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Happy New Year to everyone.

What's happening in school next week?

- Our new Nursery children start with us next week.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 6 on Monday. Miss S Rogers may be teaching Class 6 on Tuesday and if not it will be Mrs. Hutchinson. Mrs. Hutchinson will be back from Wednesday onwards.
- Mrs. Gilder (a supply teacher who has worked previously at our school) may be teaching Class 2 on Monday and Tuesday. Miss S Rogers may teach them on Wednesday and Mrs. Taylor and Miss Maclean on Thursday. Alternatively Miss Palmer may be back at school and teaching the class herself.
- Dance Club on Monday until 4.00pm for those children booked on.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss S Rogers may be teaching Class 1 on Wednesday (12th). If not it will be Mrs. McGhee.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon (12th).
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm for those children signed up. It looks great!
- Mrs. Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 3 on Thursday morning (13th)
- Given the virulence of Omicron we are not going to hold our Writing Workshop for parents on Thursday evening. We will wait until the prevalence has settled down in school and in the wider community before rescheduling.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.

Attendance

Class 1: 99%

Class 2: 91%

Class 3: 97%

Class 4: 90%

Class 5: 90%

Class 6: 94%

Class 7: 95%

Class 8: 94%

Our target attendance is 96%

This week's attendance is

93.8%

Well done
Class 1

Looking ahead to the w.b. Monday 17th January 2022

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- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 2 on Wednesday (12th).
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon (19th).
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.

Nursery News

Happy New Year to you all. It's been great to see all the children and hear all the exciting things they have been up to over the holidays. We have read Little Red Riding Hood this week, chatted about different animals we might see if we went into the woods and practised our cutting skills with some fabulous woodland creature masks.

Star of the Week

Seth Hirst has started the New Year in the best possible way. He has been listening so carefully, answering lots of questions and using super listening skills. Keep up the great work Seth

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Olek Herbert. Olek is such a polite, positive young man. He has super manners, always says hello and follows our Golden Rules all the time. It's a pleasure having him in school.

Brrr!

It's been a chilly week. Please would you send your child with several layers should the temperatures drop again next week. We have been finding spare jumpers for some children to keep them warm, particularly when playing outside. Please also send in hats, scarves and gloves too. Remember to name anything as we don't want the lost property mountain to grow again! Thank you.

Covid

We have been significantly affected by the virus this week in terms of staff absence; we have not had large numbers of children affected which is good news. I am very grateful to staff who have juggled around to cover classes, offered support to colleagues who have been teaching unfamiliar groups and done roles in school that aren't really theirs. Team work here is remarkable each day but especially when times are tough. Public Health Sheffield can offer less support at the moment, because of the incredible case numbers we have in the city (2000/100 000); schools are more 'on their own' and this isn't a criticism of Public Health as they have been amazing throughout this pandemic. We will do our absolute best to keep all classes in school but the supply of adults to cover classes and roles is not unlimited; and we have to be able to operate safely. We haven't been inundated with contacts from retired teachers offering their skills, and who can blame them! Doubling up classes, as the government have suggested, is not really viable in an infant school in most cases; other than Class 8 and Nursery our rooms are not designed to have more than 30 children in them and our Nursery is full as of next week! At our school doubling up is only likely to happen if we have to close classes or year groups and then just offer school places to children of parents who are keyworkers or who are classed as vulnerable. The Government updated these lists in January and it can be found [here](#). We have taken this information from your child's admissions form and from what we know of our children. If you have changed your occupation since this was completed and you now have a keyworker role, please contact the school office to let them know. Let's hope we don't need this in that we don't have to close classes and have some children in school and others learning remotely as we did last academic year.

So, we will have some absences at the beginning of next week. I have tried to put the information on the newsletter but it is dependent on test results each day hence, some of the plans we have are provisional. We like to be organised and well planned in school but at the moment we are having to make decisions each day based on who has been affected, who is available etc.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Wholemeal margherita pizza slice with herby diced potatoes	Cheesy ham & broccoli spaghetti with herby focaccia	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken & sweetcorn meatball sub with arrabiata sauces and baked wedges	Chicken goujons & chips with tomato sauce
Dish of the day 2	Smoky spiced vegetable stew with Mexican rice & homemade tortilla chips	Chinese vegetable curry & mixed rice with naan	Roast vegetarian balls with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and gravy	Creamy baked macaroni cheese	Vegetarian hot do with onions and chips with tomato sauce
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans.	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.
Sandwich option	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
		Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Sweetcorn with peppers & garden peas	Green beans & cauliflower	Carrots & savoy cabbage	Broccoli & roasted winter vegetables	Baked beans & garden peas
Desserts	Oaty raisin cookies with watermelon slice.	Cinnamon pear upside down cake with chocolate drizzle	Jam tart & custard	Lemon & blueberry yoghurt cake	(Hidden) beetroot brownie

Vacancy for a Cleaner and MTS

One of our lovely cleaning staff is leaving us in a month or so. We are recruiting to the post. The 'official' advert will be sent along with this newsletter in case we have any parents/grandparents/relatives interested in the post. The job is for 10 hours per week, 3.00-5.00pm and is a 52 week contract meaning that working during school holidays is required. If you are interested, or would like more information, feel free to get in touch.

We are still recruiting for a Mealtime Supervisor. This role is for 1 hour 25 mins each day to support the children inside and outside whilst having their lunch and time to play and socialize. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information and an application form. This post is also being advertised in Look Local.



This week's praise board



Thank you to Class 5 for the fun we have had at lunchtime this week.

Erin Tazzyman was so kind to our visitors this week. She found paper and a clean palette for a little girl who wanted to paint and encouraged another to come and play 'babies' with them. Thank you.

Erin Moore is amazing at keeping Nursery tidy. She is always so good at putting everything away carefully and correctly.

Riley Jowle for settling so quickly into Class 8. He comes to school each day with a smile on his face and a story to share.

Ella Payne and Frankie Lakin for doing fabulous phonics. They are trying really hard to hear all the sounds they need to write words.

Keegan Hanson for going in with GoNoodle. He has some amazing moves.

Archie Alliban for thinking 'outside the box' in Class 8's science learning this week.

Louie Green has shared some wonderful ideas and knowledge about Emperor penguins and their habitats.

Harry Powell has lovely manners and uses them ALL the time.

Joshua Willetts is putting his hand up to answer questions much more. It's lovely to see his confidence growing.

Corey Brookes has done fantastic listening this week and has had a great start back to school.

Charlie Beebee-George never fails to say hello to me and ask how Miss Cryer is. What a lovely young man.

Matilda McGhee for being kind and caring and for looking out for friends. She was overheard telling someone they had done some really good work in class.

Amelia Fletcher always has a smile on her face and she makes those around her smile too.

Harris King for looking out for a friend when he fell and cut his knee. You are a lovely boy.

Violet Horsfield was spotted being kind and helpful to someone when they were finding something hard to do.

Evii Schofield for being kind and helpful to friends in class.

William Bullimore for trying very hard in maths.

Nathaniel Tym for showing bravery when he had a bump. Then he made sure his friend was ok.

Jack Bishop for making everyone smile on a grey day.

Elliott Lonigro for asking the best question in hymn singing this week. 'What does thus mean?'

Jax Brown has come back to school bright and breezy. He has led our investigation work with some fabulous questions.



This week's praise board



Kamryn Bradley-Dixon for great writing with super letter formation.

Pippa Guy, Finley Wright, Tom Turner, Clayton Bullimore, Logan Cordon and Lenny Levitt have used their 'learning powers' every day this week.

Mrs. Priest would like to thank Charlie Cleaver for his kindness in class this week.

Alfie Hanson for being so helpful in class. He loves nothing more than being kind to his classmates!

Hattie Simpson for getting on with her number thinking all by herself.

George Pedler for trying so hard to complete a number thinking job all by himself. He did it!

Alivia Hinchliffe for joining in with everything in the classroom; it's making her smile more which is fabulous to see.

Emily Chappell for having such fabulous manners and saying 'Happy New Year' to the grown-ups.

George Griggs for the best game of tig with Mrs. Townsend. He's a real trickster!



Makaton signs this week

We've been learning a lovely hymn called [Peace Perfect Peace](#).



peace



perfect



Lord



world



friends



love



faith



hope



joy

The children's out of school 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.



Mrs McGhee set her class a challenge of doing something kind and helpful at home. This lovely young lady helped with the washing up and with cleaning grandad's shoes. How kind is that?



These sisters have rescued some chickens and they are **really** enjoying looking after them. Another really kind thing to do!

Tweak of the Week: No litter outside please!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

IN-APP PURCHASES

Not all of Fortnite is free. Save the World mode, for example, can become quite costly. An in-game currency called V-Bucks is used to buy items such as cosmetics, which are not a necessity to play the game. It can feel like buying them is essential, however – even for adult players. Making sure no payment methods are linked to the game's store is a good idea when children are playing Fortnite.

REPEAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Fortnite now offers a monthly repeat subscription which costs £9.99 (or equivalent). This package offers different non-essential benefits every month – including fancy cosmetics, rare weapons, V-Bucks and special bonuses. Signing up, therefore, can be tempting for dedicated players. However, subscriptions cannot be paid for with V-Bucks earned in the game, only with real-world money.

COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY

Fortnite isn't purely a competitive experience (some modes prioritise cooperation), but the rivalry aspect remains central. Battle Royale is an especially ruthless mode, where the last player or squad left standing wins. Games can become heated, and players' desire to win can often cause excessively aggressive or "toxic" behaviour towards others – via the game's audio chat, for instance.

POSSIBILITY OF SCAMS

Popular games like Fortnite are often targeted by unscrupulous individuals trying to trick or exploit genuine fans. In Fortnite, scammers have been known to offer children free V-Bucks or vast amounts of V-Bucks in exchange for rare items – often asking the player to click a particular link. These scammers are seeking access to your child's account, personal information and payment details.

USER-CONTROLLED CONTENT

Some elements of online video games can't be rated for age appropriateness because the developer doesn't have control over them. In Fortnite, for instance, things like voice or text chat, usernames, trades and other player-generated content may not always be suitable for children. It also means that the makers aren't liable for anything a stranger might say to young Fortnite players online.

Advice for Parents & Carers

STAY AWARE OF SPENDING

Free-to-play games (that is, ones without up-front costs) can still be big financial drains. In Fortnite, for example, the Battle Pass – a set of rewards to improve players' experience in the game – can be either earned through playing or bought with real money (with additional incentives for the latter). With supervision however, this can be a great lesson in money management for children.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

Gaming sessions can reach marathon lengths, especially when your child is on a winning streak and doesn't want to stop. Sitting in the same position for hours, of course, isn't healthy but it's an easy habit to form. Encouraging young ones to break regularly for drinks and so on will help them stay hydrated, rest their eyes and release some of the tension from competitive gameplay.

TALK ABOUT TALKING

Communication is key in the squad-based Fortnite modes, and children will quickly realise that talking with team-mates online helps to increase their win rate. It's a good idea, therefore, to chat with your child first about speaking to strangers online, trading, scammers and other potential risks. Remind them that they can always come to you for help if they run into problems online.

DISCUSS OTHER APPS

Games like Fortnite can lead on to third-party apps (Discord, for example) where players can join a voice, text or – in some cases – video chat about the game. Certain add-ons also let children talk with other players from their local area, which clearly presents a potential risk. When discussing Fortnite with your child, you might also want to ask them about other apps they use while playing.

Meet Our Expert

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