Weekly Newsletter 3 (20th September 2024)

Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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What's happening in school next week?

- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Monday morning and class 2 in the afternoon.
- Street dance/cheerleading club on Monday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Tuesday morning and the Orchard in the afternoon.
- **SEND parent group meeting** Tuesday 24th September, 10.00-12.00am. See below for more information.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Miss Rogers is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Ollerenshaw is teaching class 3 on Wednesday. Miss Harrison is on a course about PE.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 7 on Wednesday morning and class 8 in the afternoon.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Drumming for our Y2 children on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 4:00pm.
- Coffee and Craft morning for parents 9.00-11.00am on Friday 27th September.
- Friday 27th is Macmillan cake day. Children are invited to bring baked goods to school for their class. Parents can donate via ParentPay if they wish to do so once the payment item has been created. If there are any goodies left at the end of the day, there will be a cake stall outside the school office from 2:30pm.
- Class 2 have forest school on Friday.
- Arts & crafts club on Friday 3:00 4:00pm.



Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 95.6%

Class 1: 94%

Class 2: 98%

Class 3: 93%

The Orchard: 90%

Class 5: 97%

Class 7: 97%

Class 8: 98%

Well done Classes 2 & 8

Punctuality

Our doors open at 8.20am and learning starts at 8.30am. Our Phonics teaching begins at 9.00am each day. Here's the number of children late this week.

Monday: 8

Tuesday: 18

Wednesday: 6

Thursday: 3

Friday: 7

Total: 42

Not quite sure what happens on a Tuesday!

Looking ahead to the w.b. 30th September 2024.

- The assembly theme will be 'A better Earth'.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Monday morning and class 2 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school 11:00 12:00 on Monday.
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After school clubs

Mondays - Street Dance/Cheerleading Club - 3.00-4.00pm - FULL

Tuesdays - Multisports Club - 3.00-4.00pm - FULL

Wednesdays - Football Club - 3.00-4.00pm - FULL

Thursdays - Gymnastics. 3.00-4.00pm - FULL

Fridays - Arts & crafts club. 3.00-4.00pm - LIMITED AVAILABILITY

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.

PE Kits

Gentle reminder.

As you are aware, children should come to school on their PE days already wearing their PE kits. PE kits should consist of black/navy/grey bottoms, i.e. jogging bottoms, leggings, shorts etc., a white t-shirt and a black/navy/grey jumper/hoody. The jumper is optional but is recommended, especially on days where PE is taking place outside.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about this, please contact the school or speak to your child's class teacher.

Can we also remind parents to please remove **ALL** jewellery on the days that your child's class has PE, and any days where they attend a sport related after school club, **before** they come to school. This will avoid any disappointment of not being able to take part.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Vegetable chilli & rice	Farm assured pork sausage roll with baked potato wedges	Beef mince with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Sticky BBQ chicken & vegetables with noodles	Fish fingers with chips & tomato ketchup
Vegetarian main course	Cheesy bean pitta pocket	Macaroni cheese	Savoury vegetable mince with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Home baked vegetarian lasagne	Cheese & onion roll with chips & tomato ketchup
Jacket potato and filling	Jacket potato with cheese or baked beans	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	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
option	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Roasted peppers & sweetcorn & mixed fresh salad	Country mixed vegetables, baked beans & mixed fresh salad	Carrots, garden peas & mixed fresh salad	Broccoli, carrots, cauliflower & mixed fresh salad	Garden peas, baked beans & mixed fresh salad
Dessert	Baked apple sponge & custard	Tootie fruity jelly & mandarins	Freshly baked vanilla cookie	Zesty lemon & blueberry yogurt cake	Homemade flapjack

School Menu Spring/Summer 2024 (All school including Nursery)

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					
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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.

Supporting Maths at Home

Each week we'll send home ideas for how you can easily support children's mathematical development at home.

Practice making patterns by making a paper garland. Use different colour papers and practice sequencing

skills...green, blue, red, yellow.



Make it seasonal, trickier and practise cutting skills by making an autumn leaf garland.

Or how about making a sequenced shape and colour garland.

Phonics, Keyword and Reading at home.

The children will begin their daily phonics lessons in class next week. We use Monster Phonics. Information about the scheme can be found on our website. Each week we'll let you know what sounds (phonemes) the children will be learning and which keywords (sometimes called Common Exception Words or High Frequency Words) they need to have learnt to read and in Year One and Two to spell by the end of the week.

It's really important that the children practise at home so that they keep up.

Mrs Kaine has updated the system so that you can access the right books for your child.

Autumn 2 Week 2	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	in	tch ve ai	c kn
Keywords	in it is I an	love some come was	wild child climb old
		is his has one once	gold hold cold told
		friend your	
eBooks to share	A pit	A dog in a ditch	The sad prince and
	A pin, a pan, a bin	Pet rabbits	princess
		Stuck in the rain	Tricky witch has a horrid
		Snails	day
			The life of a knight

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Monster Phonics - a little more information for parents new to school about our phonics scheme.

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.

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. A minority of pupils attend phonics lessons in a different year group if they have Special Educational Needs.

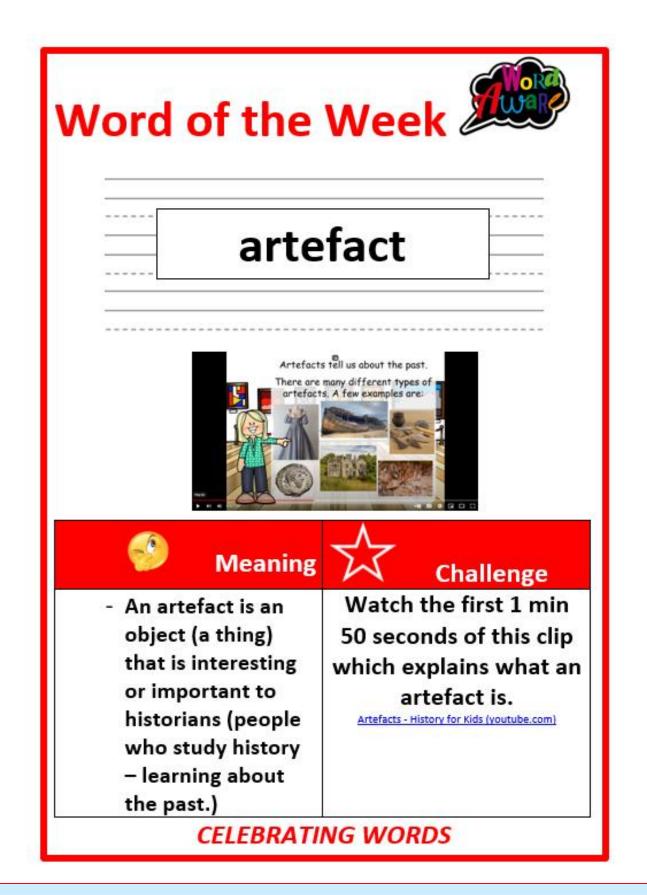
We send home the phonemes (sounds) your child will be learning each week, the keywords they will need to learn to read (and in Years One and Two spell) and the eBooks we would like you to share with your child each week.

The login for eBooks is via this website: <u>Sign In | MP eBooks (monsterphonics.com</u>) You should have received your child's log in details.

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.





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Se an As



ALWAYS ONLINE

WHAT ARE

THE RISKS?

۲ Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, Playstation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offine. play offline.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. These without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible. NY COM

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If Final relations of the state of

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VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

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While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours or a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it befor surchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

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PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if iate for a younger playe

Meet Our Expert

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Toileting in Nursery

Whilst lots of our children are toilet trained in Nursery, albeit the occasional accident which is perfectly normal, quite a large number still require changing, sometimes two to three times a day. On Thursday this week, Nursery colleagues did 20 changes. This takes Nursery staff away from playing and teaching the children for large chunks of the day. That's quite a lot of time spent in the bathroom when they could be interacting and moving children onwards and upwards. There are some great resources online to support parents.

Independence Skills Videos - Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust (sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk)

Sensory processing difficulties - Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust (sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk)

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is on Tuesday 15th October. We will donate all our offerings to Stocksbridge Food Hub. We would be most grateful if, on the 15th 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.







Macmillan Cake Sale 27th September & FOSNI pre-loved uniform sale.

We're raising money for Macmillan next Friday with our version of the coffee morning. We'd love it if you could send in buns, cakes or biscuits with your child. It would be great if you would give your child a donation to bring too or do it online through ParentPay. We make sure that all the children then enjoy a sweet treat on Friday and we're raising funds for a good cause too.

After school there will be a cake sale of leftovers (from 2.30pm) outside the office. FOSNI will also be holding a pre-loved uniform sale. It's all very good quality and has been washed and ironed. Uniform with our logo is £1.00. Any without a logo – trousers, skirts etc is 50p.



SEND PARENT GROUP MEETING



Does your child attend Stocksbridge Nursery Infants School or Stocksbridge Junior School?

Join our parent group meeting

on

Tuesday 24th September at 10am at Stocksbridge Nursery Infants School

Parents are welcome to stay after drop-off for crafts/play with the children before the meeting.



All parents welcome Come and find out more Chat to other parents Share experiences Find out about SEND services

For more information or to confirm attendance, email annamarie.emmett@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

Sheffield Parents Hub – What's on Guide, Autumn 2024.

Our Autumn What's on Guide is now available on: <u>Sheffield Parent Hub | Sheffield</u> (sheffielddirectory.org.uk)

Useful information

Sheffield City Council have asked us to share the following link with some information about local offers.

https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/local-offer-posters/

Seasonal flu vaccinations

The Sheffield Immunisation Team will be attending schools on Thursday 14th November 2024 to vaccinate pupils with the Seasonal Flu Vaccine.

Please visit <u>https://www.sheffieldchildrensvaccinations.co.uk/Forms/Flu</u> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire. Please complete this even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). To opt for the gelatine-free inactive injection, select 'NO' on the nasal spray option and you will be given further options to choose.

Your unique school code for Stocksbridge Nursery and Infant School is SF149119

Vaccination date: 14/11/2024

If your child has had the Flu Vaccination elsewhere before we attend your school, please inform the immunisation team.

For more information about the vaccination please visit website: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

If you experience any problems, please contact the School Age Immunisation Service:

Admin: 0114 3053291

Nurses: 0114 3053230

Email: scn-tr.sheffielddutysn.vacandimm@nhs.net

School photographs

On Wednesday 9th October, the school photographer will be in school taking individual and sibling photos. **Please send your child/ren to school in school uniform.**

On Wednesday 5th February 2025, the photographers will be back in school to take class photos. Again, **please send your child/ren to school in school uniform.**

Height and weight screening for reception children.

The School Nursing team from the Sheffield Children's Hospital will attend school to carry out the height and weight screening, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), and the hearing screening, during this academic year. In addition, the Vision team from the Sheffield Children's Hospital will attend school to carry out the vision check.

If you feel you would like to discuss your child's health, i.e. eating, sleeping, toileting issues, etc., please follow the link below to complete the "Ready for School" questionnaire.

https://www.sheffield.childscreening.co.uk/Forms/SHQ

Please complete the questionnaire before 18th October 2024.

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If you wish to opt out of this screening then please send an email to <u>scn-tr.ncmpoptout@nhs.net</u> before 18 October 2024.

Please include in your email the following details:

- Name of child who you are opting out for
- Date of birth of the child
- School the child attends
- Which screening you are opting out of

For more information about the programme please visit website: https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-entry-health-screening/

Admin: 0114 3053224 (option 4)

RECEPTION 2025/26 – information from the Local Authority.

Letters will be going out to relevant parents on or around 6th September, advising them about the need to apply for a school place in the 2025/26 Reception year group. These are parents of children born between the 1st September 2020 and the 31st August 2021. Parents are advised to make their applications online at:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare

Parents also have the option to apply using a paper application form. I have attached a copy of this application form in case it's helpful for you to print this out and give it to parents. There is also a Guidance Sheet attached to help parents with completing their application.

Posters

A copy of the Time for School poster has been sent out with this week's letters.

Important Dates (for your information):

- Applications invited from: 6th September 2024
- On-line site closes: 6th December 2024 (noon)
- Closing date: 15th January 2025
- Offer date: 16th April 2025



Christmas Fair

(I know I can't believe we've put the C word on a newsletter in September!)

Our small, but effective, FOSNI (Friends of Stocksbridge Nursery Infant) team met this week to plan events for this term. Last year we held or first Christmas Fair for a long time. It was a lovely event and very successful so we're planning on running it again. It will be held on Tuesday 10th December, the reason to add it so early to a newsletter is to ask if you would begin saving things for us.

- 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 cup tombola, a bottle raffle, soft toy tombola, face painting, festive tattoos, a decoration stall and a colour hamper raffle. We're hoping for some festive music from our school choir. The man in red may make a visit and there'll be refreshments too.



Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Eira Slack. Eira is a great listener no matter where she is learning – in class, in assembly, outside. This helps to make her a great learner. Eira is quiet and unassuming, always in the right place at the right time doing the best she can. She is a pleasure to be around. Thank you Eira.

Nursery News

We are so impressed at how quickly the children have settled into Nursery life. They really are great to work and play with and are quickly becoming very independent which is great to see. This week we have practised our numbers and worked hard at painting more carefully.

Star of the Week

Alfie Chappell is really showing us what he can do. He has asked thoughtful questions, played fantastic games and tried hard with his learning. Al, we are so proud of how much you are maturing, offering to Nursery and thinking of others.

Who has mastered a reading colour band this week? (These books are to designed to practice a range of reading skills and develop a love of books and reading.)	Who has learnt all their keywords this week? (Knowing keywords, high frequency words and/or common exception words means your child will be able to read more fluently and be less reliant on sounding out).
Parker Burt Carter Murphy McKenna Somerfield	Busby Blake Ada Green Lucas Howcroft Harry Kaine Carter Murphy Harriett Ottaway Leo Priestley Harry Stokes

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.



This lovely little girl has been working very hard at her swimming lessons and passed her level 2 last weekend!



I think we may have a contestant for Great British Bake Off in our midst!



Lots of fun was had last week at Penistone Show.



- Oliver Staniforth for his excellent maths work.
- Bella Murphy for always putting her hand up and sharing her ideas.
- Leo Priestley is a superstar! He has helped Miss Leeks tidy away all of the play equipment at the end
 of every lunchtime this week. Thank you Leo, your kindness and thoughtfulness is very much
 appreciated.
- Seth Hirst for working extremely hard on his writing.
- Charlotte Sawdon for sharing a great prediction in shared reading.
- Jenson Clarkson for excellent maths learning this week. He could partition a number into tens and ones independently!
- Billie Brown for helping other children make good choices on the playground.
- Ben Richardson for wowing Mrs Hearnshaw with his phonics.
- Fern Turner has worked very hard in English this week. She has written sentences on her own and tried very hard with her spellings.
- Darcie Simmons was very helpful at break time and helped her friends open their snacks when a teacher wasn't available.
- Reuben-J Kimpton for great perseverance when trying to use the scissors to cut out his pictures. Mrs Moore was very proud of you.
- Noah Greaves and Lyssie Redwood-Peace for brilliant independent sentence writing.
- Hope Barnes and Skylar-Mai Jackson for helping each other in maths and working as a great team
- Ted Guy has been amazing in phonics this week, keep it up Ted.
- Riley Freestone has come into school full of smiles this week, which has been lovely to see.
- Connor Booth-Bell for using lovely manners when he needed help getting outside at lunchtime!
- Isabelle Bulbrook shared a book with Mrs McGhee this week and told the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
- Thank you to Bobby Askham Brown for being a kind friend.
- Tommy Levitt drew a wonderful visualisation from the story we have read this week.
- Eadie Tazzyman has worked hard in maths this week. She is a marvelous mathematician.
- Hugo Cain-Allan shared a book with Miss Miles. He happily shared what was happening in the pictures and what he thought was going to happen next. It was lovely to listen to.
- Logan Pritchett knows lots of keywords. Well done Logan!
- Harry Radford has dazzled Miss. Kane with his maths work this week, well done!
- Seb Wood, Teddy Black, Freddy Jackson, Alyssa Williams and Amelia Menhennet all worked very hard during Welly Wednesday this week.
- Leo Bailey for having the most wonderful manners.
- Alfie Gould-Bist for using his fantastic words.
- Darcie from Class 3 for recognising when someone needed help at lunchtime and helping!
- Guy Gilbert has made so many new friends and is great!
- Billie-Mae McGuffie helped to tidy up and sort all the glass beads and nuggets just because she saw that the job needed doing.
- Amber Pickwell played a lovely game with a friend and tried hard to help him with his speech sounds.
- Jacob Barden always says 'Good morning' and 'Good bye' with a big smile and wave. He really has such a sunny disposition.





