

Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Attendance

Class 1: 96%

Class 2: 99%

Class 3: 85%

Class 4: 98%

Class 5: 97%

Class 6: 99%

Class 7: 87%

Class 8: 96%

**Our target
attendance
is 96%**

**This
week's
attendance
is**

94.6%

What's happening in school next week?

- Amy Barron-Hall is coming in to do Balanceability with Nursery children. Some of the sessions had to be cancelled this week due to the rain and wind. Amy will come back in May to make sure all the Nursery and Reception children get chance to work with her.
- Class 8 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Monday afternoon.
- Miss Denton is teaching Class 1 on Monday afternoon.
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- Mrs Townsend is not in school on Monday afternoon or Tuesday.
- Our Y1 children are visiting the EIS on Tuesday and our Y2 children are going on Wednesday.
- Class 7 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Tuesday afternoon.
- It's Parents' Evening on Tuesday 3.15-4.45pm. Thank you for bearing with us as we've worked through the glitches with e-schools. Hopefully it will run smoothly next time.
- Mrs Townsend is teaching Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is at a meeting on Thursday morning and teaching Class 5 in the afternoon.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday playing board games with groups of children. He is playing with the whole of class 3 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is teaching Class 7 on Friday afternoon.

Well done Class 2 and 6



Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week



Lexi-Mae Saville for always being in the right place at the right time doing the right thing. She is just such a star to have in school.

Nursery News

We will be emailing the children's portfolios out this weekend. Please check your emails and let us know if you have not received yours by Monday 18th March. We hope that you enjoy seeing the photographs of your child at nursery.

The last week of term (week commencing 25th March) nursery children are invited to join in the Big Pedal activities taking place on the days they attend. Please see the section on this newsletter for further details.



This week's praise board



The grown-ups are spotting the children doing something positive and sharing it on a board in the staffroom.

Sophie Clough, Georgia Reeder and Phoebe Silvester for being kind and teaching playground games to a class friend.

Eloise Ruddlesdin-Dawson for always being so helpful.

Alfie Jackson for persevering at a job and not being satisfied until he'd finished.

Class 3 were fantastic in their music lesson this week and made Mrs Townsend smile. They are learning about duration and we played a simple piece of music together.

Neve Smith is lovely to sit and chat too.



Tweak of the Week: Listening to grown-ups at carpet time.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Salmon and tuna pasta bake and garlic bread	Meat and potato pie	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Shepherd's pie with gravy	Fish fingers with chips
Dish of the day 2	(V) Vegetable pizza slice with half a jacket potato and salad	(V) Roasted winter vegetable casserole topped with cheesy croutons	(V) Quorn roast with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	(V) Vegetable curry with coriander rice	(V) Bean burrito with chips and tomato sauce
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)
Sandwich option	Ham sandwich	Ham on breadcake	Ham sandwich	Ham on breadcake	Ham sandwich
	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on breadcake	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on breadcake	Tuna sandwich
	Cheese sandwich (V)	(V) Cheese on breadcake	Cheese sandwich (V)	Cheese on breadcake (V)	Cheese sandwich (V)
Vegetables	Garden peas Baked beans	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Green beans Fresh carrots	Braised red cabbage Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked beans
Salad	Seasonal	Seasonal	Seasonal	Seasonal	Seasonal
Desserts	Apple crumble with custard Fresh fruit/ yoghurt	Fruity flapjack Fresh fruit/ yoghurt	(V) Fruit jelly with ice cream Fresh fruit/ yoghurt	(V) Banana gingerbread pudding with custard Fresh fruit/ yoghurt	Blueberry muffin/cake Fresh fruit/ yoghurt

What are we learning in math's next week (week commencing 25.2.19)?

Year 1 will be learning to recognise and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.

Year 2 will continue to look at $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and amounts as well as investigating equivalent fractions e.g. $\frac{2}{4}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{2}$.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Information Sessions

We are inviting Year 1 parents to attend one of our Phonics Screening Check Information sessions to talk about the up and coming Year 1 Phonics Screening Check in June. During the session we will recap what phonics is and how we teach it in school. We will look at some previous test papers and there will also be a chance to ask any questions you might have. The information sessions will last approximately half an hour and will be the same so you do not need to attend both. We have arranged one at the beginning of the day and one later after school so would hope that everyone will be able to attend one or the other. Thank you.

Tuesday 16th April 9.00am

Thursday 18th April 5:00pm

Assembly Theme: Easter is coming.

Big Pedal 2019 Week commencing 25th March

We are encouraging children and parents to travel to school by bike, foot or scooter for Sustrans Big Pedal 2019 – the UK's largest cycling, walking and scooting challenge for schools.

This year's competition is backed by Angelica Bell, British television, radio presenter and cycling advocate, who took on the 'Tour de Celeb' in 2016 where she found her love for cycling.

Organised by the walking and cycling charity Sustrans, the competition will run from **Monday 25th March to Friday 29th March** and will encourage young people from across the UK to travel by bike, foot or scooter for their journey to and from school.

During the 5 days, our school will compete against other schools around the UK to make the most journeys by bike, foot or scooter. Let's see if we can win!

We have organised the following events:

Monday 25th March

Day 1 of every child cycling, scooting or walking to school.

8:15am - Join us for Park and Stride from one of the following locations:

Co-op with Mrs Priest and Miss Palmer

Leisure Centre with Mr Barker and Mr Dobbs

Big Tree on the corner of Coal Pit Lane and Stone Moor Road junction with Mrs Townsend, Miss Rogers and Miss Adam.

12pm - Monday Mile with Miss Rogers and Mr Barker.

Tuesday 26th March

Day 2 of every child cycling, scooting or walking to school.

Make sure you bring your scooter, bike or even mini buggy! As long as it has wheels bring it to school. Every child in school will be taking part in a whole school pedalathon throughout the day.

Wednesday 27th March

Day 3 of every child cycling, scooting or walking to school. Today is based on road safety so wear something bright. Also all classrooms will have an active travel breakfast available in their classroom from 8.20-8.45am. Finally don't forget your helmet designs. Pat will be judging them during our Road Safety assembly.

Thursday 28th March - Be a superhero day.

Day 4 of every child cycling, scooting or walking to school. Let's keep it going! We are all putting in a super hero effort so why not dress up as a Super Hero today!

Friday 29th March - Own clothes day £1 donation

Day 5 of every child cycling, scooting or walking to school. Well done you did it! 5 days of active travel. During our Fabulous Friday assembly we will see which class had the most children walking, scooting or cycling to school all week.



We will be using ParentPay after the Easter holidays therefore parents/carers need to activate their accounts ready for the launch using the username and password which was sent home last Friday. It will go live after the Easter holidays.

The HUB Foodbank

We appreciate that the school holidays can present difficulties for some families. The HUB can help with emergency food parcels in these circumstances.

If you feel that you would benefit from support from The Hub Foodbank over the holiday, please either pop in to see us, or give us a ring or e-mail so that we can make a referral for you. This will be done in the strictest confidence.

Please let us know by Tuesday of the last week at school and we can fill in the paperwork before we break for the end of spring term holiday.

Governor Section

We are continuing our profile of governors with Ann North this week. Ann is a local authority governor.

Ann began teaching in 1965 working at Bradfield Secondary School and Loxley Primary before taking a position here at Stocksbridge Nursery Infants in 1976 where she remained until her retirement in 1997 (though she continued supply teaching here for a while afterwards).

Ann was Deputy Head in 1980 when the Nursery opened and has taught across all age groups. Ann is very interested in Special Educational Needs provision, having helped to develop the schools SEN policy in the early 90's and continues that interest today as a governor (a role she has held since 1998).

Ann is proud of our school's commitment to SEN provision and recognises how highly this work is regarded in Sheffield with members of our school staff involved in new initiatives across the region. Ann is particularly involved with the youngest of our children in the Nursery and Foundation classes and liaises regularly with our SEN Co-Ordinator.

Assembly Theme: Easter is coming.

Funding in schools

You may have seen or heard Ian Reid, Headteacher at Watercliffe Meadow School in the news this week. I am joining him and 14 other headteachers on Tuesday on a visit to Parliament and Downing Street to talk about the impact of ongoing budget cuts are having in Sheffield Schools including ours. Sheffield historically has always been poorly funded compared to similar core cities.

To meet the budget demands here in school, we have gradually reduced support staff numbers over the last 2-3 years. Whilst our budget balances, it is getting increasingly difficult to meet all the needs of the children as well as we want to. There are times when some of our children need more adult time than others, and it is then we just feel too thinly stretched. The staff here are amazing and the feeling of team spirit is wonderful. It is what keeps us going through the thin times and keeps us together. Staff are quick to jump in and support each other, cover roles, do additional duties etc but even with all of this, there are times when there just aren't enough of us to go around.

It feels like the time we need to say, enough is enough. The government cannot simply keep adding additional costs into school budgets whilst at the same time reducing the services we have to draw upon to help us in tricky times.

Talking to politicians is not particularly something I want to do, it's not necessarily my forte, but I would do anything for the children and the staff of this school to try to make sure we can do our job with the resources we need and deserve.

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