is indoors. He listens carefully, plays sensibly and is becoming so much surer of himself. It's lovely to see his smile brightening up our days.

### Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

**Oliver Lambert.** He is such a fabulous young man to have in school. He is polite, has super manners and just tries so hard at everything he does. All schools need an Oliver Lambert.

### Class 6 from January

We said goodbye to Mrs Goodband this week. She may not have been with us very long but we sure have enjoyed working with her. For the first half term in Spring Miss Tonks will teach Class 6 on Mondays and Mrs Hutchinson for the rest of the week After February half term, Miss Bennett will join us. She will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Hutchinson for the remainder of the week.

### Christmas Festivities

The children have certainly enjoyed all the pre-Christmas celebrations over the last couple of weeks. They residents at Alpine Lodge appreciated the children going across to sing for them. On Monday our Y2s did two recitals. They'd just finished when a male resident came down to listen; he'd heard them singing from upstairs. He'd enjoyed it so much he asked if they would do it all again, and they did! Christmas dinner went down a treat. Many thanks to Paula and the wonderful kitchen staff for cooking Christmas dinner for 200+ children! That's no mean feat.

### Covid

We maintained most control measures in school in September 2021 that we had employed from March 2020. Our double and triple bubbles work well and mean school can function 'normally' without the need for us all to mix. Cases remain very low; we have two children presently isolating and no members of staff. All adults in school are once again wearing face coverings in communal areas. We are being extra keen re handwashing and respiratory hygiene - catching sneezes and coughs, binning tissues and washing hands. As always, if things change, we will be in touch. If it is anything like last January, this could be very last minute! If you are visiting the office in school please bring a face covering. If you are coming for a longer period of time, and can take a LFD test before doing so, we'd be appreciate it.

**Tweak of the Week: Quiet voices in corridors please**

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Dish of the day 1</b>	School closed	Vegetarian chilli with mixed rice and mint yoghurt	Roast of the day – chicken with roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Creamy chicken & butternut korma curry & mixed rice	BBQ pulled chicken in a bun with chips & tomato sauce (optional)
<b>Dish of the day 2</b>		Wholemeal margherita pizza slice with jacket wedges	Quorn roast with roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Mildly spiced sticky Korean vegetables with noodles	Crispy vegetarian burger with chips & tomato sauce (optional)
<b>Oven baked jacket potato</b>		Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise.	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise.	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise.	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise.
<b>Sandwich option</b>		Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
		Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise
		Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
<b>Vegetables</b>		Green beans & sweetcorn	Cauliflower & seasonal greens	Soy glazed vegetables & carrots. Mixed salad.	Baked beans & garden peas
<b>Desserts</b>		Orange and banana traybake	Tropical crumble with pineapple, mandarin, peaches & cream	Watermelon & pineapple slices	Chocolate cookie



Sheffield Parent Hub have updated their [What's On Guide](#); which can be shared with parents and partner agencies that you are working with.

The guide is also available on their website: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/social-care/positive-parenting>

**Sheffield Parent Hub** would like to highlight to parents their monthly virtual SEND Get Togethers. Each session lasts 1 hour and is delivered by a Parenting Practitioner and a SEND Practice Lead. The sessions will include a short presentation and then a chance to ask questions and share any worries or concerns.

**January - Friday 7th January 2022 10.00am-11.00am "Connecting with your child and stress-free time"**

**February - Tuesday 8th February 2022 10.00am-11.00am "Social and Independence skills"**

**March - "What's your child's sensory profile" Date to be decided**

To book a place please log onto [Sheffield Parent Hub Events | Eventbrite](#)

### **Class 6, 7 & 8 visit to Penistone Paramount**

A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. The children were impeccably behaved and a credit to school. Many thanks for contributions that made it viable and to staff for their expert supervision on the visit.

## Winter Healthy Holidays Programme for children who are eligible for Free School Meals

Imagination Gaming are supporting this programme and they will be in Stocksbridge on a couple of days over the Christmas holidays.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December Imagination Gaming will be at The Venue in Stocksbridge. The children can attend on one or both days. Food is provided for the children. You can book online by visiting <https://sheffieldhealthyholidays.org/>



### This week's praise board



Thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit the children.

Many thanks to Mr Housley for the loan of the gazebo this week which has kept FC warm and dry. Your support has been very much appreciated.

Sameer Sajid for being a great friend in the playground and helping others when they need it.

Noah Siddall for being such a fantastic listener. He always knows what's going on and always has the answer!

Kelvin Whiskey-Kiffin for joining in everything in the classroom. He's fantastic at Quiz Quiz Trade.

Mariella Batty for being such a lovely, gentle Mary whilst still having a big voice in the nativity.

Alice Spencer, Emily Clough, Athena Fort and Jenson Turner Jones for helping to clean and tidy the small yard. They did a fabulous job.

Frankie Lakin for using fabulous manners.

Alicia Fifi-Kiffin for having the best time watching Puzzling Paul. She smiled all the way through.

Izayah Scales is such a lovely, polite boy. He has been so grateful for all the Christmas events. He thanked Miss Palmer for the 'party day' on Wednesday.

According to William Machin, Wednesday was 'such a good day'. We are glad you enjoyed yourself William.

Reggie Grayson for bringing in treats to share with his friends (and Miss Palmer and Miss Cryer!)

Harriet Tibbles has had a brilliant week and come to school every day ready to learn.

Oliver Collins celebrated other children's achievements in Golden Star Assembly this week. Thank you for being so kind Oliver.

Zachery Pickering for being kind and thoughtful.

Chloe Green is always such a good friend to everyone.

Annie James has lovely manners and uses them all the time.





## This week's praise board



Kit Parsons and Dollie Bowskill have done brilliant home learning this week.

Summer Stevenson, Annie James and Emily Grayson have shown kindness by bringing in treats for the whole class to share.

Mrs Priest wants to say thank you to all the children in Classes 6, 7 & 8 for their gorgeous singing and wonderful manners when they were singing to the residents of Alpine Lodge. The residents and staff were very grateful.



## Nativities

We hope you all enjoyed the nativities the children performed this year. We may not have been able to invite you in to watch but the films were a great second best and at least this way, you get to keep it forever. As you can imagine they take a while, and a considerable amount of effort from staff to put together (and a few sleepless nights). There have been lots of comments that sound like Joyce Grenfell - 'Sam, you're a sheep', Mrs Priest prancing across the hall floor showing the children a dance, Mrs McGhee pausing the film to demonstrate some moves! The Nursery staff have worked miracles and produced a wonderful nativity film for you to enjoy. Click [here](#) for 15 minutes of pure joy! Please do not share the DVDs on any social media platforms. We have specific permissions from parents and these don't include social media. Should we learn that they have been shared, we will contact you individually and ask you to remove them.



Christmas in an infant school is magical; the age of our children makes it so. We wish would all a very merry Christmas and send all our best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy 2022.

**Assembly Theme: Love**

When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to...

# MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

## 1 EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!

WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

## 4 A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide – curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!

## 2 THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs – no more pining for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizard.

## 5 THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.

## 3 DECK THE HALLS

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.

## 6 KIDS FROM ONE TO 92

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.

## 7 A WINTER'S TALE

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year; after all, the whole celebration is based on an engaging yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.

## 8 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents – and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.

## 9 BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.

## 10 GUESS WHAT / FORGOT?

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.

