



## Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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

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

- The assembly theme will be 'Our Golden Rules'.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 3 in the afternoon of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.
- Dance Club 3.00-4.00pm on Monday.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October is Hello Yellow Day. We're raising awareness and funds to support mental health. The children can come to school in something yellow. If you wish to donate, please do so via ParentPay.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school at 9.15-10.15am on Tuesday. Please contact the school office to book.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 2 and Mrs Greenwood is teaching Class 1 in the afternoon on Tuesday.
- Football Club on Tuesday, 3.00-4.00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 1 on Weds afternoon.
- All our year 2 children have drumming on Weds afternoon.
- Multisports Club on Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching Class 8 in the morning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October and Class 7 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Thurs afternoon.
- Gymnastics Club on Thursday, 3.00-4.00pm.
- Class 2 have Forest School on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.
- Art Club on Friday, 3.00-4.00pm.

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

Class 1: 96%

Class 2: 92%

Class 3: 92%

Class 5: 96%

Class 6: 92%

Class 7: 94%

Class 8: 100%

The Orchard: 96%

### Well done Class 8

#### Punctuality

Our doors open at 8.20am and learning starts at 8.30am. Our Phonics teaching begins at 8.45am each day. We have too many children coming late each day. Here's the number of children late this week.

Monday: 10

Tuesday: 14

Wednesday: 11

Thursday: 13

Friday: 8

Total: 56

## Looking ahead to the w.b. 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

- The assembly theme will be 'Harvest'.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 3 in the afternoon of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- Dance Club 3.00-4.00pm on Monday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 2 and Mrs Greenwood is teaching Class 3 in the afternoon on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.
- Football Club on Tuesday, 3.00-4.00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 1 on Weds afternoon.
- All our year 2 children have drumming on Weds afternoon.
- Multisports Club on Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching Class 8 in the morning on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Class 7 in the afternoon.
- Golden star assemblies for classes 1,2,3,5 and orchard on Thursday morning.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Thurs afternoon.
- Gymnastics Club on Thursday, 3.00-4.00pm.
- Thursday is our last day of term.

## Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

**Phoebe Harvey** is just delicious. She gives her all in everything she does. She works hard, wants to do her best and all with a smile on her face. She brightens up school with her cheery personality and the lovely way she greets adults around school. The place wouldn't be the same without her.

## Nursery News

After reading the lovely story 'Peace at Last' and joining in with all the sounds that kept Mr Bear awake, we have talked lots about families. We learnt about all families being different and shared circle time about our own families and what we like to do together. We would like to put a picture of all our children's families (however big or small that family is), on our wall. If you could send a photo, either printed or emailed that we could use, that would be great. Thank you. [krogers@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:krogers@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk)

## Star of the Week:

**Freya Sawicki.** This mature young lady is a pleasure to have around. Not only is she getting braver at trying new things but she is willing to help others and show them what to do. Freya is a great friend and a lovely, reliable member of Nursery. She never forgets the Golden Rules.

## Macmillan Bun Sale – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you to everyone who brought buns and made donations for our Macmillan Bun Sale last week. The total money we raised has now gone up to £150 for the charity!






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## School Menu Summer Term 2023 (All school including Nursery)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Chicken enchiladas with mixed rice	Chicken and sweetcorn meatballs with tomato sauce and pasta	Roast pork with roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken tikka curry with mixed rice	Rainbow pizza and chips with tomato sauce
Vegetarian main course	Cheese and onion pastry roll with diced potatoes	Veggie burger with potato wedges	Quorn roast with roast potatoes and gravy	Margarita macaroni	Vegetable nuggets and chips with tomato sauce
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	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Garden peas	Green beans Cauliflower	Carrots Savoy cabbage	Mixed vegetables Sweetcorn	Baked beans Garden peas
Dessert	Flapjack finger	Chocolate and banana muffin with apple wedges	Jelly and mandarins	Fruity jam buns and custard	Chocolate ice cream

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

### Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School - Healthy Snack List

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

**Lunchboxes** (All school inc Nursery) Could we please ask that children bring healthy lunches from home if they are not having a school meal. It is fine for the children to bring a cake bar, a biscuit etc. for dessert but please do not send chocolate or sweets. Thank you.

### After School Clubs (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

If your child is attending an after-school club, please send them with an additional snack and drink which they can have before the club starts. Some of the children were **very** hungry by the end of the club. Thank you.

**Assembly Theme: Our Golden Rules**



## This week's praise board



- Odin Allen and Erin Tazzyman for being great School Councilors. They came back from their meeting eager to share with Class 2 all they had been discussing.
- Ella Cunningham for quietly getting on with her reading during ERIC time. Thank you, Ella.
- Thank you to Carter Murphy for caring for his friends. The little things you do really cheer them up.
- I'Marai Hall-Mattis for getting 'stuck in' with his learning and giving it a go!
- Well done to Harry Oxley and Vinnie Gibson for a brilliant game of tennis at lunchtime. It was lovely to see you playing together and encouraging each other. It was like being at Wimbledon!!
- Thank you to Roman Chambers for showing consideration for others by walking through the hall quietly whilst others were learning.
- Sam Wood for having a great attitude in his learning.
- Nathan Glaves for asking fantastic questions.
- Nora Bowden-Lovell for putting her hand up a lot in class discussions.
- Annie Wright made a member of staff's day whilst holding the door open for them she said 'There you go my beautiful queen'. Thank you, Annie, for making us smile!
- Good luck Nishika Sharma in your new house and school. All of class 5 will miss you, your beautiful smile and kind ways. We think you're amazing.
- There has been lots of amazing reading coming from class 5 this week in our guided reading groups. Keep it up everyone!
- Thank you Corban Else for super sitting and listening this week.
- Thank you, Rayne Chambers, for being an amazing friend and helping your friends when they find things tricky.
- Leo Priestley for joining in with football club this week and having a great time.
- Thank you to Sophia Sainthouse, Maddie Harwood, Reuben Kimpton, Charlie Cawthorne, Lyssie Redwood Peace and Matilda Anderson for sharing their home learning on Seesaw. They have all been busy practising writing their name, doing some maths and making things.
- Thank you to Ariane Brown for helping to keep our construction area in our classroom tidy.
- Shanelle Kiffin, thank you for always working so hard and doing it with a beautiful beaming smile on your face.
- Jonah Thistlewood has been trying soooooo hard with his name writing in the mornings- super proud of you. Keep it up!
- George Harwood always beats Miss Kane at tidy up time! Thank you, George, for really helping to look after our classroom property by tidying it up quickly but carefully.
- Everybody needs a Tilly Hall in their classroom. Her super power is being helpful and kind and my word, she uses her power very well. Thank you Tilly.
- Ruben Leadbeater is really starting to listen more carefully and follow instructions. His enthusiasm has been great this week.
- Tidying up really is not Cody Grocock's favourite thing to do but this week, wow....what a change we have seen and we are so grateful he has been helpful. Thank you.
- Hugo Cain-Allen has shown us what a grown-up young man he is and conquered a difficult challenge this week.



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On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, we are inviting the children to wear something yellow for 'Hello Yellow Day'. You can find more information about this on the following link: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>. We're raising awareness and funds to support mental health. If you wish to donate, please do so via ParentPay.

## Monster Phonics (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

We have introduced a new scheme in school to teach phonics. Monster Phonics is a whole school scheme. It teaches children to read by enabling them to identify the letters and to blend sounds together to read words. We have spent the last couple of weeks assessing the children and identifying any gaps in their knowledge.

Monster Phonics uses a multi-sensory approach – the children use their different senses to learn, not rely on just listening, looking or doing but using combinations of approaches to make it easier for the children to remember; to make the learning stick.

The sounds are put into 10 colour groups and each colour has a corresponding monster character.

Children at Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School start their Monster Phonics Learning in Reception and continue into Year One and Two. The children are taught in their year groups. The Year One children in Classes 7 & 2 will come together and be taught by Miss Palmer in the hall.

We will be sending home packs with the phonemes (sounds) your child will be learning each week, the keywords they will need to learn to read (and in Years One and Two spell) and the ebooks we would like you to share with your child each week.

The login for eBooks is via this website: <https://monsterphonics.com/log-in/> Please go to accounts, subscriptions, subaccounts The username is [ebooks@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:ebooks@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk) The password is Phonics123\*.

In addition to the eBooks, your child will begin bringing home an additional phonics book to practise reading using the sounds they know. These books are organised using numbers.

In their book bags there will also be a book with a coloured sticker. These books do not rely on phonics (using their knowledge of sounds) but help children practise other skills such as recognising keywords. Keywords are those words that you just have to know on sight, either because they are used so often in our language, or because they don't follow the rules. The books with coloured labels also use repetition or prompt the children to look at the pictures to work out what the words say.



## Phonics, Keyword and Reading Practise at home.

Next week your child will be learning the following sounds (phonemes) and keywords in class. By the end of the week we want our Reception children to be able to recognise the sounds and read the keywords. Children in Year One and Two should be able to recognise the sounds, read and spell the keywords. Please help them by practising these at home and sharing the appropriate Monster Phonic eBooks.

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Week 3	Reception	Year One	Year Two
<b>Sounds/Phonemes</b>	m d g	oi ay oy	wn wr
<b>Keywords</b>	and am dad	the of said here there you school	would could should door floor poor
<b>eBooks to share</b>	A bin pan Tip it In a pit	Play days The annoying troll Tricky witch boils a spell Angry Red is going on holiday	Gnomes underground Tricky Witch wrecks her wrist The titanic



## Our lovely Crossing Patrol

Pat Heathcote is retiring on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. She has been our crossing patrol for more years than I can remember. She has been so loyal and dependable to our school and has helped hundreds and hundreds of children every day. We will celebrate her retirement in school as part of our Golden Star assembly on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for her, please pop into the school office and do so by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## Lost Property

We have a couple of items that have been lost around school. Could everyone please check that there are no items that may have come home by mistake. Thank you.

## Parking

This week a parent has been blocked in by someone parking so close to their bumper they couldn't move. Please park considerately. An ambulance struggled to get along Linden Crescent this week because cars were double parked. We are opposite a nursing home and ambulances are sometimes called there, but let's face it, we might all need an ambulance at some time and we'd want them to get through ASAP.



## **Harvest Festival** (all school inc Nursery)

Our Harvest Festival is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We will donate all our offerings to Stocksbridge Food Hub. We would be most grateful if, on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, you could send your child to school with a tin or packet of food. During assembly, each child comes up to the front to make their offering.



## **Year 2 Halloween Disco (Year 2)**

We are holding a Halloween Disco for our Year 2 children on Wednesday 1st November at 4.30-5.30pm. The cost to attend is £3 per child. We will set up a payment item on ParentPay. There will be no need to bring any additional cash on the night. We'll send more information nearer the date.



## **Christmas Fair** (all school inc Nursery)

Our small, but effective, FOSNI (Friends of Stocksbridge Nursery Infant) team are hoping to hold a Christmas Fair on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December after school. The reason to add it so early to a newsletter is to ask if you would begin saving things for us.

- **Empty clean jam jars**
- **Bottle bags**

If you have a sort of soft toys in the run up to Christmas, please could we have them to put in a soft toy raffle. If you have any unopened, unused and unwanted gifts lurking in drawers and cupboards, would you please consider donating these to school so we can use them in a raffle.

We'll send more information, probably on a regular basis as we move through the term. The stalls we are hoping to run, to give you some ideas are:

Homemade stall of bakes and other goodies, a jar tombola (hence the need for lots of jars), a bottle raffle, lucky dip, soft toy tombola, face painting, festive tattoos, a decoration stall and a chocolate hamper raffle. We're hoping for some festive music from a local brass band and there will be refreshments for sale.

**Assembly Theme: Our Golden Rules**

### Headlice in school (all school inc Nursery)

We have had a number of confirmed cases of headlice around school. Headlice are very common in younger children and their families and are very easily spread by close head to head contact.

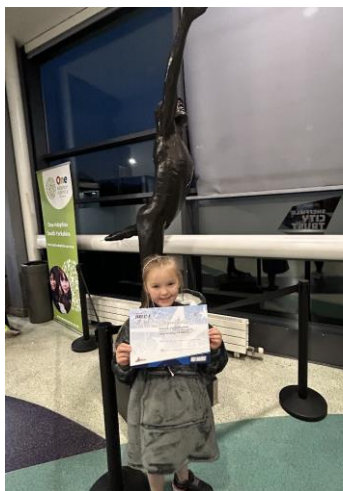
Please check your child and treat if necessary. A parent's guide to headlice is attached to this newsletter for info. Wet combing is still the best method of detection and removal. Shampoos kill the lice but not their eggs (the nits), which can then hatch and the cycle starts again.

We have combs available for free in school, please just call in to the office or ask a member of teaching staff.

Further advice and guidance is available via the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> The charity Community Hygiene Concern also has a video about wet combing for head lice.

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

This young lady continues to wow us with how amazing she is doing with her ice skating. Not only one but two massive achievements. Last week, she took part in the performance camp with the UK's leading off ice teacher and on Monday she passed her silver level in ice dance. Incredible! Well done!



Well done to this little lady who has moved up to stage 2 in swimming. Amazing! Keep up the good work!

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# Word of the Week



dweller



## Meaning

- A person or animal that lives in a certain place.



## Challenge

Which dweller could or does live here?

**CELEBRATING WORDS**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

### CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

### GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord, a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £3 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

### CHAT ABOUT CHATting

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

### DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

### AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

### STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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