#### Weekly Newsletter 11 (1st December 2023)

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

- Miss Kane will be teaching class 6 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the morning and Mr Barker will be teaching in the afternoon.
- Miss Kane will be teaching class 7 on Monday afternoon.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Monday afternoon.
- Dance club 3.00 4.00pm Monday.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Tuesday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around on Tuesday, 9.00-10.00am. Please ring the school office if you'd like to attend.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 2 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 3 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Football club 3.00 4.00pm Tuesday.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Wednesday.
- Miss Rogers is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching the Orchard on Wednesday afternoon.
- Multisports club 3.00 4.00pm Wednesday.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 3 on Thursday morning.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Thursday morning and then class 8 in the afternoon.
- Mr Barker is teaching class 6 on Thursday afternoon.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Y1/Y2 Christmas multi skills festival at Stockbridge High School on Thursday.
- Gymnastics club 3.00 4.00pm Thursday.
- Friday 8 December is Christmas jumper day. Donations of £2.00 can be made via ParentPay for Save the Children.
- Mr Barker is teaching class 6 on Friday.





#### **Attendance**

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 94.4%

Class 1: 97%

Class 2: 98%

Class 3: 95%

Class 5: 97%

Class 6: 84%

Class 7: 97%

Class 8: 94%

The Orchard: 93%

#### Well done Class 2

#### **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: 19

Tuesday: 20

Wednesday: 20

Thursday: 9

Friday: 10

Total: 78

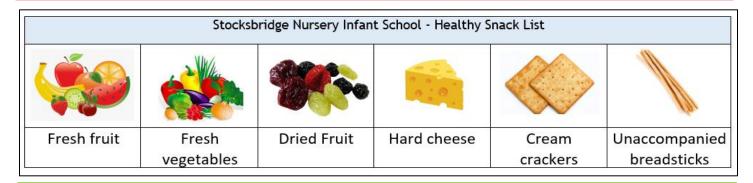
#### Looking ahead to the w.b. 11th December

- The assembly theme will be 'Winter Wonderland'.
- Mr Barker is teaching Class 6 on Monday.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am. Classes 6, 7 & 7 are performing Wriggly Nativity. Parents of children in class 8 and class 7 Y1 parents are invited to come along and watch.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Monday afternoon.
- Dance club 3.00 4.00pm Monday.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 6 on Tuesday.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am. Classes 6, 7 & 7 are performing Wriggly Nativity. Parents of class 6 and Class 7 reception parents are invited to come along and watch.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 1 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 2 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Tuesday is our Christmas Fayre 3.00 5.00pm. We will dismiss the children in the usual way and ask parents to please wait in the playground until we 'reopen the doors' to mark the start of the fair. We can only start the fair once all children are collected. Staff are 'manning' the stalls so need time to dismiss the children safely and then get back inside.
- There will be no after school club Tuesday.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Wednesday.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon.
- The Nativity performed by Nursery on Wednesday 4.00 5.00pm.
- There will be no after school club Wednesday.
- Induction meeting for parents of our new Nursery children joining us in January on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Classes 2 & 3 are performing The Inn Spectors 9.00 10.00am.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 7 on Thursday morning.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club 3.00 4.00pm Thursday.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Friday and Class 8 on Friday afternoon. Mr Barker will teach Class 6 on Friday afternoon.
- On Friday afternoon we are hoping that Santa can spare Alfie the Eto come and tell the children all about what has been happening in the workshop this year.
- Art club 3.00 4.00pm Friday

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

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Beef pie with mashed potato	American style chicken & sweetcorn meatball sub roll	Yorkshire pudding with beef mince & roast potatoes	Pork sausage roll with baked potato wedges	Cheese and tomato pizza and chips
Vegetarian main course	Veggie tikka curry with rice	Mediterranean vegetable tart	Yorkshire pudding with vegetarian mince & roast potatoes	Cheese & onion roll with baked potato wedges	Veggie pasta bake
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	Mixed vegetables Sweetcorn	Garden peas Cauliflower	Carrots Seasonal greens	Green beans, baked beans Sweetcorn	Baked beans Garden peas
Dessert	Apple sponge	Flapjack finger	Vanilla sponge with custard	Tootie fruity jelly with mandarins	Chocolate shortbread

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



**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.

#### Phonics, Keyword and Reading 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 website has been made better with access to more books. We believe Monster Phonics are going to email parents directly.

Autumn 2 Week 3	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	ch sh th(v) th ng	oo oa	w-a
			w-or
Keywords	too with her are yes	Revision of all the ones	after again sure sugar
		the children have learnt	
		so far	
eBooks to share	The fish and chip shop	Zoos	The magic words
	Ding dong bell	A coach to the ball	The witch factor
	A cash ding dong	The match	Swans
	A shock on the path	Football	
	-	At the zoo	



We have bought the subscription to eBooks for parents but our records are showing that many still have to activate their account. Below are instructions on how to do so. It's important the children read the books each week so that they are making the progress through the scheme they need to.

#### After school clubs

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. Full.

Fridays – Art club. 3 – 4pm Full.

All 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.



# Word of the Week



## pioneer





 Someone that does things differently. They change what happens in the future. They try new things.

# Meaning Challenge

Who are these women and why were they pioneers?

**CELEBRATING WORDS** 

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

Due to some recent resignations we have vacancies for 2 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.

#### **ESchools**

Some parents have mentioned that they are having issues with their ESchools accounts. Mrs Kaine in the office has spoken to ESchools and they have assured us that everything appears to be working as it should. They have suggested that any parents having issues should log out of the app, delete it and reinstall it. If you do not have the app and you simply log in on the website, they have advised that these parents download the app and use this instead. If you have done all of this and are still having problems, please call the school office.

#### **Crossing Patrol**

Some parents have been asking when we are going to have a new crossing patrol person. Schools do not employ their own crossing patrols; this is the responsibility of the Local Authority. They are aware Pat retired at half term and they are trying to recruit someone for us.

If you are interested in being our next Crossing Patrol Warden, or you know someone who might, you can apply via this <u>link</u> to Sheffield City Council. Please let them know you want to work with our school as we wouldn't want you to be whisked off somewhere else!

#### **Christmas Nativities**

Rehearsals are underway for our forthcoming nativities. The dates and times of the nativities are below. They are also on our school calendar on the website. We have space in our hall for each child to have 2 guests. We have also invited residents from Alpine Lodge to join us. For some it is the highlight of their year.

Monday 11th December, 9.00am – Wriggly Nativity by Classes 6,7 & 8. Parents of children in Class 8 and our Y1 parents from Class 7 are invited to this performance.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00am – Wriggly Nativity by Classes 6,7, & 8. Parents of Class 6 and our Reception parents from Class 7 are invited to this performance.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm – The Nativity by Nursery.

Thursday 14th December, 9.00am -The Inn Spectors by Classes 2 & 3.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00am – Midwife Crisis by Classes 1 & 5.

We ask that child care is organised for younger siblings and that they are not brought to performances. Last year we had lots of unsettled babies and toddlers and it made it very hard for our young children to perform. It was also tricky for lots of the audience to hear. We appreciate this may be hard for some parents but the children (and staff) put in a great deal of time and effort rehearsing and it's such a shame for it to be spoiled because our little siblings are upset or unsettled.



#### Mobile Phones at Nativities.

Staff do not use our mobile phones around children in school – we can't for safeguarding reasons. Parents are not and won't be allowed to use them during the nativities. To save us having to ask parents to put them away, how about leaving them at home for the nativities this year?

#### **Photographs**

Our usual photographer, Steve Cooper, is no longer available to work with school. We have a new photographer coming to work with us. He will take the children's individual photos in January. Unfortunately, he has no capacity to 'fit us in' before Christmas.

Mrs Townsend will act as resident photographer at Christmas and take photos of all the children in their nativity costumes. She's no David Bailey but she will do her best. We'll pop the photos on Seesaw so you have them

Class photographs will be taking place in the summer term.



#### **FOSNI Christmas Fair**

We thank everyone who returned their jars and cups back into school. If you haven't already done so please could you return them to your class teacher.

One last thing before the big day arrives.

Each class has been asked to create a chocolate hamper. These will then be raffled off at the Christmas fair.

To support your class if you can spare any chocolate to add to their hamper, it might be a small bar, or an unwanted chocolate gift please send it to school with your child or hand it to your class teacher.

We are still asking for bottle donations for our bottle game.

We are really looking forward to the Christmas fair and we appreciate all your help and support.

Many thanks

The FOSNI Team



#### We have an important announcement from the big man in red:

"I have saved a spot in my busy schedule to come and visit the boys and girls of Stocksbridge Nursery and Infant School. I shall be arriving at your school fayre with my sack of presents on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and I would love you to come and visit me"



There are still a few slots left so if your child/ren would like to visit Santa at the school fayre, please come to the school office next week to book an appointment between 2:45 – 5.00pm. The cost is £4 for a slot with a present for each visitor. Please bring this with you.

**Parents/carers** – please visit the following link and take a look at the survey. If you have time it would be appreciated if you could complete the survey. Thank you.

Children or parents can complete the survey

here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition . Further resources are available on our website.

It is really important that the pupils at Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Sheffield are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

It is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey. The Big Ambition provides a muchneeded opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

#### Information about measles.

The most important thing to help prevent the spread of measles is to ensure that everyone is vaccinated.

It is important to have the MMR vaccine and we are trying to encourage parents/guardians to take up the offer of an MMR vaccine if their children are not fully vaccinated.

The free MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, as well as mumps and rubella. The best way to prevent children getting measles is to make sure they have their two MMR vaccines on time – the first at 1 year of age and the second at 3 years, 4 months.

If parents/guardians and their children have missed these vaccines, it's not too late. If parents/guardians are unsure if their child has received the MMR vaccine, they should check the 'Red Book' which is updated when vaccinations have been given or contact their GP practice.

Parents/guardians can ask for the free vaccine from their GP if they or their children aren't up to date.

For more information about measles, visit the <u>Healthier Together website</u> or the <u>NHS.uk website</u>.

For more information on the MMR vaccination, visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr

You may find the links below helpful. They include information about measles and MMR leaflets which you can either download or order free printed copies of. Translated versions are also available.

- Measles: don't let you child catch it flyer (for schools) various translations available here.
- MMR for all: general leaflet GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) translations available on the same page.

In the first instance, parents/guardians should contact their GP practice to arrange an MMR vaccination

#### **Parking**

Please do not park in Alpine Lodges car park at drop off and pick up times. It's not a public car park. It's not our car park. We know some Alpine staff are getting frustrated with parents who park there and have taken matters a little into their own hands, blocking the exit so that parents have difficulty leaving. We can't blame them really. We have no right to park there.

We do have agreement with the Leisure Centre to use their car park at drop off and pick up.

#### Illnesses in School

We have some particularly nasty bugs in school at the moment – Class 6 have been badly affected. Children have temperatures and coughs and some have the dreaded S & D.

#### Class 6 & 7 Rabbits

The rabbits have gone on holiday.

As you all know outside Class 6 and 7 we have our Reception classes pet rabbits, Biscuit and Muffin. The children have loved, feeding, cleaning them out and petting them. They have enjoyed talking to them and watching them as they run around, they are really fast!

As the weather is turning colder we have had to take the rabbits to their winter holiday home earlier than expected. Mrs Marshall from the office had a space in her inside rabbit run and has kindly offered to look after them for us. We took them this week to their new winter home and they settled in well and are warm, happy and eating lots!

They will be back when the weather gets better next year so the children can continue to enjoy their company.

#### Some highlights from this week:











#### Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Alice Spencer You couldn't really wish to meet anyone nicer than Alice. She has a super attitude to school and life in general. Alice wants to learn, she wants to improve and she puts in lots of effort to do so. She is a loyal, kind and caring friend. She is fun to be around. Alice is polite and considerate. If she thinks you're not quite yourself, she will ask you if you're OK. Generally, an all-round little superstar and someone lovely to have in school. Thank you Alice.

#### **Nursery News**

In the excitement of Advent calendars and elves, the children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the ambulance this week, especially sitting in the driving seat! They have chatted a lot about paramedics since Tuesday and learnt some new words which is fantastic.

#### Star of the Week

**Eadie Tazzyman** is going from strength to strength and absolutely loves learning. She has so much knowledge about the world around her and is always ready to build on it, try new things and better herself. What a fantastic attitude for a 3-year-old. Eadie, you are a superstar!







### This week's praise board





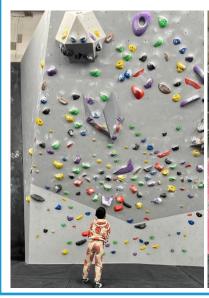


- Thank you to Bridie Nance for helping a grown up to open a door when they had their hands full.
- Jenson Turner-Jones is making Miss Cryer super proud in phonics. He is trying so hard and making great, sensible choices.
- Annie Wright thank you for dashing to the door to hold it open when you saw Mrs T coming with lots of bags.
- When Nathan Glaves was in Nursery he loved an afternoon nap. Now he is all grown up in Y2 and this week he came rushing across the classroom to show Miss Rogers how great he is getting at reading. He couldn't wait to share his book with her and it was lovely to see such amazing and enthusiastic progress. He made her smile all afternoon.
- Amelia Magill and Elysia Holmes are so reliable. Their work ethic is outstanding. Reliable, hardworking and inspirational - thank you girls.
- Heber Eady stopped in the corridor to help a little girl who was upset. He popped his hand on her back and asked her if she was OK. He helped her up, picked up her coat and escorted her down the corridor making sure she was alright.
- Finley Wright has worked so hard this week in his morning phonics listening, putting his hand up and answering questions Mrs Bailey is very grateful.
- Thankyou Alice Spencer, Athena Fort, Jack Woodhouse and Jax Brown for all offering to help Mrs Moore set up for her scoot-a-thon for golden time last week.
- Well Done to all of class 5 for been fantastic on our school trip to Ice Sheffield. A big thankyou to the grown-ups who helped too!
- Aubree Donovan and Alfie Alliban did some brilliant writing in Literacy, when writing about Florence Nightingale.
- Elissa Nicholson for also trying so hard with her writing in English, she was enjoying it that much she didn't want to stop writing!!
- Eira Slack helped Miss Newton tidy the girls' bathroom by picking up all the paper towels. She was also seen by another grown up, picking up coats off the floor and tidying the cloakroom. Thank you Eira, for keeping our school tidy.
- Elliot Mills asked some brilliant questions about Florence Nightingale in English.
- Jonah Thistlewood and Guy Gilbert did some fantastic dancing in our Nativity practice.
- Thank you to Lyssie Redwood-Peace for kindly making the grown-ups in Class 8 a yummy chocolate bun.
- Thank you to Adem Boudabouza for tidying away all the playdough.
- Rosie Wainwright has tried hard to write CVC words independently this week.
- Well done Henry Smith for reading some gu words. Thank you for sharing your video on Seesaw.
- Benjamin Graham is growing in confidence every day. It has been lovely seeing him put his hand up more to answer questions.
- George Barrott-Young for always making the grown-ups smile.
- Thank you to Lucian's mummy and her colleagues for coming on Tuesday with the ambulance. The children loved it and all our visitors were so patient with the children answering all their questions. We all enjoyed it and we all learnt a lot! Thank you.
- Matilda Anderson and Erin Moore saw nursery staff juggling the tray of dinner plates and rushed to open the door. They were so grateful.
- Ezrah Stead-Caprice has been trying extra hard to help with tidying up this week.
- Vinnie Grayson has been making his own decisions more.
- Harry Brown just brightens up any cold, dull day.
- Coby Grocock has been mature and sensible when he has had to wait his turn.
- Ronnie Waters is such a beautiful singer.



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@stocksbridgenur.sheffield.sch.uk

This little chap would like to share that he went to a climbing class over the weekend and did some excellent climbing.







Well done to this fabulous young lady got her first player of the match for her football team last Sunday, being the only girl on the team, she sure showed them boys how to play.





Thank you to this young man who is keeping our streets tidy and was adamant that he was doing a litter pick on his way home from school last week.

