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Transition has gone really well for everyone.

What is happening in school next week?

- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Monday (4th) and Friday (8th).
- Mrs. Townsend is available to meet with any new reception parents at 9.00am. She's available at 11.00am to show around any parents considering sending their child to our school.
- Children who are joining Reception in September from settings other than our Nursery are invited to come and stay for dinner anytime this week. We will organize for our Nursery children to have their lunch in the hall – no need for parents to come along.
- Dance Club on Monday until 4.00pm.
- Induction evening for children joining our Nursery in September is on Monday 4th July at 6.00pm.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 8 on Tuesday July 5th.
- Some of our children are attending an athletics festival at Stocksbridge High School until 4.30pm on Tuesday.
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 2 on Wednesday 6th July.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Our Y2 children have drumming lessons on Wednesday afternoon.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday and Friday until 4.00pm.
- Class 3 parents are invited to open afternoon on Wednesday 6th July 3.00-4.00pm. (Mr Barker isn't in school on Thursday)
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Thursday 7th July.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday playing board games with the children.
- Parents of children in Nursery to Y2 (not Class 3) are invited to an open afternoon on Thursday 7th July to look at your child's work, to look at the classroom and to speak with your child's teacher informally if you wish. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher at greater length following the receipt of their report, please just make an appointment with your child's teacher at a time to suit you both.
- Class 5 have Forest school on Friday 8th July. Miss Tonks is teaching the class.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 7 on Friday.
- We are having an Inclusive Sports Day in school on Friday 8th July. Links (our sports partners) are running this for us.

Attendance

Class 1: 98%

Class 2: 90%

Class 3: %

Orchard: 58%

Class 5: %

Class 6: 91%

Class 7: 92%

Class 8: 90%

**Our target
attendance
is 96%**

**This
week's
attendance
is**

86.5%

Well done Class 1

Assembly Theme: Empathy

Looking ahead to the w.b. Monday 11th July

- Our assembly theme this week will be self-control.
- Dance club on Monday 11th July, 3.00-4.00pm.
- Our Year Two children have drumming on Monday and Wednesday this week (catch up from missing a lesson during transition week).
- Miss S Rogers is teaching Class 1 on Tuesday.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 7 on Tuesday.
- Golden Star assembly for nominated children in Classes 1,2,3 & 5 on Tuesday 12th, 9.00-9.30am. Parents will receive an invite via email.
- Our children in The Orchard are off on their school trip on Tuesday.
- Parents of children in next year's Class 2,3,4,5,6,7, 8 (The Nest) and 9 (The Orchard) are invited to come into school to meet your child's new teacher in their new classroom between 3.15 & 4.15pm on Tuesday 12th July. Miss Johnson will be available on Wednesday 13th July, in Class 1, between 3.15 and 4.15pm if you would like to meet her.
- Our KS1 children are off to a cricket festival on Wednesday at Stocksbridge Cricket Club. They will leave school about 9.30am, have a picnic lunch and be back in school for about 1.30pm.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday and Friday (13th & 15th of July) from 3.00-4.00pm.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 13th July.
- Golden Star assembly for nominated children in Nursery, The Orchard and Classes 6, 7 & 8 on Thursday 14th June, 9.15am – 9.40am. Parents will receive an invite via email.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday to play board games.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to meet with any of our new Nursery parents (on Thursday 11.00-12.00am) if they want to chat something over, have another look around school or just get to know us and the place a little more.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday 15th.
- Vinnie the ice cream man is coming on Friday 15th July to serve everyone with an ice cream. He'll be back the following week so our 'beginning of the week' Nursery children enjoy the treat too.

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Holly Gillott Holly's confidence has grown this year and it's just so lovely when she comes over for a chat – or a quick hug. She's a little girl who keeps every rule, every day. I have never, in all the time she has been with us, had to remind her about rules, behaviour, manners.....anything really. She is a wonderful young lady to have in school.

Nursery News

Lots of us have enjoyed spending time in our new classes this week and getting to know our new teachers. We have been learning about the sea and what it is like at the seaside. We thought of some brilliant words to describe the huge waves and have practiced writing our names in the sand.

Star of the Week

Billie Brown - what a happy little lady who is becoming more and more confident. She is starting to listen much more closely, answer questions and can follow instructions. Fantastic Billie.

Academisation

Just a reminder that we are consulting and gathering parent, staff and wider stakeholder views on this until the end of this half term. If you would like to make any comments or have any questions, please just email them to enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	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
Dish of the day 2	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
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	Egg	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
		Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise	Tuna mayonnaise
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Mixed vegetable & garden salad	Green beans, baked beans & cauliflower	Spring greens & carrots	Broccoli & sweetcorn	Baked beans & garden peas
Desserts	Chocolate and banana cake with apple smiles	Flapjack finger	Sponge & custard	Lemon & blueberry cake	Frozen toffee yoghurt

3rd Stocksbridge Beaver Colony recruiting for Sept 22 start

We have the following 3 outdoor activities planned for the remainder of the summer programme:

4th July Athletics Skills @ the rugby pitch 6.15pm start
 11th July Rugby Skills @ the rugby pitch 6.15pm start
 18th July walk to Wantley Dragon, start time and venue TBC

Young people (aged 6-8yrs) interested in joining Beavers (boys and girls both welcome) are invited to come join in a session to meet with other Beavers and find out more about what we do with a view to joining from Sept 22.

Contact Tracy Marshall 07939175118 or Andrew Horsfield 07970610069 for more details.

Lost uniform - Summer Stevenson (Class 1) has lost a blue school logo cardigan. It has her name inside on the label. Could you check if you have it by mistake and if so return it to the school office. Thank you.

Assembly Theme: Empathy

The children's out of school achievements this week. Keep them coming. What they do and learn out of school is as important as what they do here.



These two lovely girls did brilliantly in their show last weekend. Well done to all who took part!



Another wonderful pupil who made her parents proud last week with how well she performed!



Another little dancer who performed her socks off last week – or should that be her ears!



She also won 3rd prize in the leisure centre competition with a design for a crown for the jubilee. Well done you!

Vacancies

We have vacancies in school for teaching assistants at level 2 and level 3. We also have a vacancy for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. The posts are advertised on the Sheffield Council website – this is the [link](#).

We also have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. This job is for 1 hour 25 mins each day – over lunchtime obviously. This post is not advertised on Sheffield Council website, so if you are interested, please pop into the school office.

Please note that the closing date is Thursday 7th July at 12 noon.



This week's praise board



Annie James, thank you for all your positive comments in class. They bring a smile to everyone's face.

Corey Brookes has been kind and helpful this week.

Lennon Krompass has impressed us all with her cobra eggs. She shared lots of facts about snakes and reptiles and it was fascinating.

Nathaniel Tym went home and wrote ten pages about his trip to the seaside!

Lucy Marsh and Erin Kerfoot have both been superstars with their reading this week. They have made terrific progress. Thank you for all of your practise at home.

Well done Lenny Levitt. He has been a good friend in Class 7 this week.

Summer Stevenson skips into school in a morning and it's just lovely to see.

Thank you to Alicia-Fifi Kiffin who unknowingly cheered Mrs Townsend up this week. She went off to the toilet singing all the way there, whilst inside and all the way back. It was lovely to listen to her.

Izayah Scales for making us laugh with his terrible jokes; they are so terrible you can't help but laugh!

Freya Morgan is just so determined. She was really struggling with the letter 'e' but she did not give up. No wonder she was so proud of herself.

Seth Hirst was a good sport when he didn't win at the giraffe game or at bingo. He just concluded 'it wasn't his day.'

Sophie Meaney is a brilliant artist – so careful and so patient.



Holiday Activities for Children Eligible for Free School Meals

We are writing to you to confirm our Summer Holiday Activities with Food offer to children, young people & families in Sheffield who receive benefits based/income-based free school meals.

There are lots of fun free activities for children and young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, from Reception to Y11, to access during the summer break as part of the Sheffield Healthy Holidays programme.

Each eligible household from Monday, July 4th will receive a letter inviting them to participate in the programme. Our booking system will **'go live on Monday, July 4th at 10 am**, there is a full programme of activities with food across the city.

For more information and how to book online, please visit www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org.

Please note children in receipt of universal free school meals are not eligible for this programme.

The HAF Team

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

AGE RATING
7+

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2010, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It is easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too unworldly in the game. However, some of the 'monsters' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unsettle young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the stress of meaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

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Tweak of the Week: Keep calm, carry on and let's get to the end of term with our hearing and our sanity intact!