



## Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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### Enjoy the Bank holiday weekend!

#### What is happening in school next week?

- School is closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for May Day!
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 8 on Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday.
- Class 8 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Classes 3 & 5 have drumming lessons on Wednesday afternoon.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 2 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- Miss Wells is leaving us. Her last day in school will be Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We're sad and sorry she's leaving us but you may see her around as she has a new job at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre!
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday playing board games with children.
- Class 8 rescheduled parent/teacher meetings are on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 3.15 – 6.15pm. We are going to hold these meetings in Class 4 as we have a governors meeting going on in the hall at the same time.
- Class 2 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> in the morning.
- Class 3 have Forest School on Friday (6<sup>th</sup> May).
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.

### Attendance

Class 1: 99%

Class 2: 94%

Class 3: 90%

Class 4: 91%

Class 5: 97%

Class 6: 97%

Class 7: 93%

Class 8: 96%

**Our target attendance is 96%**

**This week's attendance is**

**94.6%**

### Well done Class 1

#### Looking ahead to the w.b. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

- The assembly theme for the week is Democracy
- Amy Barron-Hall is in school on Monday leading Balance Bike sessions for our Reception children on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around on Monday afternoon (9<sup>th</sup>) at 1.30pm.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Tuesday and Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday.
- Our Y2 children have drumming lessons on Wednesday afternoon. They are going well!
- Chris Standley is in school playing board games with groups of children on Thursday.
- Class 3 are off to Stocksbridge Library on Thursday afternoon.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.
- Class 3 have Forest School on Friday.

## Nursery News

What a great week of learning. The tadpoles are growing bigger and the children can tell us all about what will happen to them. Our caterpillars are also growing at a rapid rate too. We have spent many happy minutes gathered around our spring wildlife chatting with the children, answering questions and sharing in their observations. It's been a pleasure.

### Star of the Week

**Rory Harkness** is becoming a far more independent young man who loves to play with his friends. He is always kind to others and we never spot him without a smile.

## Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

**Elodie Proctor.** Elodie is always so interesting to talk to. She is confident, independent, a hard worker and a little girl who just gets on with school life, keeping the rules, doing her best and generally being an all-round superstar!

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Dish of the day 1</b>	Veggie mince pasta Bolognese	Traditional sausage & mash with gravy	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken enchilada with baked potato wedges	Wholemeal margherita pizza & chips with tomato sauce
<b>Dish of the day 2</b>	Veggie meatballs with pasta and tomato sauce	Chinese vegetable curry with mixed rice and naan	Quorn roast with stuffing & gravy with boiled potatoes and gravy	Veggie mince pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Cheese flan with chips & tomato ketchup
<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>	Egg	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, baked beans & cauliflower	Spring greens & carrots	Broccoli & sweetcorn	Baked beans & garden peas
<b>Desserts</b>	Chocolate and banana cake with apple smiles	Flapjack finger	Sponge & custard	Lemon & blueberry cake	Frozen toffee yoghurt

## Lost Property

Our bin is overflowing so we will put it out next week to see if some items can be reclaimed. We'll put it outside the offices on Tuesday, in the big yard on Wednesday and Thursday and the small yard on Friday.

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## Dates for your diaries

We've set dates for sports days.....first we've had in two years so please let it be warm and dry.

Nursery: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

Classes 1, 2, 3 & 5: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.

Classes 6, 7, 8 & The Orchard: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1.1.5pm.

## Covid 19 & Chicken Pox

The good news is, the chicken pox outbreak is passing. We have 4 cases in school at the moment compared with 34 last week! We have had 2 positive cases of Covid this week – in Nursery and Class 3. The latest guidance is that children who test positive should isolate for 3 days (adults for 5) and return to school after this time if they are well enough and have no symptoms.

## Zones of Regulation Books

Before Easter we sent home some information to you about Zones of Regulation – how we teach children about emotions. A parent asked if we could set up a lending library of the books listed in the information. We thought this was a great idea so we have some ready for loan. Stocksbridge Library is also looking into whether they can purchase these books so parents and children can loan them from there too. The books will be on the small table in the foyer in the office. Please just pop in and borrow whichever you need. If you could sign them out and tick them in, we will be able to keep a track of where they all are. Thank you.

What Zone Are You In?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Disgusted Out of Control

## Annual Parent/Carer Survey

Each year we ask parents their thoughts on school life. We use the information to reflect on what we do, what is working well and what we can tweak to improve. It also helps us to prioritize for the forthcoming year. I would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the online survey. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D7TN5DP>

**Assembly Theme: Awe & Wonder**

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.



This lovely little girl from Reception enjoyed her first pony ride over the weekend on Chesney!



A family weekend to see the sights in London because we are learning all about it!



Remarkable achievements from this young lady on Sunday at her first gymnastics competition. 1 gold medal and 3 bronze and the team cup!



Here is what this little girl got up to last weekend. We have some very talented children at our school!



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These three girls took part in a dance show this week. They performed in front of 700 people!

### **Open Day at Stocksbridge Fire Station – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-2.00pm**

The station are holding a fun day to raise money for the Fire Fighters Charity and our local scout and brownie groups.

There will be a road traffic collision (RTC) demonstration, the Chip Pan Unit will be putting on a fire demonstration and the Turntable Ladder Appliance will be there.

Some of the fire fighters are taking part in a yomp challenge. They will be running around Stocksbridge and Deepcar in their full kit. They'll leave the fire station at 10.30am, run through the village, up to Deepcar and back via Fox Valley.

There will be a hook-a-duck game, soak a fire fighter and a raffle. Raffle tickets are £2.00 and there are lots of prizes including:

Crawshaws Breakfast Tray, £20 McGilverys voucher, Garden of Eden voucher for flowers, Regatta – a choice of an adult or child fleece, 2 helmets from Trek, a £20 voucher for Seasalt, Sandersons Spa Treatment, £100 voucher for Spar, a £20 voucher for Allure Lashes, Brow Ink – brow wax, shape and tint, Advanced K9 have donated 2 x 30 minute dog walking service, Carla will provide a cut and blow dry, bottles of prosecco and Bodyshop gifts.

You can donate via their JustGiving page @

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beth-travis2?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=beth-travis2&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=3f8db2e5c5474e9a934cf6fc646e9c5d](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beth-travis2?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=beth-travis2&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=3f8db2e5c5474e9a934cf6fc646e9c5d).

**Assembly Theme: Awe & Wonder**

# Big Moments of summer fun!



Age 5 - 8



Join us at: **STOCKSBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB**

Sessions will run: **FRI 13TH MAY FOR 8  
WKS**

Session timings: **17:30 - 18:30**

For any questions  
please email: **STEVEN.PERRY@EHI.COM**

**Sign up today at**

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or at the centre

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## This week's praise board



Chloe Green is always asking people if they are ok; she is so thoughtful.

Lily Broomhead's handwriting is exceptional.

Amelia Powlesland for beautiful manners and trying so hard with her writing.

Great teamwork was shown by Summer Stevenson, Lily Broomhead and Molly Bailey in P.E.

William Machin for following the Golden Rules and just doing the right thing!

Henry Warren for working very hard with Miss Weaver. He wrote some amazing sentences.

William Hague for persevering and moving up keywords.

Katie Bailey for coming into school with a smile on her face. The first day after a holiday is always a tricky one, but she's back into the swing of things now.

Sunny Storey for joining in phonics with so much enthusiasm.

Mrs. Marsh was very impressed with the behaviour of all the children in Class 3 last week during Forest School Friday. There was great listening and sharing by nearly everyone. A big well done to Harris who got star of the day. Well done.

All Class 5 were safe, responsible and a joy to share the library visit with this week.

Oliver Lambert for retelling the class story so well and with lots of interesting detail.

Kelvin Whiskey-Kiffin for his amazing manners: he never interrupts a conversation and always waits for his chance to talk.

Thank you to Amelia-Lily Hodgkinson for your fantastic listening and sharing your ideas during story time!

Tyson Kiffin - what super reading you have been doing, I can't wait to hear more!

James Smedley, Luca Tawade and Odin Allen - great teamwork and problem solving in maths. It was a joy to listen and watch those cogs turning!

Thank you Oliver Housley for bringing in some chocolate to share with the class; it was a lovely end of day treat :)

Kamryn Bradley-Dixon you have been spotted following all of our golden rules and earning golden tickets every day. Well done.

Logan Cordon well done for being such a great friend. You listen to the ideas of others and try them out. How kind you are!

Erin Kerfoot, you have been spotted doing wonderful listening and remembering many facts about London.

Thank you to Finley Wright for coming to school every day with a smile on your face. We love it!!

Thank you to Jenson Turner-Jones for all the yummy buns he made for the grown-ups.

Maxwell Smith, Alice Spencer, Athena Fort and Aubree Donovan for writing lots of number sentences independently.

Bill Dang for his fantastic writing about the Queen.

Maxwell Smith has learned his seven times tables. He is a little mathematician.

Alice Spencer, Emily Clough, Alfie Alliban and Archie Alliban for sweeping the floor and picking all the paper off of the carpet.

Ashton-Jay Millington for persevering when doing a cutting job.

Thank you to Scarlett Milnes, Busby Blake, Milo Bond, Lottie Durant, Henry Smith and Ronnie Capper who spent a long time weeding our Nursery garden. It was hard work and they stuck at it for the whole afternoon. It looks so much better now.

We are very grateful to Carter Murphy and Scarlett Milnes who kindly brought us toys from home that they just don't use anymore.





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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be pinged with an alert – potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things an impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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