



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Everything is beginning to feel very Christmassy here at Stuart Road. I was very lucky to watch both Nativity performances by Reception and Year 1 children this week, and didn't they put on a great show? Year 1 children spoke with great confidence and clarity and the Reception children played each of their parts well, singing all songs with great enthusiasm and gusto! Wonderful to see. A big thank you to Mrs Haddy, Mr Hulcoop-Searle, Miss Kane and Mrs Trevaskus for all their hard work and support to make sure we enjoyed such a memorable performance.

Our Christmas countdown continues into next week with the children's Christmas lunch on **Thursday, 16th December** and we end the term, and this year, with our Christmas Jumper day on the 17th.

School reopens again on Wednesday, 5th January 2022.

Wishing you all a very festive weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

Reception Places for September 2022 – Deadline to apply is January 2022

Just a reminder, if you are considering Stuart Road Primary Academy for your child in Reception, September 2022. There are still Reception class spaces for 2022 and the closing date is January 2022 for the September intake.

In our recent Ofsted report Stuart Road Primary School were described as:

'Pupils learn what it means to be part of a community at Stuart Road. Leaders make sure that every single pupil feels included. In Reception class, children gain a rich vocabulary by reading many versions of traditional tales. Pupils enjoy to read, they feel successful even at the earliest stages of reading.'



Notices:

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

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

Teach Your Child to Read – 2nd Session: – 9am, Monday 13th December – **CANCELLED – to be rescheduled after New Year.**

Rock Steady Concert: 2pm, Monday 13th December - Pupils and performers' parents only

Christmas Dinner: Thursday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 17th December

Wednesday 12th January – Movie Night (Coco)

Friday 28th January – Re-gifting mufti

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 14th 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.



Oracy Activity

Here are simple festive discussion activities that you can do together as a family. The aim is to get children sharing ideas with their families and developing their vocabulary and imagination.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF 'ORACY' CHRISTMAS: THE PLYMOUTH ORACY PROJECT

Day One: Would you rather give or receive presents?

Day Two: Learn a Christmas Carol and sing with your family

Day Three: Who would make the best dinner guest on Christmas Day?

Day Four: Which is the odd one out? Rudolph, Scrooge, Jesus

Day Five: What is the connection? French Hens, Wise Men, The Chipmunks

Day Six: Little Book of Thunks: Can a dog be kind?

Day Seven: Tell a Christmas Joke

Day Eight: One Minute Speech: 'If everyone in the world did just one kind thing ...'

Day Nine: Read Twas the Night Before Christmas

Day Ten: A Talking Point: Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year.

Day Eleven: Home Debate: Should families spend Christmas together this year?

Day Twelve: Call a friend or relative and say Merry Christmas!

Christians believe that the 12 days of Christmas mark the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the Wise Men (Magi) to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany, when they recognised him as the son of God.

Messages from Teachers

Reception

The children have had a super busy week! They have performed their very first Nativity in front of their families. We were so proud of the children - they looked lovely in their costumes and the singing was amazing! The children have had lots of fun decorating our Christmas tree and we have also been busy making Christmas cards. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

This week year 1 have been solely focused on the nativity. We worked incredibly hard to remember songs and lines (with some even standing in last minute for children that were absent). Thankfully, we were able to put on a fantastic show for the parents/families who were able to attend. I want to say a big well done to not only year 1 but reception also for the hard work they have put in. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents etc of the children that spent all that time learning their lines - it was much appreciated. Have a well-earned rest and enjoyable weekend.

Year 2

Year 2 are certainly slowing down as we come to the end of term! We have been busy writing historical diaries about William the Conqueror and how he came to the throne of England. We are looking forward to sharing our diaries with you. In maths we have used practical equipment to understand equal groups and unequal groups to help us with our multiplication skills. We're still learning our 2 times table off by heart so please keep testing us. In science, we have been learning how to sort living things and non-living things and if something was ever alive. We have also looked at baby animals and animal habitats. Our favourite part of the week was learning to sew a royal cuff fit for a monarch!

Year 3

We have been continuing to practice the four times table and developing our speed and accuracy with this. We have also been using multiplication and division facts in Maths. In English we have just completed our work on writing instructions on making sandwiches and used plenty of features including imperative verbs and adverbs. In Science we have also looked at what plants need to grow and in particular looked at how water moves through plants through their xylem.

Year 4

In English this week, year 4 have been using the model text of 'How to Survive and Alien Invasion' to create our own instructional pieces around the theme of earthquakes. In order to say the correct information, we watched guidance videos and then had a go at completing the earthquake drill ourselves. Take a look at the picture of us doing the 'drop, cover & hold' method!

In maths, we have been using the inverse operation to check if calculations are correct. This has been tricky so any support at home would be appreciated.

We were treated to watching the Foundation & Year 1 Nativity on Tuesday afternoon - what a brilliant performance! Thank you for inviting us along 😊

Year 5

Again, here in Year 5, we have had a busy week. The particular highlights have been, watching the school nativity and continuing with our visits to Marion's University for our enrichment PE sessions.

The festivities have continued to build in our class and we are looking forward to next week. Not only will we be getting further into the Christmas spirit, with the Christmas dinner on Thursday, we will also be developing our skills as scientists. Fingers crossed, our very own scientists, will even get a rocket (or two) off the ground!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have further developed their fractions knowledge by successfully ordering and comparing them. They will move on to addition and subtraction of fractions next week. English lessons have seen the children develop their grammatical skills: using colons to introduce a list and to explain and semi-colons to link related clauses. They are looking forward to using these sentences next week when they will complete writing their 'White Fang' stories. In reading, the children finished reading Jackie Morris's 'Ice Bear' which saw them empathising with the Inuit child character when faced with a tough decision: to live with the Inuit family or live with the polar bears. The children thoroughly enjoyed this reading text and expressed their viewpoints through a detailed book review to end the week.

In geography this week, the children conducted their own research about the natural resources found in the polar regions and learned about polar landscapes: glaciers, icebergs, tundra and boreal forests. We have also explored climate change, global warming, and the greenhouse effect and what are the main causes of global warming.

Well done year 6 for your hard work this week.

Josh in Year 6 has been very busy at the Argyle Club in Manadon and the Argyle Community Trust: he's an avid football fan and would love to be a professional footballer in the future. Here are all his medals and the Under 10 Warriors trophy! Well done Josh, that's such an amazing achievement!



Awards

Year 1

No Awards this week.

Year 2

Head teacher's award – Joseph for his fantastic behaviour and settling down to his work so well.

Writer of the Week – Jasper for trying so hard to improve his writing.

Amazing Mathematician – Aiko for her great work with multiplication.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award: Roba for settling in well in her new class and school.

Writer of the Week: Marco for his excellent effort in instruction writing.

Amazing Mathematician: Rex for his improving fluency with the three times table.

Year 4

Writer of the Week: Finley for his fantastic variety of time connectives within instruction writing.

Amazing Mathematician: Will H for setting out his work beautifully and taking more risks independently.

Headteacher's Award: Miley for settling back into our class so beautifully and taking ownership of all areas of her learning.

Year 5

Writer of the Week: Jasreet for working really hard on handwriting and presentation. Well done, keep it up!

Amazing Mathematician: George for always presenting his work clearly and demonstrating a secure understanding of perimeter. Super!

Headteacher's Award: Jack for communicating his ideas and showing respect for other students' ideas and opinions. Thank you!

Year 6

Head Teacher's Award: Finley for his eagerness to improve and perseverance in all the tests taken.

Amazing Mathematician: Lewis for consistent effort to improve and for trying really hard in all the tests.

Writer of the Week: Ariana for persevering with the presentation of her work and for showing resilience and determination in improving her writing.

STUART ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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