



# Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We are now in full festive swing as we count down the days to the Christmas holidays. Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for your generous support during several school events recently. The Christmas fair was a great success with a wide range of stalls, wonderful raffle prizes, delicious food, topped off with a chance to meet a very special visitor.

Thank you also for attending the first Movie night we have been able to hold for a long time. The School's Council are meeting today to discuss possible alternatives to make this event enjoyable for all ages going forward. All your contributions to events are going towards the purchasing of a 'book vending machine' with a range of quality books, that pupils will be able to win from raffle tickets won through how many books they read. More details to follow next term.

Finally, we hope that many of our pupils are attending the Christmas Disco tonight and are looking forward to watching Year 1 and Reception classes' Nativity performance next week.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Nicholls



**Christmas Jumper Day!**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



## **Notices:**

**PTA Events:** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY'S (subject to volunteers being available)

If you think you can help out please PM Charlotte Kelly.

**Nativity Play:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Foundation and Year 1 – FDN Parents 2pm, Year 1 parents 9.30am

**Teach Your Child to Read – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session:** – 9am, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Rock Steady Concert:** 2pm, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Pupils and performers' parents only

**Christmas Dinner:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – details to follow.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Visit from Author 9th February 2022:** Eamonn Reilly will deliver a whole school assembly during which he will give tips for writing stories, read extracts from his books and answer any questions.

## **Homework: The Thriving 3!**

From Year 1 to Year 6, Stuart Road expectations of homework to be completed is:

\*Reading - daily reading of either Read Write Inc book (RWI0 for Key Stage 1, Accelerated Reader book (AR) for Key Stage 2

\*Maths - TT Rockstars for KS2 and Numbots for KS1

\*Topic - please read and share knowledge organisers at home and complete mini topic projects as directed by the class teacher during the term. This will appear on MS Teams and the webpage

**SATs, Testing and assessments** : KS2 SATs week is 9th May, KS1 testing (Y2) is last week in May before half term, Y1 and Y2 phonics testing w/c 6th June, Year 4 Multiplication check window is also 6th June until 24th June. Assessment week for all other year groups Y3, 4, 5 is 20th June 2022.

**Free Flu Vaccinations – NEW DATE** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January at Stuart Road Primary.

**Reporting Covid Cases:** Parents are asked to inform the school of a positive test result. Whilst the identity of the individual/s will remain confidential, the year group can be shared so that parents can take reasonable actions to avoid further spread of the virus and take steps towards protecting vulnerable family members.

# THANK YOU!

The PTA Christmas fair was a great success!! Thank you so much for all the support from Teachers, Volunteers, Parents/Carers and Children. The money will go towards a new Book Vending machine and new books.

Our new vending machine will be customised in Stuart Road red, and be filled with quality books the children love to read.



## Messages from Teachers

### Foundation TBC

### Year 1

This week we have been looking at newspapers in English. What are they? What are their features? The children have done very well with remembering each part and begun to create their own headlines as well as writing factual sentences about themselves and friends.

In maths we have been comparing numbers, finding missing numbers and ordering large numbers. The children have shown really good knowledge of numbers not only to 20 but beyond!

Finally, we have been practising our nativity all week. The children have worked so hard with learning their lines and songs, and we cannot wait to show you all next week! 😊

### Year 2 TBC

### Year 3

We have been busy with looking at the work of Dr Seuss and continuing with Read Write Inc. In maths we have been trying to improve our fluency with the two, and four times tables. In English we have been working on writing instructions and looking to use the main features of instruction writing in our work.

### Year 4

This week in English, we have been continuing our instructional writing. We have written a class plan for 'How to Survive an Alien Invasion' and then wrote this up towards the end of the week.

In Maths, we have continued subtraction, this time focusing upon different methods we could use. For example, instead of doing  $5000 -$  a 4-digit number, we took one away to make 4999, then added on 1 to our answer.

We completed a science experiment this week courtesy of Cordelia, making a volcano that she made erupt using bi-carb, vinegar, slime and glitter! Perhaps you could have a go at home by making your own?

### Year 5

Wow! What a week in Year 5! On 1<sup>st</sup> December, we started to get into the festive spirit and decorated our classroom, it is a work in progress, so we will keep adding to it over the next couple of weeks!

Science was, "Out of this world!" as quoted by a member of the class! Our task was to create a Lunar Chart, and what better way to do this than to use Oreo biscuits? We felt it would have been rude not to eat the Lunar Charts we had created, afterwards! Thank you, Year 5, for a fun week.







## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have continued their polar themed learning: exploring and comparing polar landscapes and polar oceans. In English, the children produced excellent plans for their 'rags to riches' story, inspired by White Fang, and they are excited to begin writing next week. In Reading, the children have been enthralled by the story 'Ice Bear' and have made inferences and empathised with the characters in the story. Maths has seen the children continuing to work on their fractions block and they will be moving on to adding and subtracting fractions next week. Please make sure your child is completing their maths homework to consolidate this week's learning and prepare them for next week. As a whole, the Year 6 children have shown incredible perseverance in completing their mock SATs papers and should feel very proud of their achievements this week.

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WRAP AROUND CARE

### **Breakfast Club:**

7.45am to start of school day, £3.50.

### **Afterschool Club** end of school day:

to 6.00pm, £9.00.

Bookings available via SchoolMoney

## **Awards**

### **Year 1**

Head - Leon for his brave attitude towards learning his nativity lines

Writer - David for his continued effort and positive attitude towards his Read Write Inc lessons

Maths - Lily Mai for her fantastic effort working with money

### **Year 2**

**TBC**

### **Year 3**

Headteacher's Award- Ella for being prepared and ready to learn.

Amazing Mathematician- Annabell for her enthusiasm in Maths.

Writer of the Week- Olive for good use of punctuation in her written work.

### **Year 4**

Writer of the Week: Ibrahim for using his phonics knowledge to write sentences independently.

Amazing Mathematician: Jayden for thinking carefully about different methods that can be used within 4-digit subtractions and applying them within his work.

Headteacher's Award: Myles for showing increased independence throughout every lesson and persevering when things get tricky!

### **Year 5**

Writer of the week: Isla Hogarth for consistently using adjectival and adverbial phrases appropriately to make her writing more interesting. Thank you for sharing your writing with the class.

Amazing Mathematician: Ezra for developing his resilience and confidence in maths, in particular when finding the perimeter of different shapes. Well done!

Headteacher's Award: Emmanuel for always being an eager student to share his ideas in classroom discussions. Well done!

### **Year 6**

Head Teacher's Award: HT Mohamed for his hard work and perseverance in all of the areas of the curriculum

Amazing Mathematician: Ben for consistent effort to improve and having a fantastic attitude in all of the maths sessions.

Writer of the week: Sebastian for consistent effort during our English sessions and for sharing eagerness to improve his handwriting.



## Some Photos from Our Book at Breakfast Event (more to come!)





## **Findalot Library Challenge – Plymouth Central Library**

It's a library reading challenge where children can collect free stuff as reward incentives for taking books out of the library each month. They get a sticker for reading 4 books each month (includes books read to them), they can get a bonus trading card if they do the bonus challenge or read 4 more books.

To find out more:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries/childrenandyoungpeople/findalotslibrarychallenge>

A poster for the Findalots Library Challenge. The background is dark blue with stars, a large orange planet in the top right, and a blue alien planet in the top left. The title 'FINDALOTS LIBRARY CHALLENGE' is in large white letters. Below it, 'THE FINDALOTS ARE BACK!' is in large bold black letters. The text describes a year-round library challenge for children, where they help Findalots aliens on their journey of discovery by reading books. It mentions rewards like stickers, trading cards, and a special library card. The challenge is aimed at 4 to 11-year-olds. At the bottom, it says 'START YOUR MISSION TODAY!' and 'SEE A MEMBER OF STAFF TO COME ABOARD.' The Plymouth City Council logo is in the bottom right corner.

**FINDALOTS  
LIBRARY CHALLENGE**

**THE FINDALOTS ARE BACK!**

**A YEAR ROUND LIBRARY CHALLENGE FOR CHILDREN.**  
THE FINDALOTS ARE ALIENS SENT TO EARTH TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT OUR WORLD.  
AFTER THEIR LONG JOURNEY FROM PLANET DOALOT, THEIR SPACESHIP HAS CRASHED INTO  
THE LIBRARY AND THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE.

WE'RE ASKING CHILDREN TO GUIDE THE FINDALOTS ON THEIR JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY  
THROUGH THE LIBRARY, TAKE ON CHALLENGES AND HELP THE FINDALOTS GROW STRONGER  
AND COMPLETE THEIR MISSION BEFORE THEY RETURN TO PLANET DOALOT.

AIMED AT 4 TO 11 YEAR OLDS, ALL CHILDREN WHO SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL  
FINDALOTS LIBRARY CARD AND AN ACTIVITY JOURNAL.

READ FOUR BOOKS EACH MONTH TO RECEIVE A STICKER.

EACH MONTH HAS A DIFFERENT THEME. COMPLETE THE SPECIAL CHALLENGE  
(OR BORROW FOUR MORE BOOKS) TO RECEIVE A TRADING CARD.

**START YOUR MISSION TODAY!**  
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