



## Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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### Attendance

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

Class 1:	93%
<b>Class 2:</b>	<b>98%</b>
Class 3:	92%
Class 4:	78%
Class 5:	92%
Class 6:	83%
Class 7:	89%
The Nest:	61%
The Orchard:	73%

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

- The assembly theme will be Advent.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday (28<sup>th</sup>).
- Dance Club on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2 on Tuesday morning and Class 3 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Lisa from Stocksbridge Library is coming up to school on Tuesday morning to visit our Nest children.
- Miss S Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Tuesday afternoon (29<sup>th</sup>) and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Miss Bennett is teaching Class 7 on Wednesday.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Year Two children have drumming on Wednesday afternoon.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday and Thursday 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December to play board games with the children.
- Steve Cooper is in school on Thursday from 3.00-7.00pm to take Family Portraits. If you'd like to book a slot, please contact the school office.
- Mr. Barker is not in school on Friday. Mrs. Greenwood is teaching The Nest.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday. They have Forest School too
- Multisports Club on Friday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.

### Well done Class 2

(We have had a lot of illness this week in school)

### Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

**Nathaniel Tym.** Here is a young man that is keen to learn. He has a terrific general knowledge and he's always so interesting to talk to. Nathaniel tries hard in school in everything asked of him. He listens, he concentrates and he does a good job!

**Assembly Theme: Advent**

## Looking ahead to the w.b. 5<sup>th</sup> December

- The assembly theme will be Our Golden Rules
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around school on Monday at 10.15am.
- Y2 have drumming on Monday afternoon.
- Class 6 are off to Stocksbridge Library on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2 on Tuesday morning and Class 3 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Miss S Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- The Christmas Recipe – Class 6 & 7 Nativity, 9.15am in the school hall. (See separate information on all Nativities.)
- The Christmas Recipe Nativity for parents of children in Classes 6 & 7 at 9.15am.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday and Thursday 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Nursery Nativity – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm. The doors will open at 4.10pm.
- Nursery Induction Meeting for parents of children joining us in January 2023, 5.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- Class 5 have Forest School on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December as Friday is a little busy.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December to play board games with the children.
- Miss S Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Thursday morning.
- A Miracle in Town Nativity for parents of children in Classes 3 & 4 at 9.15am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- Mrs. Townsend is not in school on Thursday afternoon.
- Year One and Two Xmas multi skill festival at Stocksbridge High School 2.45 – 4.30pm.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday. It's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Donations to Save the Children can be made through ParentPay.
- Don't Be Afraid Nativity for parents of children in Classes 1,2 & 5 at 9.00 – 10.00am and 10.15 – 11.15am, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets will be issued. Could children in Class 2 please come to school for 8.30am on the 9<sup>th</sup> December?
- One of Santa's elves is visiting on Friday afternoon

### Nursery News

Our Nativity singing is sounding beautiful and of course this has provoked a natural curiosity into the people we are singing about, therefore this week we have listened to The Christmas story and found out about Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. It seems very early but maybe that is just me!

### Star of the Week

**Rain Sugre** is the perfect gentleman- kind, thoughtful, helpful and always prepared to listen to his friends. He is not only polite but considerate too and we love to hear all the stories and knowledge he has to share with us

**Tweak of the Week:** Sensible behavior in the toilets.....again. What is it about toilets?

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

## Nativities

All the children are busy learning a nativity to perform at the beginning of December. The dates of these are included above and they are also on the school website. We plan to perform these live. Each child will be able to 'invite' two adults to come to watch them perform. We wish we could invite more but fire regulations limit the number of people we can have in our hall. For parents of children in classes 3,4, 6,7 and Nursery please just come along 20 minutes before the performance and find a seat in the school hall.

Children in Classes 1,2, & 5 will perform twice on Friday. There are just a few too many children to allow each child to have two 'guests'. We can fit 120 people into our hall and we need space for 144 if each child invites two guests. The performances will take place 9.00am and 10.15am. (The time of the first nativity has changed from 9.15 to 9.00am). Could children in Class 2 please come to school at 8.30am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December to allow them time to get into costumes? Please pick up your tickets from the school office from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. They will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

The nativities will be professionally recorded. Steve Cooper is also coming in to take photos of the children in their nativity costumes. Photos and DVDs will be available to order and will be back before Christmas. It may be something nice to watch after the King's speech!

Because we are recording the nativities (for classes in school not Nursery), we need to ask your specific permission for this. All the children will have a role in the nativities but for those children for whom we don't have permission, we will ensure they are not included in the filming. The films will only be available to parents of the children who have taken part in each nativity. The films will not be uploaded to the internet.

## MTS - Mealtime Supervisor vacancies – we have two, vacancies that is!

Are you interested in working in school over the lunchtime period looking after a class of children? The role involves playing with and supervising the children outside, helping them with their lunches, clearing tables etc. Our Mealtime staff work for 1 hour 25 mins each day. The times vary slightly dependent on when each class starts and finishes their lunchtime. The job is busy but a rewarding one. If you are interested please ask the school office for an application form and job description. Please return completed forms by 12 noon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The post is temporary until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 (in the first instance).

## Two Free Tickets to see Dick Whittington at The Venue, Stocksbridge, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.



It's quite hard to decide who to give two tickets to out of 251 children in school and Nursery. If your child would like them could they please write to tell me they should have them. Winner announced on next Friday's newsletter. All entries to Mrs. T by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School - Sheffield with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 7,300 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share

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## Father Christmas needs a Shelter

Father Christmas is coming to visit the children on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. He has some presents to give to the children. Ideally, he would like to his grotto to appear outside and we wondered if anyone had a gazebo we could borrow for the day so we can keep FC warm and dry. We wouldn't want him catching a chill when he has such a busy time ahead of him. If you can help, please let the office know. Thank you.

## Sheffield Sling Surgery and Library

One of our parents works for the above and has sent the information below for us to share with you all.

"If you wish to start your babywearing journey or need some support fitting your own carrier comfortably and safely Sheffield Sling Surgery and Library have a variety of services and appointments available ranging from free 10min fit checks on your own sling/carrier or one you would wish to hire from us to longer 1-2-1 personalised and in-depth consultations with one of our team of babywearing consultants, support is available online or face to face.

We also have the free Fourth Trimester course for bumps and babies up to four months old and a free stretchy wrap or Close Caboo hire scheme for babies 6weeks and under.

The library have slings/carriers, carrier covers, ear defenders and babywearing coats all available to hire - items range from as little as £1 per day - even if you don't use a sling or carrier regularly hiring for holidays or events can be really useful!

You can browse our services here

<https://www.sheffieldslingsurgery.co.uk/services/>

You can browse all items to hire here

<https://sheffieldslingsurgery.myturn.com/library/>

If you feel that you need carrier help but are unable to access funds, the Building Bonds Project is a CIC, designed to support families in need who would benefit from a baby carrier. They donate slings to those in financial hardship and accept referrals from health care professionals, sling libraries and self-referrals for parents struggling with postnatal depression, unwell children or complex social care situations. Further information can be found here

<https://building-bonds.org/>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch for a chat the school office can put you in touch with me I'm a trained babywearing consultant with many years of experience carrying my own and supporting others to carry their children - always happy to talk baby/toddler/big kid carrying!"



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 young man had fun last weekend getting to hold lots of different animals.



A little Christmas dancer.



A different creature was held by this little boy.



Someone in Nursery tried their hand at archery last weekend.



A trio of Christmas dancers.



A busy weekend for this young lady collecting a cheque from the Mayor of Stocksbridge. She has also been awarded the bronze award for all the work she had done supporting the community, completing her challenges. What a star!



The children who went off to watch the Sheffield United Women's football last Saturday enjoyed their free day out!



## This week's praise board



Shanelle Kiffin has been trying hard to follow all the Golden Rules.

Macauley Morgan has been extra helpful at tidy up time.

Carson Else and Ezra Fort got out every toy imaginable outside, but they tidied them all up again when they were asked.

Archie Jackson has really improved with putting his hand up in lessons and has done good listening. Keep it up Archie!

Emily Grayson for always doing the right thing and showing respect. Thank you, Emily.

Jenson Turner-Jones, well done for taking turns and listening carefully to your partner.

I'Marai Hall-Mattis for always making sure the grown-ups are looked after with his caring hugs.

Ella Cunningham, thank you for being so enthusiastic to read to Mrs Evans and with such confidence.

Odin Allen and Oliver Housley, thank you for picking up paper towels in the boys' toilets and keeping things tidy. You're both so helpful.

Mrs Couldwell would like to give a big well done to Roxy-Mae Whalen for her writing in English.

Miss Harrison would like to say thank you to Ada-Lily Fiddler in Class 4 for her 'sunshine smile' that always cheers her up.

Elysia Holmes has been a fabulous help when tidying the classroom and has bloomed in confidence during carpet time.

Naoise O'Brien has been fantastic in maths and is always polite and kind.

Fern Bradshaw and Annie Wright have been superstars when practising our Nativity songs.

Mrs Moore would like to say a big thankyou to Elissa Nicholson and Aria Boudabouza who did a litter pick in the big yard during their playtime. Thank you girls,

Mason Hill is always wide awake on the carpet and shows everyone else what to do!

Alfie Alliban dazzled us all on Thursday by telling us the meaning of extraordinary and it was... extraordinary!

Thank you to both McKenna Somerfield and Corban Else for being such great role models at carpet time.

Charlotte Sawdon just gives the best hugs- we get multiple every day.

Elliot Mills is just flying through his reading and he is trying so hard at home, it really shows.

Caleb Black, Oliver Jarvis, Rohan Simmons, Max Howarth, Rory Harkness and Seth Hirst have all been doing some lovely phonics work this week.

Eira Slack once again thank you for picking up the paper towels in the girls' toilets, you are so kind and helpful.



## Seesaw

In school we use Seesaw to share information about the children's learning and achievements. Some parents are using Seesaw to ask questions or send messages and teachers don't always pick these up in time. Staff do not always check Seesaw each day – they may log in when they have learning to post. If you want to report an absence, Studybugs is the most efficient way to do this. If you need to ask a question or let your child's class teacher know something, please send an email. Email addresses follow the pattern of initial, surname then @stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk E.g. [jhuthinson@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:jhuthinson@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk), [rheavens@stocksbridge@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:rheavens@stocksbridge@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk)

The only teacher email that is slightly different to this is Mrs. McGhee as she still has one in her maiden name [adenton@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:adenton@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk) If you are in any doubt, please send the email to [enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk) and Miss Marshall, in our office, will redirect it to the right person.

# Word of the Week



mega



## Meaning

- Extremely good, great or successful.



## Challenge

Record a sentence with the word mega in it.....on Seesaw for Mrs T.

**CELEBRATING WORDS**

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

### DAINGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday