



## Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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### We have head lice in Class 2!

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

- The assembly theme this week is Harvest.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday.
- Y2 children have drumming on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 3 on Tuesday am and Class 2 on Tuesday pm.
- We have our Golden Star assembly on Tuesday at 9.00am for nominated children in Classes 1,2,3,4 & 5. Parents have been sent an invite. The assembly lasts for around 20-30 mins.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 5 on Tuesday morning.
- Mrs. Townsend is not in school on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Miss Rodgers is teaching Class 1.
- Steve Cooper, our school photographer, is in school on Wednesday to take individual photos of all the children. Please do not send your child in their PE kits on photograph day. Thanks. He'll be back on parents evening to do family portraits for those who book in. More information to follow nearer the time.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- It's non-uniform day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> for a fee of £1.00 (towards school funds).
- Miss Palmer is not in school on Thursday. Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2.
- Golden Star assembly for children in Nursery, The Orchard, The Nest, Classes 6 & 7. It's at 9.15am
- Chris Standley is in school playing board games with the children.
- Miss Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Ball Skills Festival at Stocksbridge High School on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 3.00-4.30pm. This is for children in Year One and Two.
- School closes on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> for the half term holiday. School reopens on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 93%

Class 1:	90%
Class 2:	99%
Class 3:	94%
Class 4:	97%
Class 5:	100%
Class 6:	94%
Class 7:	95%
The Nest:	89%
The Orchard:	79%

### Well done Class 5

## Looking ahead to the w.b. 31<sup>st</sup> October

- The assembly theme this week is Festivals.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- Dance Club on Monday 3.45 – 4.00pm.
- We will be celebrating 100% attendance for half term 1 in assembly on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- Mrs. Marsh is teaching Class 3 on Tuesday morning and Class 2 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.00am.
- Miss Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss. Bennett is teaching Class 7 on Wednesday.
- [HeppDT](#) are in school on Wednesday working with Class 2 on a Design Technology (DT) project.
- Mrs. Townsend is not in school on Wednesday afternoon.
- Year Two children have drumming lessons on Wednesday afternoon.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching The Nest on Thursday morning.
- HeppDT are in school on Thursday working with Class 1 on a DT project.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.
- Children in Classes 3, 4 & 5 are off to Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Friday to support our work on Mega Structures.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Veggie meatballs in a tomato sauce & rice	Chicken burger with wedges	Roast chicken with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Sausage & mash with gravy	Homemade cheese pizza with chips and tomato sauce
Dish of the day 2	Cheesy bean pitta pocket with baby baked potatoes	Cheesy pie with wedges	Quorn roast with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Veggie mince pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Cheese flan & chips with tomato sauce
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo
Sandwich option	Egg	Ham	Ham	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Mixed vegetables Garden salad	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Winter greens Cauliflower	Green beans, baked beans, carrots	Baked beans Garden peas
Desserts	Hobnob cookie with apple smiles	Jelly & mandarins	Flapjack finger & custard	Lemon drizzle cake	Frozen toffee yoghurt

**Tweak of the Week:** Quiet voices at lunchtime in the hall

## Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

**I'Marai Hall Mattis** is just the most thoughtful young man. He has a really great understanding of emotions and what's right and wrong. If anyone is upset or just not quite themselves, I'Marai is one of the first people to be there to help.

## Nursery News

This week has been full of autumn – mixing autumnal colours, playing conkers, examining the acorns, rubbing the leaves and looking at their patterns and of course, playing with the sycamore seeds. We have absolutely loved watching them twirling and spinning like helicopter propellers and have played over and over again with them. The weather has started to turn a little cooler now so we have a little challenge for the children; can they learn to put their coats on themselves?

## Star of the Week

**Harry Kaine** is full of information about autumn. He has listened carefully and then told his friends everything that he has learnt before going outside to search for his own autumn goodies. He has been a pleasure to teach.

## Harvest Donations

It's our Harvest Festival in school on Monday morning. We are donating our Harvest offerings to the food hub in Stocksbridge. There are certain items they are regularly short of so if parents could send their child with one of the following, it would be great. We like each child to come up to the display at the front of Harvest assembly and place an item of food. It makes them feel more involved and helps them to understand the idea of making an offering which is in one of our Harvest songs.

Bags of sugar, instant coffee, drinking chocolate, tinned potatoes, tinned custard, sponge puddings, cartons of milk, tinned meat/pies, dog and cat food, shampoo, washing up liquid, clothes washing liquid, toothpaste, shower gel and toilet roll.

They don't need any more baked beans.



If you and/or your child have any difficulties around sleep, this charity can offer support. More information has been sent with today's newsletter.

## FREE FOOD SUPPLEMENT VOUCHERS FOR OCTOBER HALF TERM

We received the following information from Sheffield Local Authority this week.

We are writing to you to confirm our plans to provide food supplement vouchers for 32,500 children and young people across the city for October half term.

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties because of the pandemic, changes to Universal Credit, and rising costs for food and energy.

A £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over October half term:

- Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM).
- Families who get income-assessed Early Years Support (2–4-Year-Olds).
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).

### Our Plan

We have chosen to continue to use Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers as schools and parent/carers are familiar with the two-step process involved in downloading the vouchers.

- We aim for the voucher letters to arrive with parents by **w/c Monday 10 October**. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher, and we are asking parents contact their school/establishment in the first instance if they need help with downloading or printing their vouchers. We are also providing them with the contact details for Edenred.
- We will send schools an unredeemed eCodes list via Anycomms on **17<sup>th</sup> October**. This will identify all the children at your school who received a food supplement voucher letter for October half term, enabling you to support any families that you know need some extra help.
- This list will also include unredeemed eCode information for summer 2022.
- Any child/young person that becomes eligible for a food voucher between **26 September 2022 and 23 October 2022** will be sent a voucher letter **w/c 24 October 2022**.

### The Process

- As before, parents/carers need to go to the following website to redeem their vouchers  
- [www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery](http://www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery)
  - Enter their unique 16-digit e-Code and select their chosen supermarket. Edenred give them a choice of 10 supermarkets: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M&S, McColl's, Company Shop, Iceland and Farmfoods.
  - Parents/carers can download their vouchers for more than one supermarket. For example, £10 for Aldi and £5 for Asda.
  - The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If they cannot find this, they should check their Junk/Spam folder

**Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months or they will be cancelled.** Once they have claimed their voucher on the Edenred website the voucher will be valid for 12 months.



### This week's praise board



Theo Davies, Theo Emson-Brown and Kit Parsons for cleaning all the paper towels up.

Dollie Bowskill for trying incredibly hard in her English lessons.

Oliver Collins for being really proud of his 'wondering' sentence in shared reading.

Tom Turner for asking what a word means when he isn't sure.

Lillia Hall has learnt to tie her shoe laces - well done.

Isabella Tabor is an amazing artist. She is always busy drawing, colouring or making something.

Holly Graham is always kind and helpful. We are very lucky to have her in Class 3.

Laurence Tibbles for his fabulous writing this week. There was no stopping him; he kept writing sentence after sentence. Keep it up Laurence!

Finley Wright is a joy to have in Class 3. He is always smiling, making us laugh and works hard.

Thank you to Oliver Housley who kindly brought in some lollipop sticks for Class 3's craft area.

Miss Tonks would like to nominate Class 4 for their respectful behaviour and ability to sit quietly in assembly last week.

Alexander Hunt has been sitting like a superstar on the carpet all week, and has started putting his hand up to answer questions in class.

Roxy-Mae Whalen has been trying really hard with her phonics and has produced some amazing work in maths this week.

Athena Fort is having a real go at doing her home learning then bringing it in to share with her class – great spellings Athena!

Aubree Donovan uses the 'Make and Do' corner like no-one else in school; she's always making something which keeps the tape dispenser very busy!

All of Class 5 earned a VIP ticket at the same time for being so 'on the ball' with their listening.

Busby Blake and McKenna Somerfield were fantastic in music - they were able to identify which parts of a song were instrumental, well done you two!

Thank you Isabella Murphy for really thinking about the question 'What do you like about yourself?' Bella said that she cares for her friends. What a lovely answer!

Parker Burt, you have been so enthusiastic about finding the new sounds you have learnt in the books in our reading area. Well done!

Miss Kane would like to thank the group of children from classes 6 and 7 for their wonderful teamwork when creating and tidying away a fantastic obstacle course.

Jack Hopkins has been saying please and thank you this week. You have such lovely manners.

Rain Sugre has been such a happy friend to everyone.

Isaac Ogden collected conkers and showed us all how to play after his dad strung them up for him.

Emily Jowitt has done some amazing colour mixing with powder paints.



### Lost Property

We still have enough to sink a battle ship. Next week we will put it out in the small yard on Monday and Tuesday and the main playground on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to Mrs. Newton who has taken it upon herself to try to return items back to their owners if they are named.

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.



This lovely little girl is doing really well at swimming!



This young man is super proud to get his first swimming certificate!



This super little girl joined Rainbows this week and she is so proud and excited to join the world of Girl guiding!



This young lady has caught up with her swimming certificates this week.



A Beaver trip to the National Space Centre was enjoyed last weekend.



## Toileting in Nursery

Whilst lots of our children are toilet trained in Nursery, albeit the occasional accident which is perfectly normal, quite a large number still require changing, sometimes two to three times a day. With the half term holiday approaching, we would like to ask if parents could have 'a push' on improving toileting. At the moment it can take Nursery staff away from playing and teaching the children for up to two hours each day. That's quite a lot of time spent in the bathroom when they could be interacting and moving children onwards and upwards. There are some great resources online to support parents.

[Independence Skills Videos - Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust \(sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk\)](http://sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk)

[Sensory processing difficulties - Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust \(sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk\)](http://sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk)

## Studybugs

We have 174 parents registered with Studybugs and many use it to report in illness and absence in the mornings. It's a really efficient way to do it. We have quite a lot of sickness this week and there are some nasty colds doing the rounds.



Fern is so fed up with the dog mess near school that she has made this poster to remind owners to 'Pick it up!' She has asked politely!

# Word of the Week



smog



Meaning

- A mixture of smoke and fog



Challenge

Is smog a good or a bad thing for cities? It is a good or bad thing for people?

*CELEBRATING WORDS*

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' football must-have game, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn abusive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

#### IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

#### CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost inevitably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime, if the "just one more game" mindset starts to creep in. If a child's daily routine is disrupted by gaming, it could be a sign of gaming disorder, a recognised mental health issue.

#### GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenue it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting bit – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

### STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

### AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

### Meet Our Expert

Joyd Coombes is Games Editor at technology and entertainment website Dailymail and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he's also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including iD and TechRadar, among others.



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