



## Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

### What's happening in after the holidays?

- The assembly theme will be Epiphany
- Miss Bennett is teaching Class 7 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.
- Y2 children have drumming on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- Mrs. Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 1 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- HeppDT are in school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> working with classes 2 & 3.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 83.6%

Class 1:	94%
Class 2:	92%
Class 3:	89%
Class 4:	85%
Class 5:	88%
Class 6:	80%
Class 7:	80%
The Nest:	70%
The Orchard:	75%

**Well done**  
Class 1 again!

### Looking ahead to the w.b. 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

- The assembly theme will be Respect.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.
- Our new Nursery children start with us on Monday and Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January).
- HeppDT are working with Classes 1 & 5 on Monday.
- Dance Club on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 3 on Tuesday morning (10<sup>th</sup> January) and Class 2 in the afternoon.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January.
- Y2 children have drumming on Wednesday afternoon.
- Multisport afterschool club (replacing Quidditch) on Wednesday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching The Nest in the morning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January.
- Mrs. Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 1 on Thursday morning.
- HeppDT are in school on Thursday morning working with Class 4.
- Amy Johnson drama workshop with Classes 5 and 2 on Thursday – don't forget your goggles, scarves and hats!
- Chris Standley is in school playing board games with children on Thursday morning (and also Monday mornings from now on).
- Mrs. Townsend is not in school on Thursday morning.

## Looking ahead to the w.b. 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 continued.

- Amy Johnson drama workshop with Class 1 in the morning on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January and Class 4 in the afternoon.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday.
- Multisports afterschool club on Friday, 2.45 – 4.00pm (now held 2 evenings a week on Weds and Fri).
- Details of what the children are learning will be sent home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

## Items for the Newsletter.

Please remember to send these to the dedicated email address:

[newsletter@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk)

Week 1			Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1			Sausage & mash with gravy	Chicken & sweetcorn meatballs with pasta	Cheese & tomato pizza with chips & tomato sauce
Dish of the day 2			Quorn sausage & mash with gravy	Veggie meatballs with pasta	Cheese pastry roll with chips & tomato sauce.
Oven baked jacket potato			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			Ham	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches
			Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
			Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables			Cauliflower Seasonal greens	Sweetcorn Carrots & mixed salad	Baked beans Garden peas
Desserts			Jelly & mandarins	Shortbread finger & fruit wedges	Chocolate crunch

## Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

**Nishika Sharma** What an amazing little girl. She started our school just a few weeks ago but it's like she has been here forever. She has made friends, she follows the rules, she tries hard! We are very lucky that she's come to join our school.

**Tweak of the Week:** Will we remember the rules in January?

### Nursery News

What can I say other than Santa came to see us! The children were so excited and spent a long time telling him all sorts of things. Santa sang 'Happy Birthday' to Darcie, another group of children gave him a lovely rendition of 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney.' Carson thought his hand was going to be shaken off and Harriet shared a High Five. It was definitely our favourite part of the week. We would, of course, like to wish all our lovely families lots of Christmas fun and happiness and we can't wait to hear all about it in 2023.

### Star of the Week

**Oscar Bradley** is always busy. He has shown just how well he can focus, concentrate and persevere at tasks. Oscar loves to try new things and gives everything his all. Well done young man!



### Snowy days leading to later opening, early pick-ups or school closure

We try our absolute best to open on time each day but sometimes the bad weather may mean we have to open later (to allow staff chance to get into work). If the weather turns during the day, we may need to close early. Very occasionally we may have to close completely. If this happens we let you know in lots of different way. We let parents know via our own eschools email system. We also inform the Local Authority via a dedicated service. This information is then published on the [School Closure](#) page of the council website. [Sheffield City Council](#) You can also sign up [here](#), to receive the information straight to your inbox. The council also [tweet](#) the information. If there are changes to our opening we ask that parents do not telephone school but check using one of the services above. Ringing school merely blocks up our phone lines.

### A heartfelt plea for your assistance and cooperation from Alpine Lodge

The staff at Alpine Lodge have contacted us a few times this half term in relation to parents parking on their premises at school start and end times. On occasion, the parking has been such that their staff have been unable to use the car park in order to start their work shifts and even more worryingly, access to the building has been blocked, preventing emergency vehicle access.

We all appreciate that vehicle access to our school is limited. However, behavior that impacts on our neighbours and potentially puts life at risk is not acceptable. We and the Lodge are therefore reaching out to our parents and carers to please be more consider of others when dropping off and picking up your child.

The Lodge car park is private land and must not be used by parents and carers for school business. The school advocates active travel to school. If you are not able to arrive on foot, as many of us cannot, please consider parking and striding to school instead of trying to park immediately outside. The Sports Centre car park is an ideal location for this. Parking and walking from the ample parking there should only add an extra few minutes to your journey and this simple action can help us provide a safer environment for our children as they arrive and leave school. Thank you.



### This week's praise board



Evie Rose Taff did some brilliant tidying up.

Rosie Wainwright had lovely manners when she went to see Santa.

Harrison Spencer's mum made all his Nursery friends magical reindeer food ready for the big night. Thank you.

Millie and Oscar Hardcastle baked lovely tree decorations for us all. (Mrs Townsend was peckish, so she's eaten hers!)

Lydia Horsfield has blown us away with her reading this week.

Bill Dang has been fabulous this week and has followed every Golden Rule.

Fern Bradshaw put us all into the Christmas spirit in Class 4 with her fabulous stories about her elf.

Everyone in Class 5 has been amazing this week; they tried so hard in the nativity last week and they've had a brilliant Xmas week in school.

Reggie Grayson is so mature, kind and caring - it's like having another grown-up in the room!

Jack Woodhouse has been spotted playing really nicely outside at playtime.

Thank you Scarlett Milnes for making The Nest a new sign.

Riley Jowle has been sharing and taking turns.

Kamryn Bradley-Dixon for being thoughtful and showing his caring nature towards others.



### Cleaner Vacancy

Are you interested in working as a cleaner at our school? We have a vacancy. The post is for 10 hours per week, 2.45 – 4.45pm Monday to Friday. The position is for 52 weeks in that cleaning during some of our school holidays is required. If you are interested please contact the office on [enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk) or alternatively pop into our school office, after the holidays, and pick up a job description and an application form. The closing date is 12 noon on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Interviews will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

### Time to start school?

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 you need to apply for a place for your child (even if your child attends our Nursery). Apply online at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare). The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. You can contact pupil admissions on 0114 273 5766

### Stocksbridge Food Bank

The food bank will be open to anyone in need over Christmas and New Year. All of the children are bringing a leaflet home with more information this evening. Look out for it in their school bags.

**Tweak of the Week:** Will we remember the rules in January?

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 did her first dance show at the weekend and came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Doesn't she look fab?



Level 2 swimming achieved! Well done you. On the way to a hospital appointment the tram driver let her have a little sit up front in the cab!



A first swimming certificate to start the Christmas holidays. Well done you!



A medal for a little girl who tries really hard at her dancing classes.\



Yard safety badge for this lovely girl from the Pony Club.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

## TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at [videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games](http://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games).

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## 'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

## DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

## CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like [systemrequirementslab.com](http://systemrequirementslab.com) can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

## MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

## BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers: they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

## APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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## CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

## WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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## LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

## IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

## STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

## Meet Our Expert

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