# Weekly Newsletter 21 (11th February 2022)

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#### Happy half term holiday!

### What's happening in school next week?

- We have a training day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. School will be closed.
- School reopens for Spring Term 2 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Our new Class 6 teacher starts with us after half term. Her name is Miss Rachel Bennett.
- The Assembly Theme for the week will be Peace.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 8 on Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 8 on Wednesday morning.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday (24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Feb).
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show around parents on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11.00am.

#### Looking ahead to the w.b. 28th February 2022

- The assembly theme for the week is Being Equal.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11.00am.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Nursery on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- The School Nursing Service will be in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to carry out vision screening checks with our Reception children.
- Thursday is World Book Day
- Mrs. Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 3 on Thursday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.



#### **Attendance**

Class 1: 99%

Class 2: 97%
Class 3: 89%
Our target
attendance
is 96%

This

94.9%

Class 4: 100%

Class 5: 96% week's attendance

Class 6: 94% Class 7: 89%

Class 8: 95%

Well done Class 4, AKA The Orchard!

#### **Nursery News**

We would like to remind parents that the children should be bringing water to Nursery in their bottles and not juice. This is line with our Healthy Schools Policy. We hope you have lots of fun over the February half term and keep practising putting those coats on!

#### Star of the Week

Erin Moore We are so glad we have Erin in Nursery. Erin is so eager to please and on Monday she declared that she was going to be kind this week (she is always kind). Nothing is ever too much trouble for Erin Moore and it certainly doesn't go unnoticed.



## Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

**Alicia-Fifi Kiffin.** She makes me laugh. She bounces into my office several times each day with a story to tell, a question to ask or a hug to deliver. Her energy, quirkiness and love of life has kept me going this week!



#### A reminder of school start & finish times

We have some children arriving a little late each day so I thought I'd just send a reminder re start times.

Classes 1, 3, 6 & 7 – the doors open at 8.20am and learning begins at 8.30am. These classes finish school at 2.45pm.

Classes 2, 5, 8 & The Orchard – doors open at 8.35am and learning begins at 8.45am. These classes finish school at 3.00pm.

Nursery begins at 9.00am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 8.30am on Wednesday.



We have been trying this app since September as a way for parents and staff to record children's reading. We wanted to try something different as paper reading diaries were often lost and not always filled in. The take-up of the app hasn't been as good as hoped it would be and we will probably rethink a different system for September. If you haven't logged on or used it for a while, we'd just like to encourage you to do so. It's a good way for us to see what the children have been reading at home and vice versa.

Tweak of the Week: Manners (suggested by Martha and Emily from Class 3)

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 Tuna mayonnaise	Ham Tuna mayonnaise	Ham Tuna mayonnaise	Ham Tuna mayonnaise
Vegetables	Cheese Sweetcorn with peppers & garden peas	Cheese Green beans & cauliflower	Cheese Carrots & savoy cabbage	Cheese Broccoli & roasted winter vegetables	Cheese  Baked beans & garden peas
Desserts	Oaty raisin cookies with watermelon slice.	Cinnamon pear upside down cake with chocolate drizzle	Vanilla sponge and custard	Lemon & blueberry yoghurt cake	(Hidden) beetroot brownie

#### **Covid Update**

Numbers have continued to decline in children and for the first time since Christmas we have had no staff absences as a result of Covid. Woo hoo! I hope I haven't spoken too soon. In school we have 4 child cases today - 3 are in Class 3 and 1 in Class 5.

We are hoping school can return back to normal (well more normal) after the holidays and we can reduce some of the measures a little. I would ask that you please test your child before sending them on Tuesday morning as we really don't want another half term like this one.

If any children test positive over the holiday please let me know via <a href="headteacher@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk">headteacher@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk</a> I am hoping we don't have a surge in cases but it would be good to know, before Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February just how many affected children we have.

This is a message from Greg Fell: Director of Public Health, Sheffield.

'The numbers of positive COVID cases in the school age population are now starting to stabilise but at a high rate. Education settings are continuing to experience high rates of absence across both staff and pupils which is impacting on face-to-face teaching and learning. This is as much an issue of business continuity as it is public health.

Through the pandemic school leaders and head teachers have become extremely adept at managing COVID and the impact it has in the setting. In this context where settings are experiencing increasing positive COVID cases and or significant business continuity issues I support settings to use non-pharmaceutical interventions/measures to help reduce transmission and risk.

Whilst I do not have the authority to mandate the use of face coverings, I think there is still a place for them as part of a settings outbreak management control plans and would support their use when outbreak control plans are implemented as a result of increasing cases in a class, group or setting'

# 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.



Dancing star of the week! What a great achievement.



This little girl started swimming lessons in the New Year and has already achieved her first certificate. She's very proud and so she should be.



William has been really helpful looking after little Paola this week – walking him, feeding him, getting him to play with his toys.



This fine young man played his first ever football match last weekend and got Man of the Match for his efforts!





This little boy earned his swimming certificate this week. He's also been kind at home, helping with the washing up!



This Young man is really interested in monuments so went off to London to find some!







# This week's praise board







Martha Trail and Emily Veale for making a brilliant fact book about polar bears.

Tilly McGhee for being a good friend to everyone in class three.

Charlie Beebee-George for brilliant story writing.

Ellis Chadwick for persevering with learning to tie his shoe laces.

Sameer Sajid for helping his friends with their maths when they found it a bit tricky

Chester Slater for putting his hand up to answer EVERY question in class!

Kelvin Whiskey-Kiffin for enjoying his writing so much and doing such a fantastic job

Noah Siddall for listening so carefully to the questions asked by the grown-ups; he never misses a thing!

Class 8 have enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year this week. They worked together and created a 'showstopper' dragon dance.

Remy Clayton, Seth Cheetham, Archie Alliban and Jenson Turner-Jones for having a lovely and friendly game of football. They showed great team-work.

Frankie Lakin and Fern Bradshaw for practising their bat and ball skills in the small yard.

Riley Jowle for helping to clean up all the sand on the floor.

Thank you Luca Tawade's Mummy for coming in to talk to the children about Chinese New Year.

Jack Hopkins has done some super sitting on the carpet this week.

Father Christmas brought Leo Priestley a brand new pedal bike so he kindly brought his old balance bike to Nursery so that the other children could practise riding too.

Bella Murphy and Sophia Sainthouse are just wonderful at tidying up, even when they haven't been the ones to make the mess.

Oliver Staniforth is a lovely friend to others.





















**Assembly Theme: Peace** 



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