



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of our first full term since the January lockdown, I have to say how impressed I have been with the level of learning our pupils have achieved. For many, this term has been a journey of re-adapting and re-learning school routines and expectations. I am immensely proud of all our pupils' efforts to engage and progress with their learning despite the disruption to their school routines. To be greeted at the school gate with a huge smile and a cheerful 'Good morning Mrs Nicholls' each morning, continues to truly make my day.

As we look forward to a sunny (hopefully) half term break, can I ask that you take some time to complete the Ofsted Parent survey, the link for which is below. Your feedback and comments will help me to improve the school and make Stuart Road the best it can be for all your children.

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If you haven't registered with Ofsted Parent View yet, just fill out the simple form on the link below. You will then be able to log in and give your views.

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Finally, I am very excited to announce that the Accelerated Reader(AR) library is up and running with all children in KS2, and some from KS1, having completed their first Star Quiz giving them their AR level book to read over the school break. At the moment, AR quizzes will be completed in school with a view to extending this to a choice to do this at home come September.

Happy reading everyone and enjoy a restful half term.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Nicholls

Parking Outside the School

Please can we ask parents not to park or wait on the zig zags outside the school. By law you are not allowed to park any vehicle for whatever length of time on the zig zag lines; the lines are there in order to keep our pupils and families safe.



Thank you Mrs Whitley!

We would like to say a **huge** thank you to Mrs Whitley for giving up her time to help scan thousands of books to help set up our Accelerated Reader library here at Stuart Road.

Without Mrs Whitley's help, it would not have been possible for your child to sit their first AR Quiz and take their first levelled reading book home.

Many thanks Mrs Whitley from all of us at Stuart Road.



Notices:

Parents evenings: Monday 5th July to Thursday 8th July: book your appointment through eschools from 1st June to 2nd July. Please call the office if you have any issues accessing eschools.

Reports: Date to be confirmed.

Leavers Disco and Summer Fair: Summer fair 25th June and Leavers Whole School Disco 2nd July (TBC).

PTA: Keep an eye out on Facebook for PTA events – do come along to the PTA meetings, all welcome!

Summer Term Class Trips: Refer to details in this newsletter.

Homework reminder: All Year Group homework is posted weekly with MS Teams. Please check your child's class page.

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Messages from Teachers

Foundation

The children have been busy with writing a description of the giant from the Jack and the Beanstalk story and come up with their own words with describing how huge and scary he is! They have also enjoyed looking at different pop-up stories including 'Where's Spot?'- we have had a go at making our own pop-up cards and pictures. We have also had great fun in the garden looking for mini beasts- we have found plenty of worms and wood lice and handled them carefully. We have started looking at Numbots and started to hand out certificates to children who have completed different levels. You should all have log in details- it is suggested that your child engages with this 'little and often'. It is great fun and a great way of developing handling of numbers. We hope you all have a great half term break and look forward to seeing you all on your return.

Year 1

This week year 1 have been researching different mini beats with the view of writing about them. We have found out lots of fascinating facts about worms, spiders, and caterpillars. We then used this information to create our very own information posters for our chosen mini beats.

During maths we have continued to develop our understanding around numbers up to 50, tens and ones, as well as one more/less.

In topic the children have worked extremely hard creating different pieces of artwork around the life cycle of a caterpillar. We have used cutting and sticking for the egg, shading for the caterpillar, paint for the cocoon and pastels for the butterfly. We can't wait to show you our finished work.

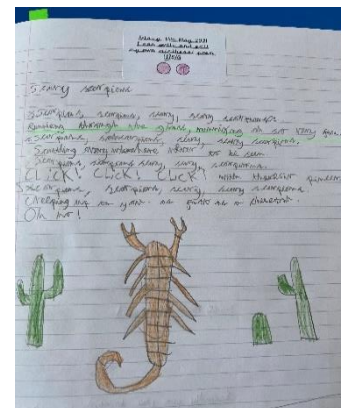
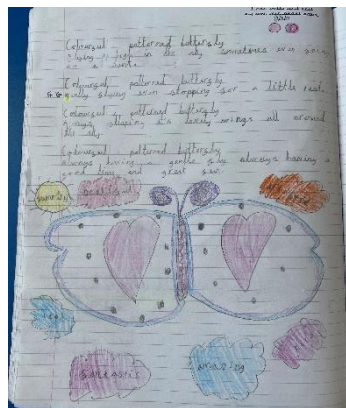
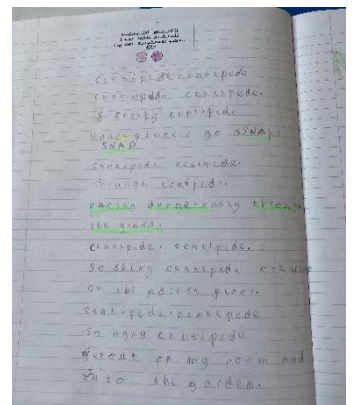
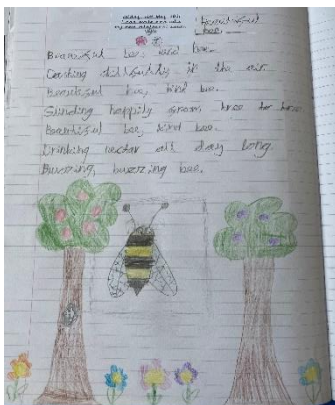
Year 2

This week the children have written non-chronological reports about their chosen minibeast. In Science we have looked at the metamorphoses of a butterfly and have written about their life cycle. Children have perfected their sketching skills by drawing a minibeast. They had to look at pictures of a minibeast taking notice of small details and then use pencils to sketch.

In maths we have continued with practising the multiplication facts for the 2, 5- and 10-times table and this is an area where children would benefit from practising at home as well. I am so proud of the children in year 2 because they are showing ownership of their learning when they are practising their fluency skills via Numbots. Keep going year 2!

This week we are celebrating the children`s successes in sketching and colouring and writing poems about minibeasts. Enjoy the photos below.

Have a restful half term Year 2! You really deserve it!



Year 3

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 3 this week! We have now all finished creating our very own Viking Myth with our very own Viking God! The children have created some absolutely brilliant stories, really capturing the Norse style. We have now all been set up on the new reading scheme. Everyone has managed to complete the assessment to ensure their reading book is at a level that challenges them, as soon as they have finished they will be able to complete the online quiz in school and log how much they've read. This week we were also very lucky to be able to take part in the Plymouth Brick Project which will see the children's artwork on display for many years! It's located on Glen Park Avenue, just past the train station if you want to check it out. Finally, I hope you all enjoy the half term break and come back ready for our last term in Year 3!

Year 4

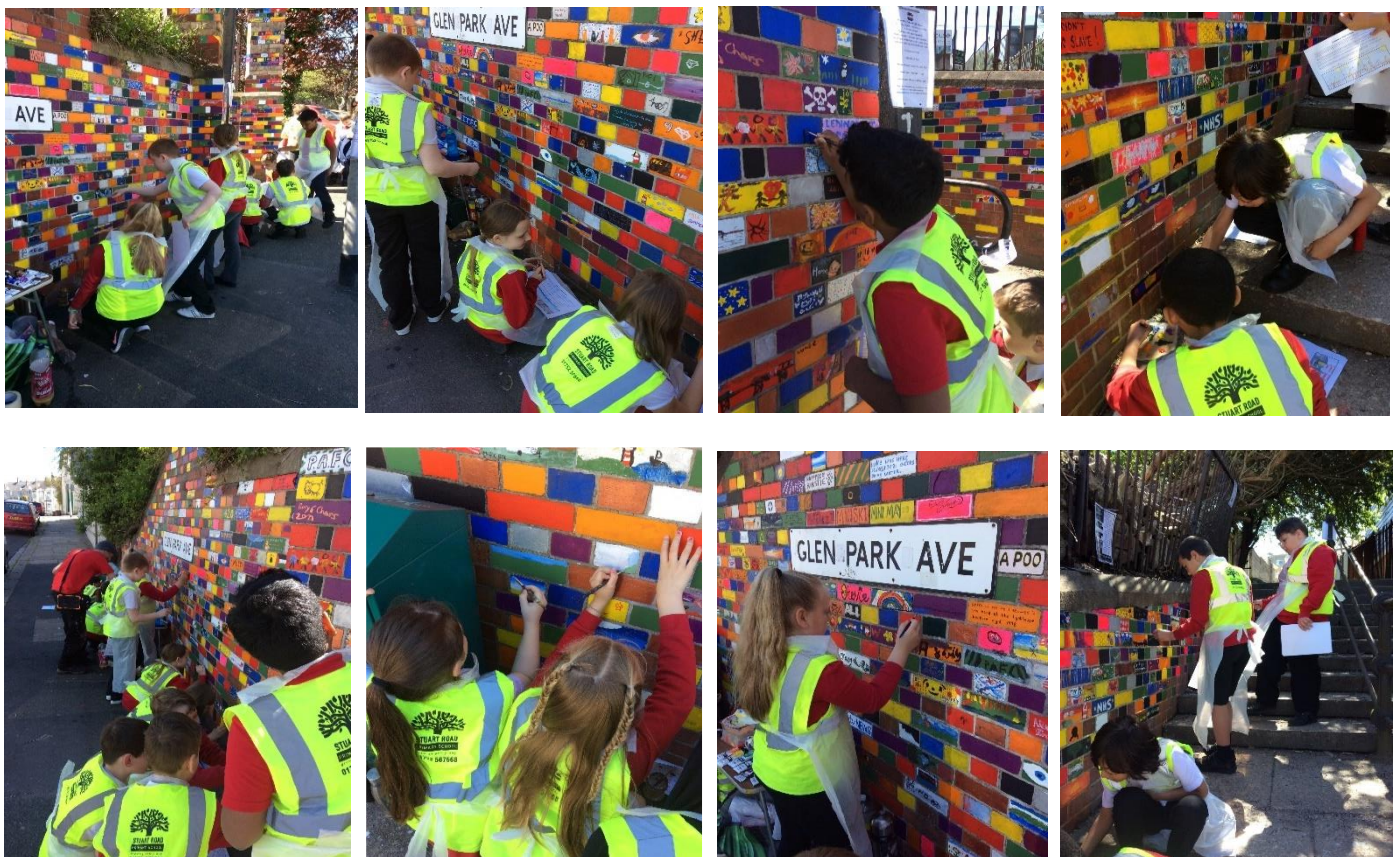
Year 4 have had a very fun week! We started off by collecting our Viking inspired necklaces that had air dried over the weekend. It was interesting to see the end products and how they'd changed! (Please see some of the pictures below of us wearing them). To round off the week, we created Viking longboats in DT and also painted bricks at Glen Park Avenue steps in collaboration with the Brick Project! In English, we have planned then written our own myths. We have used a range of language features such as dialogue and fronted adverbials.

In maths, we have looked at time. Please help us with this at home as it has been tricky learning about the 24-hour clock!



Year 5

We have had an eventful week this week, we have continued with our discussion text and have now started working on angles in our maths. In PE we had our mini-Olympics and overall winners were Josh for short and long distance, Finley for the javelin, Blake for the discus throwing, Standing long jump was Habibah, the running long jump was Amber, and the most improved overall was Cameron, well done to all the children we had great fun taking part. Thursday morning, we walked to Glen Park Avenue Steps and the children painted their bricks, you can all go and see them and even paint your own if you want to. We all hope you have a lovely half term, see you in June!! Mrs Baker



Year 6

This week in year 6 we had the amazing opportunity to go and take part in the 'Brick Project'. All of the children painted a brick around the theme 'What I Love About Plymouth'. We all had an amazing time and really enjoyed the first trip of the year. We have continued to work hard in class writing some incredible stories in English.



Absences: Please can parents telephone the school office on **each day** of their child's absence. This is a requirement and fulfils the school's duty of care for all our families.

As we are slowly emerging from a pandemic, we, as a school, are trying to make sure that all pupil absences are tracked with regards change in condition whether this be improvement as well as a decline in health. A quick daily call, at the parent's convenience, is all we require as a means of a wellbeing check, and this is something that can be arranged between the school office and the family. Similarly, if it is more convenient for the office to call at a specified time, then we are more than happy to arrange this.

For 'normal' illness such as sickness or a tummy bug, where a 48-hour absence rule applies, we would not, in this instance, considerate it necessary to make a call.

Summer Term School Trips

Deposits were due by Friday 28th May, please make sure you have paid your deposit before we return from half term to secure your child's place. The balance must be paid by 25th June. Payment will be taken via SchoolMoney.

Please remember to complete the consent form as soon as possible and return it to the class teacher.

Date	Year	Activity	Cost to Parents
Tuesday 13/07/21	Year 3	Mount Batten Water sports	£30.00
Wednesday 14/07/21	Year 5	Mount Batten Water sports	£30.00
Thursday 15/07/21	Year 4	Mount Batten Water sports	£30.00
Thursday 15/07/21	Foundation	Churchwood Forest School	£15.00
Friday 16/07/21	Year 1	Churchwood Forest School	£15.00
Friday 16/07/21	Year 6	Elemental UK - Falmouth	£35.00
Thursday 22/07/21	Year 2	Churchwood Forest School	£15.00



Awards of the week.

Foundation

Headteacher's award - Christopher Curtis for working extremely hard with his writing.

Year 1

Headteachers award – Harvey - For his improved attitude and determination towards his reading.

Writer of the week – Sophie - For her use of conjunctions within her writing.

Mathematician of the week – Maiya - For her hard work recognising numbers to 50.

Year 2

Headteacher's award - Taibah for always being ready, respectful and safe .

Mathematician of the week – Adam for always working hard and persevering in maths.

Writer of the week – Bella for neat presentation and always trying hard in her learning.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award - Tyler for a huge improvement in his effort for his work

Writer of the week - Silun for an excellent introduction to his Viking Myth

Mathematician of the week - Elliott for thinking and working hard with his fractions

Year 4

Headteacher's Award – Ruby for her continuous resilient attitude and being a fantastic role model to her peers.

Writer of the week - Calum for being a reflective learner and using a variety of writing features in his myth.

Mathematician of the week - Nina for persevering with tricky questions about time and reflecting on prior knowledge to help her.

Year 5

Headteachers Award – for Liam for settling in well and engaging in class and thinking about being a reflective learner.

Writer of the week - is Justas for challenging himself and being a reflective learner in his discussion text.

Mathematician of the week – is Lewis for being a reflective learner and challenging himself when identifying angles.

Year 6

Headteachers Award - Daisy- Always being ready to learn and focused on her learning.

Writer of the week - Lilly Hobbs. Incredible detail in her writing and taking ownership of her own work.

Mathematician of the week - Jacob- Really trying hard to apply his knowledge of fractions to problems.

Reminders:

Parent and Carers dropping off and collecting children

- Whilst every effort has been made to minimise contact please may we remind parents to maintain the 2m social distancing regulation and wear masks when dropping off/picking up children. Thank you.

Information for parents

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should inform the school and organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

There is also an additional testing service for children in Plymouth schools: parents or carers can also book a test by emailing d-ccg.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent onset of:

- New continuous cough/and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19. Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline opening hours

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Please listen carefully to the available options and select the most appropriate to your nursery, school, or college's current situation.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.