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What's happening in school next week?

- Mr Barker is teaching Class 6 on Monday 11th December.
- Classes 6, 7 & 8 are performing Wiggly Nativity at 9am. Parents of children in class 8 and class 7 Y1 parents are invited to come along and watch.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Monday afternoon.
- Dance club 3.00 – 4.00pm Monday.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 6 on Tuesday 12th December.
- Classes 6, 7 & 7 are performing Wiggly Nativity at 9am. Parents of class 6 and Class 7 reception parents are invited to come along and watch.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 1 and 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.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching in Nursery and Miss Kane is teaching in class 6 on Wednesday 13th December.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Our Nursery children are performing The Nativity at 4.00 – 5.00pm on Wednesday.
- There will be no after school club Wednesday.
- Induction meeting for parents of our new Nursery children joining us in January 2024 on Wednesday 13th December at 5.30pm.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 80%

Class 1: 92%

Class 2: 92%

Class 3: 90%

Class 5: 80%

Class 6: 70%

Class 7: 71%

Class 8: 63%

The Orchard: 82%

Well done Classes 1 & 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: 28

Tuesday: 16

Wednesday: 24

Thursday: 12

Friday: 13

Total: 93

- Thursday 14th December classes 2 & 3 are performing The Inn Spectors at 9.00 – 10.00am.
- Mr Barker is teaching class 6 and Miss Kane is teaching class 7 on Thursday morning.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 and Miss Kane is teaching class 6 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 is teaching class 6 on Friday afternoon.
- On Friday afternoon we are hoping that Santa can spare Alfie the Elf to come and tell the children all about what has been happening in the workshop this year.
- Art club 3.00 – 4.00pm Friday

Looking ahead to the w.b. 18th December

- The assembly theme will be Christmas is Coming.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 6 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon. Mr Barker is teaching on Monday, Thursday morning and Friday morning.
- 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 watch.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club on Monday 3.00-4.00pm.
- Miss Redgate is working on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Tuesday 12th December, 9.00am, Wriggly Nativity by Classes 6,7, & 8. Parents of children in Class 6 and our Reception parents from Class 7 are invited to watch.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 2 on Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Greenwood is teaching Class 1.
- Christmas Fair on Tuesday 12th, 3.00-5.00pm. Please wait with your child where you collect from. As soon as all the children have been dismissed, we will open the doors for you to come in. Please bring small change as we don't have a card reader! Thank you in advance for your support.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 13th December.
- The Nativity by Nursery, Wednesday 13th at 4.00pm. Please enter via the office gate.
- Induction meeting for nursery children starting with us in January 2024, 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th.
- Thursday 14th December, 9.00am. The Inn Spectors by Classes 2 & 3.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 1 on Thursday afternoon (14th).
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 7 on Thursday afternoon.
- Alfie the Elf may visit the children on Friday afternoon, that's if he's not too busy in Santa's workshop.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 8 on Friday afternoon.
- Art Club on Friday, 3.00-4.00pm.

Gizmo & Spike

Does anyone have a small, plastic animal carrier that they no longer need? Gizmo and Spike, our guinea pigs, have chewed their way through their fabric one and we don't want them escaping as they move between Mrs Costello's and school. Thank you.


Tweak of the Week: Tidy toilets week!

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.

Assembly Theme: Winter Wonderland

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 4	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	Long oo	oe suffixes er/est	w-ar s (zsh)
Keywords	then them that this said	More horse gone live would school soon food room	water parents beautiful
eBooks to share	Zip at the zoo	The monster heroes	Miss Oh No and the magic wardrobe Television Treasure Island



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.

Tweak of the Week: Tidy toilets week!

Word of the Week



hero



Meaning

A person admired for their achievements. Someone who qualities that others admire. Someone who has courage or strength or who is good at solving big problems.



Challenge

Who is a hero to you?

CELEBRATING WORDS

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Parking

On Friday, last week, school received a letter from South Yorkshire Police. It was regarding the number of complaints they had had about parking at drop off and pick up times. They have asked us to remind parents about not parking on double yellow lines or the zig zag lines and also about parking considerately and courteously.

We have been informed that the local policing team will monitor the situation when they are in the area and should parking not improve, they will take formal action for those not abiding by traffic laws.

School has contacted South Yorkshire Police providing information of all they try to do to ensure parking is legal and safe. It's ironic that the letter arrived at the end of two weeks where we have been promoting Active Travel.

Illnesses in School

We have some particularly nasty bugs in school at the moment. This week it has mainly been in Classes 5,6,7 & 8 but there have been ill children in all our classes (other than Nursery). On Tuesday we contacted Public Health because we had so many children absent with temperatures, coughs and flu like symptoms. Their advice was to increase the number of times the children were washing and sanitising hands. We have been cleaning frequently touched surfaces more (not easy with no Mr G and no cleaners but we've done it!) We have talked to the children about catching colds and coughs, putting tissues in bins and washing hands. We have opened windows, despite the temperatures, to ensure better ventilation.

The advice was that if your child has mild cold like symptoms, they should come to school. If they have a temperature then they should remain at home.

The virus is spreading through staff which has made the week quite tricky so we ask that you don't send your child to school with a temperature or we may never get rid of the bug. As I walked through the hall yesterday, I was asked if I could take the part of a king as all our actors were off ill.

We have lots of parents registered with Studbugs and it really is the quickest way to let us know about your child's absence. It's an efficient way of letting us know how your child is each day and saves Miss Marshall in the office having to phone parents to check in with you. Here is how to register.

You can download the app [here](#) or register at <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

A thank you to staff

I just wanted to publicly thank our staff. For most of this week, we have had no cleaner and Mr G has succumbed to the dreaded virus. After a day with children everyone has 'mucked in' to get the school clean and spick and span for the next day. They have been truly amazing. The banter and camaraderie have been lovely to be a part of and we'd have been in a complete and utter mess without them this week. So, to everyone who has locked and unlocked doors, emptied bins, hoovered, wiped, mopped floors and cleaned toilets, thank you very, very much.

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 12th 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 13th December, 4.00pm – The Nativity by Nursery.

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

Monday 18th 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. P



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 take photos or record. To save us having to ask parents to put them away, how about leaving them at home for the nativities this year?

Photographs

Our new school photographer, Paul Clavell will be here on Wednesday 24th January to take the children's photos individually. He will also take sibling photographs.

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.

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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 12th 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.

Assembly Theme: Winter Wonderland

Punctuality

The vast majority of our children come to school everyday on time. Many are here early waiting for the doors to open at 8.20am. However, too many of our children are coming late too often.

Over the last 8 weeks we have recorded 497 late marks in registers. On average 12 children have been late each day since the 2nd October. The implications of your child being late are:


- They miss the social time in the morning with their friends.
- Some children feel very uncomfortable walking into a settled class late.
- They miss out on all the routines we do each day – the timetable, checking in with each other about how they are feeling.
- Frequently the office is not manned as staff take children to their classrooms. The phone isn't answered. The gate isn't answered etc.
- As soon as register is finished we begin teaching for the day which usually starts with our phonic input. The pace of phonics teaching is fast....it has to be to get through it all and late children miss out on this and so find it tricky to keep up, or fall behind.

I have contacted Bliss Holland, who is our Attendance and Inclusion Officer from the Local Authority to ask for her support in improving punctuality. We want to support parents so that it's easier to get your child to school on time. We have booked in some dates to meet with parents who are regularly late to see what we can do help.



Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Millie Pitt could be Pupil of the Week every week. She tries so hard in everything she does. She has a lovely bubbly, positive personality and bobs around school with a spring in her step and a smile on her face. She's lovely to be around.




Nursery News



Christmas has definitely started to arrive in Nursery. We have enjoyed an advent story each day, made decorations, played Christmas dominoes and snowman snap, printed cards and of course, practised our fine motor skills with paper chains and sequin sticking.

Star of the Week

Grayson Howcroft has gained so much confidence recently. He comes into Nursery with a smile, loves to join in activities with adults so that he can have a chat whilst he is busy. He is also a young man who is always in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.



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This week's praise board



- Thank you, Jenson Turner-Jones, for showing understanding when others found it tricky.
- Nathan Graves apologised when he made a little mistake.
- Thank you, Laurence Tibbles, for showing care towards others.
- Thank you, Rayne Chambers and Siena Shepherd, for being really kind and helpful this week around the classroom.
- Rory Harkness and Max Howarth are becoming math's heroes! My goodness they are so super at subtractions; they have even been able to help other people.
- Lucas Carr is just always in the right place, doing the right thing.
- Evie Foster - now what has happened to this young lady. Polite, listening, doing as the grown-ups ask. This new one we have is amazing.
- Thank you, Leo Bailey, for sharing your wonderful creations with others
- Thank you to all of class 5 for doing a litter pick at the end of playtime on Tuesday.
- 'Hi Oscar,' said Mrs Townsend. 'How are you?' 'I'm fine,' he replied. 'How are you?' What super, super manners.
- Jack Woodhouse explained how Classes 1 & 5 had been putting in lots of effort to their nativity rehearsals.
- Thankyou Aria Boudabouza for stopping in the corridor and helping your friend who was struggling to fasten their coat.
- Thank you to Shanelle Kiffin for being a superstar helper.
- Wow Scarlett Brown - you have blown us away with your phonics this week! Well done!
- Super maths from Junior Gould-Clegg telling us all about a hexagon.
- Seb Spriggs has talked about octagons and pentagons with confidence this week. We are so impressed.
- Well done to Archie YM for all the new things you have tried this week.
- Well done to Roman Chambers for amazing writing and maths this week.
- Well done to all the Reception children for working hard in their nativity rehearsals. Even though they have been low on numbers some days, the children have continued to smile, sing beautifully and say their lines clearly.
- Charlie Milnes swept up all the sand carefully and meticulously.
- Carter Bowskill has worked incredibly hard to learn his words in a big voice for the Nursery nativity.
- Willow Harvey is only 3 years old and can independently sort out her own waterproof trousers, winter coat, hat and gloves. What a girl!
- Class 5's rendition of 'Last Christmas' made Mrs Kaine from the school office smile.



We have been asked to pass on a great big 'Thank You' from Stocksbridge Food Bank for the donation of our harvest festival collection. Your kindness and generosity have helped so many people within our community.

The food bank is located at The Stocksbridge Christian Centre on Cedar Road. If anybody needs any additional help over the festive period, you can contact them on 07912 609 791. Or email them at coordinator.foodmatters@gmail.com

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



This wonderful young lady was a flower girl at the British Championships last weekend.

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A VISIT WITH **Santa**

Saturday 9th December

10am - 1pm

Free event

Santa and his elves will be ready
and waiting to welcome you to the
Christmas grotto - with a photo and
gift for every child!

Plus festive treats and live music
for all the family.

IKON CHURCH



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