



# Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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The plans for which adults are in which class may change. We will try to update you each day of the situation in school.

## What's happening in school next week?

- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 6 on Monday and Mrs. Hutchinson for the rest of the week.
- Mrs. Davis may possibly be working in Nursery on Monday to cover for one absent colleague. We may have another colleague absent from Nursery too on Monday. If this happens, then we may have to close Nursery for children other than keyworker and vulnerable ones. I'm hoping the staffing situation eases and this won't be needed but I will let you know what is happening as soon as I can.
- Mrs. Gilder may be teaching Class 1 on Monday and Mrs. Taylor on Tuesday. Mrs. Greenwood is on standby to teach Class 1 on Wednesday and Thursday if necessary. Alternatively, Mrs. McGhee may be back. Either way, we'll keep you up to date.
- We may also have a member of staff absent in Class 2. If so, Mrs. England-Woodcock will support as a volunteer. We're very grateful! We may have a staff absence in Class 3 next week and if so they will be supported by parent volunteers. Thank you!
- Dance Club on Tuesday and Quidditch Club on Wednesday are postponed for the time being.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around on Tuesday at 1.30pm. This is for any parents considering sending their child to us next academic year – from September 2022 onwards. Please test before attending and bring a face covering.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 8 on Tuesday unless she is needed in Class 1 (or elsewhere!).
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 2 on Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup>).
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon (19<sup>th</sup>).
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.

## Attendance

Class 1: .93 %

Class 2: 61%

Class 3: 94%

Class 4: 90%

Class 5: 96%

Class 6: 89%

Class 7: 90%

Class 8: 94%

**Our target attendance is 96%**

**This week's attendance is**

**88.4%**

**Well done Class 5**

## Looking ahead to the w.b. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

- The assembly theme for the week will be pride
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 6 on Monday and Mrs Hutchinson for the rest of the week.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup>).
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup>).
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around on Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup>) at 9.00am.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon (19<sup>th</sup>).
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday (28<sup>th</sup>).
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Friday (28<sup>th</sup>).

### Nursery News

We would like to say a big hello to all our new children. It has been lovely to meet them all and watch them becoming steadily more confident as the week has progressed. It has also been great to watch our 'old hands' helping out and showing new friends the routines and expectations of Nursery. It's certainly been a busy week!

### Star of the Week

**India Briggs.** This little lady is truly going from strength to strength. She is kind, sensible, helpful and an absolute pleasure to teach. India is absolutely blossoming.

### Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

**Harriet Tibbles** Harriet has coped really well with all the changes this week. She has accepted the climbing wall challenges set at lunchtime. She has been a star on the monkey bars and generally had a really good week!

### This week!

Well it's certainly been a challenge. The children deserve medals this week for how well they have coped with all the changes. The staff deserve two medals....at least. They have been remarkable in how flexible they've been. They've covered umpteen roles for absent colleagues, done things not on their job description, and juggled many balls - all with a smile. We've still laughed and we've still joked and it's kept us going. Thank you to our governors for the support they have offered in terms of being a 'listening ear' and physically coming into school to help teachers. It's been appreciated.

On Thursday our server kept crashing and I know zoom sessions were affected. It is fixed temporarily and a new one is being built as I type. We are hoping our current one holds up just a little longer but please bear with us if access to our live zoom sessions is intermittent. We're doing our best.

The number of Covid cases in children has risen steadily as the week has progressed. We had 20 children affected on Wednesday, 24 on Thursday and 31 (possibly 34) on Friday. We now have cases in all classes other than The Orchard. This is the current picture in terms of cases in children:

Class 1 - 1 child, Class 2 – 12, possibly 13, Class 3 – 1, Class 5 – 1, Class 6 - 1, Class 7 – 2, possibly 4, Class 8 - 3, Nursery – 10.

We have had no new cases in adults in school since Tuesday, as a result, I am sure, of parents testing their children before sending them in each morning. Thank you. It's meant we have stayed open other than on Wednesday for some of our Nursery children.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Dish of the day 1</b>	Vegetarian meatballs with Mediterranean tomato sauce and cous cous	Traditional toad in the hole with mashed potatoes and gravy	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken & sweetcorn pie.	Salmon fish fingers or crispy vegetarian fingers & chips with tomato sauce
<b>Dish of the day 2</b>	Wholemeal margherita pizza with baby baked potatoes	Vegetable & whole wheat tortilla lasagne	Quorn roast with stuffing & gravy with boiled potatoes and gravy	Tomato, basil & courgette pasta bake	Mozzarella & fresh tomato melt with chips & tomato sauce
<b>Oven baked jacket potato</b>	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.
<b>Sandwich option</b>	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
		Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
<b>Vegetables</b>	Mixed vegetable & garden salad	Green beans & cauliflower	Mixed vegetables	Broccoli & sweetcorn	Baked beans & garden peas
<b>Desserts</b>	Chocolate shortbread with apple smiles	Carrot cake cookie	Peach shortcake bar & custard	Watermelon & pineapple slices	Lemon & courgette slice



### This week's praise board



Ada-Lily Fiddler for joining in with zoom. Class 8 are looking forward to having her back in class next week.

Ruben Moore helped to put all the library books back in the right place.

Amelia Russell has been chattier with the grown-ups this week.

Jack Woodhouse for sharing what a great PE lesson he'd had with Mr. England-Woodcock. Jack was super impressed with Mark's dribbling skills – 'best footballer in the world'

Class 6 (children and grown-ups). Thank you from Mrs. Hutchinson for welcoming her back so warmly. It was lovely and much appreciated.

Lylah-Shae Everitt has amazed us with her football dribbling and stopping skills.

Alexia Staples has done some amazing writing using 'ch' and 'sh'.

Thank you Luca Tawade for sharing his first-hand experience of the North Pole. It helped Class 6 understand how cold it is there.

Archie and Alfie Alliban have lovely singing voices.

Aubrey Donovan spotted litter in the playground, picked it up and put it in the bin.

Mariella Batty for always being so cheery and positive. She cheers up those around her.

James Smedley has wonderful manners and is always super polite.

Vinnie Gibson always takes the time to say hello to grown-ups around school.



## This week's praise board



Marcie Anderson for sharing her knowledge. Marcie is wise beyond her years. She could compare compassion to empathy in assembly this week.

Annie James for mastering the forward flip on the playground trim trail.

William Bullimore for sharing Paulo if only for a short cuddle!

Charlotte and Georgia England-Woodcock for sharing their parents with other children this week and coping with it. Thank you girls.

JJ for sharing his mum!

Frankie Lakin for offering to swap pens with Bill when no one else would. Bill didn't like the red one.

Summer Stevenson for coping so well with all the different adults. It's been tricky!

Corey Brookes is the king of compliments.

Reggie Grayson and William Hague have done a brilliant job as Class 2 cloakroom monitors this week. The wellies are lined up with military precision.

Harry Powell for helping Matilda Levick (every time) on the monkey bars.

Sunny Storey for showing determination on the climbing wall.

Sophia Watkinson and Aroussia Lahdiri for waiting patiently outside the toilet whilst girls from a different class finished.

Erin Cottam for being brave.

Class 6 for being fabulous for Miss Tonks on Monday.

Kamryn Bradley-Dixon is always helping other people.

Ava Jones and George Griggs have worked their socks off every day this week in phonics and made Mrs. French smile.

Mollie Steele-Birch for showing others how to keep going and have a try in her marvellous maths thinking.

Emily Chappell for amazing us every day with her fabulous phonics and amazing spelling. Wow!

Alfie Bishop for being so kind and helpful towards the grown-ups. What a star you are.....and he volunteered his dad's plumbing skills when the tap broke in the boys toilets. He said we'd have to wait a while though!

Pheobe-Lea Walker for being so sensible in the hall at lunchtime and for being a superstar with her speech. She has made so much progress and can do it all independently now.

Seth Cheetham for explaining what an adjective is to the class. He has also shared some great facts about polar bears too.





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's kindness challenge continues. This little girl helped with the cleaning at home.



This young man helped dad at the weekend collect old Christmas trees for recycling – and to raise money for Barnsley hospice. He earned some extra pocket money too!



This lovely member of Class 1 helped by grooming Lillie when she got home from school one day.



This little girl in Reception had lots of fun skating last weekend.



He's been busy feeding the cat, making the dog's bed, helping to make tea and clear up all the dishes afterwards. Great work!

## 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 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 has also being advertised in Look Local.



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# REPLIKA

AGE RATING  
17+  
UK & EUROPE: RATED 'MATURE'

Replika is an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot companion that its developers claim users can form an actual emotional connection with. Once users have created an account and chosen a 3D avatar, they select the type of relationship they want with the chatbot: friend, mentor or romantic partner. Using a neural network to hold an ongoing one-on-one conversation, Replika gradually becomes more like the user as it gathers data from their responses. It isn't the only AI chatbot app available, but Replika pushes the boundaries of the concept to offer a highly realistic conversational experience.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As its age rating suggests, Replika includes content that isn't suitable for children, such as flirtatious messaging and sexual role-play. While the developer has recently updated the app to ensure this can only be accessed by adults who select 'romantic relationship', there are numerous accounts online of sexual content being seen by younger users of the app.

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#### NO SELF-AWARENESS

Replika is designed to seem very human, but it's important to remember that it's a still an AI-powered chatbot that has no self-awareness. This means (as numerous users have highlighted online) that the chatbot sometimes fails to filter out inappropriate content: one user reports, for example, that Replika shared upsetting videos of vicious dogs.

#### NOT MEDICALLY CERTIFIED

Replika claims to be able to improve users' emotional wellbeing by easing feelings of anxiety and loneliness. However, its disclaimer states "we are not a healthcare or medical device provider ... nor should our services be considered medical care, mental health services or other professional help services." There is no guarantee that Replika can help with mental health issues - it could, in fact, have the opposite effect.

#### POTENTIAL ADDICTION

Like many apps, Replika is addictive by nature. It encourages the user to provide more information so it can learn about them and become better at conversation. Not only does this mean your child could end up spending a long time on an app where they might share sensitive information, but also that they could find themselves forming an emotional attachment to the human-like chatbot.

#### IN-APP PURCHASES

Replika is free to download, but its developers do offer in-app purchases. Users can pay to upgrade to a 'Pro' version of the app, which unlocks extra content such as additional activities, conversation topics and the ability to hold voice calls with their AI 'companion'. Users can also spend real-world money on the 'gems' used to buy new outfits or different personality traits for their avatar.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

Replika doesn't feature its own in-game parental controls, but most mobile devices come with these controls built in. On iOS devices, for instance, you can set content and privacy restrictions - so if you don't want your child to be using 17+ rated apps like Replika, you can adjust the settings to prevent these from being downloaded.

#### TALK ABOUT THE DANGERS

If your child is determined to use Replika and you're happy for them to download it, then it's vital you talk to them first about the possible dangers of this type of app. For example, it's key that they understand not to give out any information which is personal or could be used to identify them - and it would be prudent to warn them about the potential of being exposed to mature content on the app.

#### WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Replika and might be forming an unhealthy emotional connection with their chatbot, it's important to look out for the warning signs. They may be giving increasing priority to the app ahead of more important everyday activities (such as doing homework or eating meals) or could be showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

#### SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP

If your child is suggesting that they should use Replika for mental health reasons - because they're lonely or having feelings of anxiety, for example - it would be sensible to recommend other options to them. Replika's developers freely admit that they are not a certified mental health service, so if your child needs help it would unquestionably be best to consult a qualified professional instead.

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