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What's happening in school after the holidays?

- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 3 in the afternoon of Monday 30th October.
- Dance Club 3.00-4.00pm on Monday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 2 in the afternoon on Tuesday 31st October.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching Class 1 in the afternoon on Tuesday 31st October.
- Football Club on Tuesday, 3.00-4.00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 1st November.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Weds afternoon.
- All our year 2 children have drumming on Weds afternoon.
- Multisports Club on Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm.
- Our Y2 Halloween disco is on Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching Class 7 in the morning on Thursday 2nd November and Class 8 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics Club on Thursday, 3.00-4.00pm.
- Class 3 have forest school on Friday 3rd November.
- Art Club on Friday 3.00-4.00pm.

Harvest Donations Thank you for all the tins and packets donated for Harvest Festival. The assembly was lovely; the children sang their songs unaccompanied; who needs the internet. The food has been donated to Stocksbridge Hub.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 92%

Class 1: 89%

Class 2: 97%

Class 3: 97%

Class 5: 99%

Class 6: 90%

Class 7: 82%

Class 8: 99%

The Orchard: 82%

Well done Classes 5 & 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: 9

Tuesday: 5

Wednesday: 10

Thursday: 5

Total: 29

Looking ahead to the w.b. 6th November

- The assembly theme will be 'Remembrance'.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 in the afternoon on Monday 6th November.
- Dance club 3.00 – 4.00pm on Monday.
- Mrs Bailey will be teaching Class 1 in the afternoon on Tuesday 7th November.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 3 in the afternoon on Tuesday 7th November.
- Class 2 have a visit to the library at 1:30pm on Tuesday 7th November.
- Football club 3.00 – 4.00pm on Tuesday.
- Class 5 have a visit to the library at 10am on Wednesday 8th November.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard in the afternoon on Wednesday 8th November.
- Multisports club 3.00 – 4.00pm on Wednesday.
- Class 2 parent evening telephone calls on Wednesday.
- Class 8 parent evening telephone calls on Wednesday.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 7 in the morning on Thursday 9th November and class 8 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 in the afternoon on Thursday 9th November.
- Family portraits with the photographer, in the main hall on Thursday 9th November.
- Parents evening 3.15 – 6.45pm on Thursday 9th November.
- Class 6 have a visit to the library at 10am on Friday 10th November.
- Class 8 have a visit to the library at 1.30pm on Friday 10th November.
- Art club 3.00 – 4.00pm on Friday.

Nursery News

This week we have been practising our funky finger skills with play dough, threading and posting activities. The more of these we do, the more we build up muscles in our fingers ready for drawing and writing when we get older. We hope you all have a lovely half term together and look forward to seeing some of what you get up to, on Seesaw.

Half term challenge for the children: Can you learn to put your coat on all by yourself? (Hint – put the hood on first)

Star of the Week:

Dakota Rogers is such a positive young lady who is always in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. She quietly sorts things out and helps us all and we are so glad we have this sensible little girl in Nursery.

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Heber Eady Heber is a kind, gentle, caring young man. If you want someone to model following the Golden Rules then look to Heber. If you want someone to learn what beautiful manners are then Heber is your man. You could not wish to meet a more genuinely lovely person.







Tweak of the Week: Kind hands and feet inside and outside – all day, every day!

School Menu Autumn/Winter 2023 (All school including Nursery)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	BBQ chicken with rice	Beef pasta bolognese	Pork sausage toad in the hole with roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken pie	Cheese and tomato pizza with chips
Vegetarian main course	Cheese & onion pastry roll with baked potato wedges	Veggie pasta bolognese	Vegetable sausage toad in the hole with roast potatoes and gravy	Macaroni cheese	Onion bhaji burger with chips
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 Carrots	Seasonal greens Cauliflower	Mixed vegetables Sweetcorn	Baked beans Garden peas
Dessert	Apple crumble bar	Lemon cake with custard	Banana cake with fruit	Chocolate cookie	Strawberry jelly

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: Autumn Time



This week's praise board



- Charlie Hodgkinson got Miss Price out of a pickle this week by telling her what the dinosaurs were called.
- Miss Shepherd would like Pippa Housley and Lilly Hinchliffe to come to her house and tidy the garden please because she thinks they are amazing – not a leaf to be found after their efforts.
- Ezra Stead-Caprice is a super listener and loves to find out about the world around him.
- Spencer Minto has such a great sense of humour and makes us smile.
- Well done to Poppy Hodgkinson, Lyssie Redwood-Peace, Sophia Sainthouse and Matilda Anderson for practising their keywords at home. Thank you for sharing the photos and videos on seesaw.
- Ellis Williams for sharing his phonics learning on Seesaw.
- Carter Murphy for helping to Hoover Class 2 and he even took out the recycling. Thank you, Carter!
- Leo Bailey for showing consideration for others.
- Thank you to Oscar Guy, Emily Clough and Archie Alliban for helping Miss Miles carry some musical instruments back to her classroom.
- Stanley White for working super hard on his spellings and for sharing his learning on Seesaw.
- Rose Couldwell blew us away in literacy this week. She was so focused and didn't stop writing for the whole session!
- Annie Wright for being a patient and considerate friend.
- When Nursery staff were juggling dinner trays Frankie Lakin and Taliana Tshibangu were quick to notice and helped by holding the door and using lovely manners. Thank you girls.
- Class 7 have done fantastic geography work this week. They have been looking at human and natural factors of the local environment. The whole class were amazing on the local walk!
- Junior Gould-Clegg has blown us away with his maths this week. He has been sharing his knowledge on greater than, less than and equals. Super work Junior.
- Lucas Howcroft's writing is very neat. He has rewritten the story of the 'Smeds and the Smoos' with adjectives!
- Remi and Ted Guy's phonics on seesaw was just 'jumping joy'. They were jumping on a lily pad and sounding the words out. They did an amazing job.
- Riley Freestone is impressing us with her confidence this week. She is putting her hand up and answering questions.
- Dylan Brearley has had a super week. He has joined in and shared your knowledge of materials.
- Mrs Townsend was impressed by the story writing in Class 5 this week. Reading the children's stories made her smile.
- Thank you, Parker Burt, for always being so polite in school. He greets grown-ups with a cheery hello when he sees them.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who went on the walk with Class 6, 7 and 8. We really appreciated your help.
- Thank you to Leo Priestley's mum whose school kindly donated lots of brilliant reading books that they no longer needed.
- Luca Tawade was having a sort of books and brought the ones he no longer wanted to school for us to share. Thank you Luca.
- Thank you to the little chap (who shall remain nameless) who, in Harvest, ate his offering. He did make up for it by belting out the harvest song he'd learnt. What it lacked in being in tune was made up for in enthusiasm. He made us all smile.
- The children's behaviour in assemblies this week has been excellent. They showed respect in Harvest Festival when they brought out their offerings to the front. In our Golden Star Assemblies this week they have cheered and congratulated their friends for getting the award.
- Siena Shepherd and Scarlett Milnes rallied their friends around Viktor this morning to support him when he was a bit upset.






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.

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 The password is Phonics123*

Week 5	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	e u r	e-e i-e o-e	ai homophone (a homophone is word that sounds the same but has a different meaning, spelling or both e.g. bare and bear)
Keywords	get dog can got on not cat	from help back animals will this that then them with went off children just	most both only everybody
eBooks to share	Ten cats In the net Ten ducks	Hide and seek Kite A trick on the homes Theme day at monster school Cats and dogs	The magical metal cauldron Metals A football cup

We have sent home a document today which gives the sayings we use to teach the formation of each letter. We use the same sayings all the way through school so that we don't confuse the children. Here are some examples so it makes sense to you.

a		Around and up and down we go
t		From top to bottom and flick and then cross again
p		Down, bounce and up to the top and round

Monster
Phonics

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. Payment is via ParentPay. **Monday 30th October is the last day to pay and book a place.**



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 12th 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.

Restricting access on an Ipad

Our staff meeting this week was on computing and Miss Bennett showed us how we can restrict the app we want a child to use. Sometimes we set the children off learning on a particular app and when we turn around, they are using something different. Here's a Youtube clip that shows you how to limit it.

<https://youtu.be/CpdxmaXbaXg?si=MRdXHcRwfh6obumq>

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Attendance and Illnesses

We have been asked by the Local Authority to record specific reasons for absence rather than just 'illness'. Please don't be offended if we ask for more information about why your child is not in school. Schools, with your written permission, can administer paracetamol and ibuprofen if they have a minor illness that would be managed with this medication. Please just pop to the school office, with the medication and complete the form.

Lunchtime supervisor and cleaner vacancies (Whole school inc Nursery)

We are currently advertising 2 vacancies. One for a lunchtime supervisor and the other for a cleaner. Both roles are essential to the smooth running of the school. We would be delighted to hear from interested applicants. The job adverts are attached to this newsletter. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or would like an application pack.

Are you interested in supporting the school by becoming a governor?

Due to some recent resignations we have vacancies for 3 parent governors. A letter, with more information about this role, has been sent with this newsletter. A parent governor is elected by the parent body of the school.

We also require 2 co-opted governors. A co-opted governor is appointed by the governing board and who, in the opinion of the governing board, has the knowledge, experience and skills to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

You can read more about the role of a governor on the [Learn Sheffield website](#).

All governors, parent, staff and co-opted, have three core responsibilities. These are:

1. To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school.
2. Hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
3. Oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

We would welcome interest from any one who has the skills to support the school in any, some or all of these responsibilities. We would particularly welcome governors with interest, skill or expertise in Early Years, HR or finance.

Appropriate Media for children

We continue to have children using inappropriate language and playing inappropriate games because of what they are watching and listening too. I know some of our Reception children have gone home this week describing a game they have been playing with an inappropriate word. Most of our children have no idea what these words mean. Children learn what they hear and what they see and we all must be very careful what we allow them to listen to and watch. We always say to the children that some adults choose to swear but children mustn't. We say to the children that swear words hurt our ears and make us sad. We say to children that they can decide whether they want to use these words when they are grown-ups but not as children.

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.



These 3 cheeky friends were awarded their rosettes for passing their first dance exams.



This little lady lost her second tooth this week and has another wobbly one. We hope the tooth fairy has enough money!



This lovely little girl is doing well in swimming. She's on to Stage 2!



This little boy decided he should have his own harvest from the garden at home.

We said farewell to Pat today after working with her for too many years than we can count. Before being a crossing patrol Pat worked in school over lunchtimes helping the children. For many years she delivered Look Local far and wide each week – you could never call Pat lazy.

We thank Pat for the thousands of times she has walked backwards and forwards over Pot House Lane. We thank her for the thousands of high fives she has given and for how many children she has taught how to cross the road safely. She has been a trouper. We wish Pat a long and happy retirement.



After school clubs

Our after-school clubs will be live on ParentPay from today (Friday 13 October).

Mondays – Dance and move. 3 – 4pm. Limited availability.

Tuesdays – Football with coaching from SWFC. 3 – 4pm. Full.

Wednesdays – Multisports. 3 – 4pm. Full.

Thursdays – Gymnastics. 3 – 4pm. Limited availability.

Fridays – Art club. 3 – 4pm Full.

Our clubs are on a first come first served basis. If any clubs are unavailable, please contact the school office and your child can be added to a reserves list.

Year 2 Parents and carers

Now is the time of year that you need to make a Transfer to Junior School application to secure your child a Year 3 place for September 2023. I have attached the Council's guide for Parents for your information. The council has provided personalised letter for most of our Year 2 children that we are sending home after school today. This letter explains what you need to do now (children with an EHCP will not receive a letter as their application process is managed by the SEND Team. You will also not receive a letter if you have already applied for your child's Year 3 place).

You can apply at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare>

If you have not already done so you will need to register your child on the council's Citizen Portal to apply online. Your letter from the council explains how to do this. Alternatively, you can submit a paper application form. If you would prefer a paper form to complete please let the school office know and we will provide one for you. The deadline for submitting your application is **8th December 2023**. If you apply late you have a lesser chance of obtaining a place at your Junior School of choice, even if this is a junior school that is linked with the Nursery Infants.

We are happy to help you submit your application in the school office if you would like us to. Please just contact us by emailing enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk or phoning 0114 2883109 or calling into the office in person. Thank you.

Community Warming

Community warming is a pilot project that aims to make the homes of the most disadvantaged members of our community easier and cheaper to heat and light. Upper Don Community Energy Ltd are offering a range of energy efficient measures such as thermal door curtains, draught excluders, pipe lagging, LED bulbs, radiator insulation etc. to people who are eligible. Many different households could benefit, including families, single parents, single person households, elderly and disabled. If you are interested in finding out more about this project, please contact the school office on 0114 2883109 or email enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk and we can refer your details to the organisation.

Word of the Week



offering



 Meaning	 Challenge
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A thing offered, especially as a gift or a contribution.	<p>Talk to your grown-up about the offerings the children made in Harvest Festival this week.</p> <p>Tell your grown up where our offerings went and why.</p>

CELEBRATING WORDS

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

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Christmas Fayre 2023

**Sunday 26th November
11:00am to 4:00pm**

**Craft & Market Stalls
Santa's Grotto
Christmas Raffle
Food & Drink
Festive Entertainment
And Much More...**

**Refreshments and snacks
available from**



Free entry and car parking

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