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Nursery = RED. Reception = ORANGE. Yr1 = GREEN. Yr2 = BLUE.
Nest & Orchard = PURPLE. Whole school / mixed = BLACK.

What's happening in school w/c 17th April?

- Please note that Happy Hands is closed w/c 17th April. They re-open on Monday 24th April.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday 17th April.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school at 9-10am on Monday.
- Dance Club after school on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm (R, Yr1 & Yr2).
- Football Club after school on Tuesday, 2.45 - 4.00pm (Yr1 & Yr2).
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery, Miss Bennett is teaching Class 7 and Mrs Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday 19th April.
- Year 2 children have drumming on Wednesday afternoon.
- Multisport after school on Wednesday, 2.45 – 4.00pm (R, Yr1 & Yr2).
- Chris Standley is in school playing board games with the children on Thursday 20th April.
- Football Club after school on Thursday, 2.45 - 4.00pm (Yr1 & Yr2).
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 6 on Friday 21st April.
- Class 3 have Forest School on Friday.
- The Nest are visiting Alpine Lodge on Friday morning.
- Multisport after school on Friday, 2.45 – 4.00pm (R, Yr1 & Yr2).

Attendance

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

Class 1: 96%

Class 2: 97%

Class 3: 91%

Class 4: 94%

Class 5: 99%

Class 6: 93%

Class 7: 89%

The Nest: %

The Orchard: 64%

Well done Class

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Rowan Wild is just the politest, well-behaved little chap you could wish to meet. He quietly gets on with school life. He follows all the rules all of the time. It just wouldn't enter Rowan's head not too. Thank you Rowan. You make our school a nicer place.

Assembly Theme: St George's Day

Looking ahead to the w.b. 24th April 2023

- The assembly theme will be Making Friends and Keeping Friends.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday 24th April.
- Dance Club after school on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm (R, Yr1 & Yr2).
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school at 10.45-11.45am on Tuesday 25th April.
- Football Club after school on Tuesday, 2.45 - 4.00pm (Yr1 & Yr2).
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery and Mrs Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday 26th April.
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Nursery News

Wow - what a week! The Easter hats were superb, the dancing was energetic, the scootering was speedy, the animals were amazing, the egg rolling was awesome and the Easter bunny hopped by so that egg hunting was exciting too. The staff are ready for a rest after all that but we hope that all our families have a super holiday and enjoy lots of chocolatey fun together.

Star of the Week

Lyssie Redwood Peace is such a kind little lady who will help anyone she can. She is always eager to join in with everything that is happening at Nursery but she always considers others before rushing into things and remembers her manners too. Well done Ly.

Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School - Healthy Snack List

					
Fresh fruit	Fresh vegetables	Dried Fruit	Hard cheese	Cream crackers	Unaccompanied breadsticks

MTS vacancies.

We have posted an advert on the Sheffield City Council website in the hope we can recruit more mealtime supervisors. It's a busy job. It's not the easiest job but it is rewarding and the team of people in school are wonderful to work with.

School Menu Summer Term 2023

Our menu is changing for the Summer Term. Please see the new 3-week menu attached to this newsletter for full details. We are starting with Week 1 when we return after the Easter break. However, there will be a slight change to the advertised menu, just for the week commencing 17/04/23. Monday's minced beef option is being swapped with Thursday's sausage and mash. The menu will revert to the advertised Week 1 for the remainder of the Summer Term.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Sausage and mash	Italian chicken with mixed rice	Roast chicken with roast potatoes & gravy	Minced beef pie with diced potatoes	Cheese and tomato pizza with chips & tomato sauce
Vegetarian main course	Loaded jacket wedges with cheese or beans	Beany tomato ragu with cous cous	Vegetable sausage with roast potatoes & gravy	Veggie sausage and mash	Cheesy pea pasta
Jacket potato and filling	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	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo
Sandwich option	Egg	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Mixed vegetables Mixed salad	Garden peas Carrots	Cauliflower Cabbage	Green beans Sweetcorn	Baked beans Garden peas
Dessert	Oat and raisin cookie	Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce	Ice cream and banana	Vanilla blondie and apple wedges	Strawberry cake

Yoghurt and fruit is also available each day as an alternative to desert along with a selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water.

Continance Service Coffee Morning

Our partners at the continence service have offered to set up some toilet training coffee mornings for P Parents / Carers as early intervention for children who are struggling with their toilet training.

If you are interested in attending a coffee morning in school, please contact the school office on 0114 2883109, email enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk or call in to the office in person.

Farewell Mrs. Merryman and Mrs. Heavens

Today we said our goodbyes to two lovely, long-serving members of staff. Both have dedicated many hours to our school in different ways and it has been a better place for having them with us. Both Jean and Ruth have lots of skills - in the classroom, in the office, with children and with staff and we have all benefitted from their expertise, their loyalty and dedication - doing their very best for the children and Stocksbridge school community. We wish them both the longest and happiest of retirements. They really do deserve a good rest!



This week's praise board



- Isaac Cheetham was very kind and helped a classmate to stop crying.
- Shanelle Kiffin just smiles all the time. She cheers us all up.
- Freya Sawicki was so kind and gentle to the animals that visited our Nursery children this week. She was knowledgeable and enthusiastic.
- Rosalie Roberts is so supportive of her peers. She even came back to clap for them all in the Easter Hat parade.
- Mrs H and Miss B want to say a big thank you to all of Class 6 for being superstar learners over the past 2 terms. We will miss teaching you, but will only be next door and will be dropping in for regular updates!
- Evie Foster made one of our office ladies smile this week with her kindness and thoughtfulness. Whilst walking through the corridor one day, Evie greeted her with a big smile and said 'I've made a green frog, look I'll show you' When Evie got it out of her bag, she told Mrs Kaine that she had made it for her and that she could keep it. It now takes pride of place on Mrs Kaine's computer in the office.
- Thank you to Pippa Guy and her Mummy for making some yummy cakes. They were delicious.
- Oliver Housley, Odin Allen and Luca Tawade have been practising their handwriting at home. Keep it up!
- Of course, we cannot end this week without mentioning Mrs Heavens and Mrs Merryman, who are both leaving us for adventures new. Thank you both, for your tireless service and dedication to our school and children. Very best wishes to you both for the future.



Easter hat competition winners (All school inc Nursery)

Thank you to all who took part in our East Hat competition. The children all looked amazing. You are all winners in our eyes. Here is a round up of the prize winners:

	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
Class 1	Dollie Bowskill	Bronte Campbell Ricketts	Kit Parsons
Class 2	Lillia Hall	Olly Charlesworth	Mair Marshall-Gane
Class 3	Charlotte Armitage	Sam Wood	Ella Cunningham
Class 4	Bridie Nance	Heber Eady	Elysia Holmes
Class 5	Elissa Nicholson	Jax Brown	Alisha-Rose Barrott Young
Class 6	Carter Murphy	Ada Green	Corban Else
Class 7	Aurora Pymer-Bish	Scarlett Milnes	Millie Pitt
The Orchard	Keegan Hanson	Leo Bailey	
Nursery prizes were also awarded to:	Adem Boudabouza, Teddy Eady, Tilly Hall, Rosalie Roberts, Sophia Sainthouse and Harrison Spencer		

Tweak of the Week: Good listening on the carpet and in assembly.

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. Email items for the newsletter to Newsletter@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk



Congratulations to this young man, who has successfully moved up a stage in Karate to Yellow belt.



And well done to these three friends and their team mates, who won their first cup final after a very stressful game that ended up going to sudden death in penalty. Well done boys.

Thank you! (All school inc Nursery)

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of you for your support this term. It has been wonderful to see so many of you walking, scootering and cycling to school during our 10 Day Active Travel Challenge, which we know is not the easiest challenge on the hills of Stocksbridge! We would also like to send a special 'thank you' to Lee from 1StepFitness who gave the children such a fun dance workout to start the day yesterday. They were fab because he was fab!

Thank you for supporting our visits and activities. The children greatly benefit from these extra curricula experiences and opportunities both within school and at other venue.

Thank you for your creativity and imagination during our World Book Day and Easter Celebrations. Your contributions were outstanding!

And thank you for supporting our newly reformed FOSNI (Friends of Stocksbridge Nursery Infants) at our Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday. I think we are all a little overwhelmed by your response. The Friends have raised close to £400 for the school fund, which will help us to make improvements to the small yard. We are incredibly grateful to the FOSNI parents for their herculean efforts baking and washing and ironing for us!

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VISIT TO EYAM FOR CLASSES 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 SUMMER TERM 2023

Next half term the children are learning all about Eyam, the plague and the Great Fire of London. We have done this theme before and it really gripped the children. They loved it!

We have organised for our Year 1 and Year 2 children (Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) to visit Eyam.

Classes 1, 3 & 5 are going on Thursday 27th April and Classes 2 & 4 on Wednesday 3rd May. Initially we will introduce the plague in Eyam as a story to the children. We are going to ask the children to be plague detectives at Eyam and see what evidence they can find that it happened. Is the story we told fact or fiction?

Whilst there we will visit the museum, the church and some of the historical sites in the village.

We would like to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £17.00 to cover the cost of the trip. School does not make a profit from school trips. School also does not receive funding to pay for school trips. Should insufficient funds be collected the visit will have to be cancelled. A payment item has been set up on ParentPay for you. If you have any problems accessing this please contact the staff in the school office. We ask that all contributions are made by **Monday 24th April**.

We also need your permission for your child to attend. If this is not provided, we will be unable to take your child with us. A permission slip will be sent home on Monday 17th April, after we return from the Easter break. This will need to be completed and returned to school **no later than Friday 21st April**.

Thank you.

Food supplement vouchers for February Half Term (All school inc Nursery)

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. A £15 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the half-term holidays:

- 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).

Edenred have been chosen again as the supplier of the vouchers. Eligible families should have received their voucher letters this week. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher. If you need help with redeeming your voucher please speak to Miss Marshall in the school office, who will be happy to assist.

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Milk in school – Summer Term 2023 (All school inc Nursery)

We have started taking orders for milk in school during the Summer Term 2023.

All children under 5 years old automatically receive milk in school (not those who have reported an allergy though!). This applies to the whole of Nursery and some of our Reception children (Class 6 & 7).

All children who are in receipt of income based Free School Meals (FSM) are also offered milk in school irrespective of age. Income based FSM is different to universal free school meals, which applies to all of our children from Reception to Year 2. Income based FSMs have to be applied for. You can check if you are eligible by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and entering your postcode. If you think you may be eligible for FSM and you are not currently in receipt of them, the school is happy to apply on your behalf. Please contact the school office on 0114 2883109, email enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk or call in to the office in person.

If your child is over 5 years old and not in receipt of income based FSM, you will have to pay for them to receive milk in school. Sheffield City Council has recently increased the cost per carton from 18p to 22p. The total cost to receive milk in school during the Summer Term 17/04/23 – 22/07/23 (63days) is £13.23. We have set up a payment item for this amount on ParentPay. Payment will need to be received no later than Monday 17th April in order for your child to receive milk in school.

If we do not receive payment for your child we will assume that you do not wish them to have milk in school and will not offer it. Thank you.

Summer Term 01 after school clubs (FAO Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Bookings for our Summer Term after school clubs are now open via ParentPay. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Payment must be made at the time of booking. All clubs run from 2.45-4pm as follows:

Mondays – Dance Club **FULL**

Tuesdays – Football Club (led by SWFC) **FULL**

Wednesdays – Multisports Club **FULL**

Thursdays - Football Club (led by SWFC) open to Year 1 and Year 2 children - £2.50 per session

Fridays - Multisports Club **FULL**

Monday Dance Club will run for 4 weeks due to Bank Holidays. Tuesday to Thursday Football Clubs and Wednesday Multisports will run for 6 weeks. Friday Multisports will run for 5 weeks due to a training day closure. More details are available in the ParentPay booking for each club. Any questions please contact the school office. Thank you!

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Here are some of your selfies that we've been enjoying



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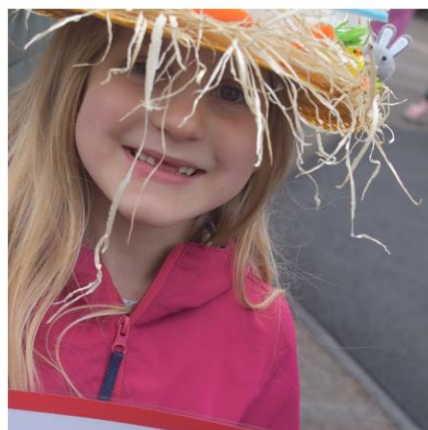
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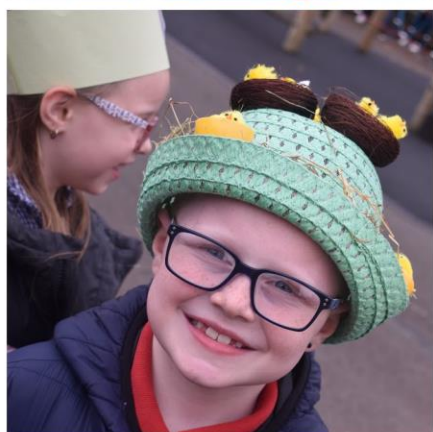
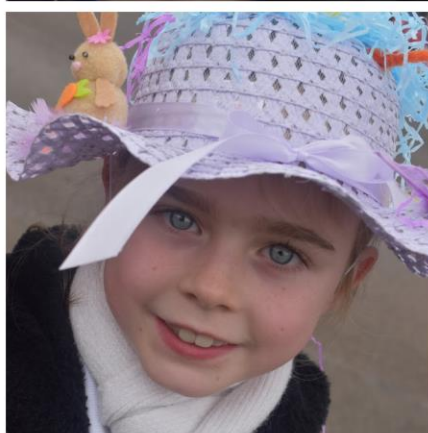
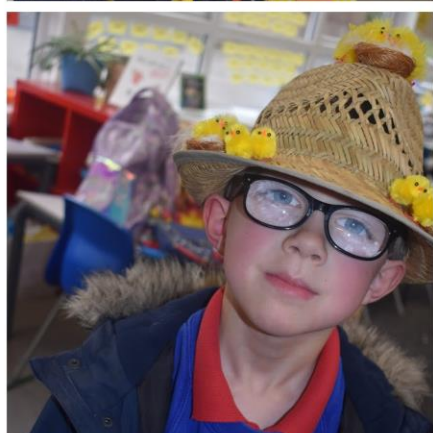
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Helping children and young people with MANAGING DEVICE STRESS AND ANXIETY

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The internet and advances in the capability of digital devices have afforded us arguably the fastest period of technological and social evolution in living memory: creating opportunities for us to interact with people anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day. It's also, however, blurred safety boundaries and added new stresses for young people, who are often less aware of the hidden hazards. With almost half of 10-15-year-olds experiencing bullying online and algorithms pushing content in front of our children every day, it's important to know how to address some of these challenges.

LIVING ONLINE

The internet is awash with sophisticated algorithms that learn from our online behaviour and try to predict our wants and needs. That's very helpful in some respects, but it can make the online world difficult for children and young people to negotiate. Content can be brought to them at any time – it may not always be appropriate, and children may not have the ability or the support to deal with it.

PUSHY NOTIFICATIONS

Content is also directed at us through notifications from our apps: letting us know we have a new message or social post to read, for example. While that's useful in some circumstances, it conditions us to keep going back online (and is designed to do so) and can be a near-constant demand on your child's attention. As such alerts become more common, are we experiencing an 'attack of the pings'?

BLURRED BOUNDARIES

There are now so many ways we can communicate online in real time (like instant messaging apps) or with a delay (such as on social media) that it's possible to be constantly in conversation. Young people often prefer quickfire exchanges of text – but using fewer words can cause distressing miscommunications through the lack of non-verbal cues like facial expressions or tone of voice.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

As devices allow access to immediate external help in challenging situations, it's a concern that children may not be developing the inner confidence to work things out for themselves. Likewise, group membership is hugely important to young people – both in digital and 'real' life – and being excluded from online conversations can cause damaging feelings of loneliness and isolation.

DISGUISED DISTRESS

Children often haven't yet developed the emotional resources to deal with many of the setbacks of everyday life, so identifying when it's specifically something online that's worried them can be tricky. A certain level of stress is a normal response to a problem: it spurs us into action to keep ourselves safe. If the stress is excessive, though, it can feel overwhelming and potentially lead to anxiety or depression.

ANTI-SOCIAL SOCIALS

Social media can bring people together in hugely positive ways. Sadly, it does also have a darker side, including 'flame war' arguments which can escalate quickly and have hurtful consequences. With so many people looking on, 'group shaming' situations are also common – while there are continual opportunities for young people to compare themselves negatively with other social media users.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LEARN THE BASICS

It's impossible to keep up with every online change or every new app. The best option is to make yourself aware of the fundamentals of how the internet operates, so you can help your child to grasp how – and why – content reaches them. Devices and the digital world can be confusing, so learning to understand them better will give you the confidence to talk to your child about them.

PUSH DISTRACTIONS AWAY

Notifications to our phones and tablets can be helpful, but they sometimes make one wonder who's really in charge: the person or the device? Checking our phone as soon as it goes off is an easy habit to fall into – especially for young people. Try switching off non-essential alerts on your devices and encourage your child to do the same; you should both feel less triggered and more in control.

KEEP CHECKING IN

Healthy emotional regulation balances three systems: threat, drive and grounding. Down the various rabbit holes of the internet, however, that balance can easily slip away – so it's important to help your child manage their emotions when they're online. Check in with them regularly when they're on their device, and remember that 'distraction' and 'relaxation' aren't always the same thing.

TALK IT OUT

If a child mentions a comment that's been directed at them in a text chat or on social media, it may sound minor but can actually have a much bigger effect than we realise. In our evolved brains, any perceived threat can get internalised while our body reacts as if we were in physical danger – raising stress levels. It's always worth encouraging your child to get any concerns out in the open.

LOOK FOR THE SIGNS

This is tricky – and may depend on the child's age – but any sudden change in behaviour is worth looking out for. If your child seems to be checking their phone or tablet more, doesn't want to be parted from them, or appears unusually secretive, anxious or withdrawn, it could be a sign that something is amiss in relation to their device – and, possibly, that they're in need of extra support.

BE KIND: UNWIND

Be kind to yourselves as parents and carers. Remember that we're all in the same boat, trying to safely guide our children through this complex, fast-moving digital environment. Getting into the habit of having natural, relaxed conversations with your child about their online life (and yours) can level the playing field and make it far easier for them to open up to you about any concerns.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Carole Francis-Smith is an experienced counselling psychologist who specialises in promoting safe and ethical online communications. She consults with and offers bespoke training to businesses and organisations, supporting positive and effective online communications – often by considering some of the more hidden aspects of the various mediums.



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