



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Below are the school dates for the Autumn Term 2023. You will also find this information on the [calendar](#) on our school website. Not all our dates have been set for this term yet and we will update the calendar as more events are arranged. We'll also keep you informed via the weekly newsletter which is emailed out on Fridays. These can also be found on our [school website](#).

<i>Things happening during the autumn term:</i>	
6 th September	School reopens for Year 1 & 2 children, our direct entry Reception children and existing Nursery children.
	During the first half term all the children will be learning about Me in My School in Stocksbridge. Our younger children will focus more on learning about our school. Initially, the teachers especially focus on: getting to know the children, settling them into school life and their new classes, establishing routines, and learning about class and school rules. This work is very important and time spent on this now pays dividend for the rest of the school year. There will be no formal English or Maths work during those first couple of weeks.
6 th September	Our new Nursery children are visiting this week and will start with us next week. Our Reception children will all be here with us by Friday 8 th September.
6 th September	Each week our assemblies are based around a theme. This is shared with you each week via the newsletter. The first one is 'A new school year.'
8 th September	Introductory letters will arrive home today from Classes 1,2,3, & 5.
9 th September	On Fridays we hold Fabulous Friday assembly for Year One and Two children. We celebrate their achievements in school and out. We also pop this on our weekly newsletter so, If your child does something they are proud of, please send a photo so we can share it in school. Please send it to newsletter@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk .
11 th September	This year Chris Standley will be with us each morning supporting our Nurture Provision – The Nest. On Monday – Wednesday afternoons he will play board games with different children. Sometimes this will be small groups, sometimes he'll play with the whole class. We have been working with Chris for a number of years now and the children's social skills have really benefitted. Playing board games helps our young children with turn taking, patience, learning to lose, learning to be part of a team. He teaches them tactics and strategy, organisation etc. It's just brill!
11 th September	Once colleagues have settled our new Reception children into school life, they will complete the Reception Baseline Assessment. You can read more about it here .
11 th September	PPA – all teachers are entitled to 10% of time out of class to Plan, Prepare and Assess. Mrs Bailey and Miss Spencer will be teaching classes to cover this in their Higher Level Teaching Assistant Roles. We'll let you know each half term, the PPA timetable. It's also on the school website calendar.
11 th September	Our After-School Clubs start today. Information about these is sent home each week via the newsletter. Here's what we have planned: Mondays – Dance Club Tuesdays – Football Club Wednesdays – Athletics Club Thursday - Multi-sports Club



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	Friday – Art Club The clubs run from 3.00-4.00pm. Places are limited for safety and ratio reasons. Please contact the school office if your child is interested in attending any.
12 th September	Each week Mrs Townsend sets aside an hour to show around parents – new and old. The dates and times of these are shared each week via our newsletter. They are also on the school website calendar.
13 th September	Our Y2 children all have a drumming lesson each week from Matt Keeling. It's great for teaching the children rhythm but also discipline, following a conductor. It develops their listening skills and ability to follow instructions. There is no charge for these lessons.
15 th September	Class 3 have Forest School Friday today and for the next 5 Fridays.
15 th September	International Dot Day
15 th September	Teachers of our children from Classes 6,7, 8 & The Orchard will send home and introductory letter today.
15 th September	Teachers will send home further information today on what your child will be learning this half term.
29 th September	We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning for the children. Please send a bun/buns and 20p for your child to 'buy a bun.'
4 th October	National Walk & Bike to School day.
16 th October	We will be holding our Harvest Festival in School. Please send your child with one tin or packet of food which they can bring to the front during assembly as their 'offering' and way of saying thank you. We donate all our food to the Food Hub in Stocksbridge.
17 th October	Golden Star assembly for nominated children in Nursery, Classes 6,7, & 8, The Orchard – 8.45 – 9.15am. You'll receive an email invite if your child has been chosen. We will offer remote access for those parents who can't attend in person.
19 th October	Golden Star assembly for nominated children in Classes 1,2,3,& 5. 8.45 – 9.15am. You'll receive an email invite if your child has been chosen. We will offer remote access for those parents who can't attend in person.
19 th October	Today is non-uniform day for the fee of £2.00 towards school funds.
19 th October	We break for the half term holiday today.
20-29 th October	Half term holiday
30 th October	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
31 st October	The children will be learning all about Hidden Heroes this half term.
3 rd November	Class 2 have Forest school today and then for the following 5 Fridays.
3 rd November	Teachers will send home information about what the children are learning this half term.
9 th November	We will hold a Remembrance Assembly in school today. Each child makes a poppy which they bring to the front of assembly and place under a projected image of the clock tower. We also hold 1 minutes silence at 11.00am.
9 th November	Parent/Teacher meetings 3.15 – 6.45pm. You will be able to book a slot online via eschools. We'll send more details nearer the time. We are also hoping to book Steve Cooper to take family portraits during this time as they make lovely Christmas presents.
13 th November	It's Anti-bullying week in school. This year the theme is Make a Noise about Bullying.
15 th November	Tutti Fruiti re coming into school to perform The Lightbulb Princess for the children.
14 th November	Parent/Teacher meetings 3.15 – 4.45pm. You will be able to book a slot online via eschools. We'll send more details nearer the time.
16 th November	International Day of Tolerance.
17 th November	It's Children in Need day. As a school we are going to meet together to agree what fundraising



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	events we take part in. We are very conscious of financial constraints some families may be dealing with.
19 th November	Road Safety Week begins.
5 th December	Induction Evening for parents of Nursery children starting in January 2024
8 th December	It's Christmas Jumper Day
11 th December	Nativity for parents of children in Classes 6, 7 & 8 – 8.45-9.45am. Parents will be invited to this performance or the one on the 12 th December. (There are too many children in Classes 6,7 & 8 to have one performance and allow each child to have 2 parents/grandparents/friends in the audience.) Please note, we asking that babies and toddlers are not brought to any of the performances. Last year, it was very tricky for the children to perform over the noise the tiny ones were making. Thank you.
12 th December	Nativity for parents of children in Classes 6, 7 & 8 -9.00-9.45am
13 th December	Nativity for parents of Nursery 4.00pm.
13 th December	Induction Evening for parents of Nursery children starting in January 2024
14 th December	Nativity for parents of children in Classes 2 & 3, 9.00-9.45am
14 th December	We've asked Father Christmas if he can spare Alfie the Elf to come and visit the children during the afternoon and tell them all about the antics in the toy workshop.
18 th December	Nativity for parents of children in Classes 1 & 5 - 9.00 – 9.45am.
18 th December	Children from Classes 6,7, & 8 are singing their Christmas songs to the residents of Alpine Lodge today. (It's often a highlight of the residents year.)
19 th December	Golden Star assembly for nominated children in Classes 1,2,3, 5 & The Orchard 8.45-9.15am. You'll receive an email invite if your child has been chosen. We will offer remote access for those parents who can't attend in person.
19 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
20 th December	Christmas Party Day with a visit from a special man in red. If anyone can lend the school a gazebo to keep him warm, he'd really appreciate it and so would we!
21 st December	Golden Star assembly for nominated children in Classes 6, 7, 8 and Nursery 8.45 – 9.15am. You'll receive an email invite if your child has been chosen. We will offer remote access for those parents who can't attend in person.
21 st December	Children from Classes 2 & 3 are singing their Christmas songs to the residents of Alpine Lodge today.
22 nd December	Children from Classes 1 & 5 are singing their Christmas songs to the residents of Alpine Lodge today.
22 nd December	Non-uniform day for £2.00 fee to school funds.
22 nd December	School closes for the Christmas holiday. We reopen on Monday 8 th January.

Many thanks

Jane Townsend
Headteacher



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