



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

And so ends yet another busy week of teaching and learning!

The parents and children in Years 1, 2 and 3 have enjoyed their 'class socials' after school, having the chance to informally meet staff, governors and myself to either find out more about the school or simply to sit in the sunshine and have a chat.

Next week we will have Years 4, 5 and 6 which we also hope will be well attended.

A big thank you goes out to all our generous families who have donated a variety of gifts for our Autumn fair which is taking place today. I hope that many of you can make it and all your donations will go towards additional reading materials and resources to make Stuart Road a reading rich school.

Speaking of reading, next week Mrs Haddy will host a Read Write Inc parents workshop on Tuesday, 28th September from 3.00-4.00pm. It would be great if as many Reception parents as possible could come in order to fully understand and support your child's first steps on their reading journey.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

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

- Halloween Disco - Friday 22nd October: Year 1,2 and 3 (4.45pm – 6pm) / Year 4, 5 and 6 (6.15pm -7.30pm)
- Christmas Fair and cake mufti - Friday 26th November
- Christmas Disco – Friday 10th December
- Movie 🍿 nights TBC (if we can get enough volunteers, hopefully monthly on a Wednesday).

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

Ofsted Parent Survey – Please see later in this newsletter for details.

Mufti and Foodbank Donation: Mufti and Food Bank donation: Friday 15th October – See details in this newsletter.

Social Sessions (PTA EVENT): Year 4, 5 and 6 and Reception see later in this newsletter for details.

EYFS Read Write Inc Workshop: For parents of children in Reception – Tuesday 28th September see details in this newsletter.

Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5 children – Monday 1st November – see later in this newsletter for details.

Clive Pig, Ancient Egypt expert visit Year 5 - Tuesday 19th October - see later in this newsletter for details.

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

Open Evening Event for Year 5/6 at All Saints Academy Plymouth – Monday 27th September 5.30pm – 8pm. To book a tour contact enquiries@asap.org.uk or call 01752 – 705131.

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 – Tuesday 16th November: see later in this newsletter for details.

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.

Reading Volunteers Needed!

Do you love reading and enjoy helping children learn to read?

If you have a spare hour to two, we would love to have parent volunteers hear our Key Stage 1 children practise their reading skills.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Mrs Hannon, English Lead and Year 2 teacher via email or the school's office.



Re: Close Encounters Session for Years 3 and 4 – Friday 8th October

Years 3 and 4 have the exciting opportunity to participate in a Close Encounters session at school with Chris from South West Animal Services as part of their Predator topic. They will learn about (and meet!) a range of predators and have the opportunity to ask the handler questions. If you want to find out more information, please take a look at the website: <https://southwestanimalservices.co.uk>

To enable this visit to go ahead, we are asking parents/carers for a **voluntary contribution of £4.90, payable through School Money.**



Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5!

We have an exciting visit arranged to the school for our Year 4 children.

On Monday 1st November Explorer Dome will visit ! Explorer Dome is a portable planetarium with exciting, interactive science show. Inside the magical atmosphere of the Dome, the lively, hands-on shows are presented by professional & enthusiastic science presenters. The cost per child is £8.50. This workshop is an invaluable opportunity for the children to enhance their learning experience and to take part in new and fun activities. Payments can be made via SchoolMoney.

Free Flu Vaccinations

Dear parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school (Tuesday 16th November) and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this.

However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in this category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net. Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Age Immunisations Team
Virgin Care Services Limited
Tel: 0300 247 0082

e: VCL.immunisations@nhs.net **w:** www.virgincare.co.uk

PE Days:

Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 6
Wednesday	Reception
Thursday	Year 1 and 5
Friday	Year 2 and 3

Class Socials

All parents are warmly invited to attend our new 'class socials' as a chance to meet other parents and key members of staff following extending periods of lockdown and social distancing.

These informal meetings are a chance to meet and get to know Gary Blake (Chair of Governors), Britta Nicholls (Head of School), Charlotte Kelly (Chair of PTA) and of course the class teacher and fellow parents over a cup of tea and biscuits.

Each class social will take place for 30 minutes at the end of the school day, in the main hall. Reception parents will remain in school from 8.45am to 9.15am and meet in the Early Years setting.

We do hope to see as many of you as possible to help rebuild our strong community and school connections.

Year 4: Monday 27th (3.30pm – 4pm)

Year 5: Tuesday 28th (3.30pm – 4pm)

Year 6: Thursday 30th. (3.30pm – 4pm)

Reception: Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October (8.45am – 9.15am)

Messages from Teachers

Reception

Another busy week in Reception! We have started our Read Write Inc sessions this week and the children are starting to learn some initial sounds. Next week we will be starting Number Time. The children have spent lots of time outside and have been enjoying the lovely weather. They really like playing in the water and playing with the large wooden blocks.

Year 1

This week Year 1 has continued with our exciting Gruffalo writing work. We have acted out the story, rearranged mixed up sentences and even written our own sentences to match pictures from the story. In maths we have carried on with our place value work with a focus on more than, less than and counting forward/backwards. The children have been amazing and have even moved onto our "Chutta challenges" to challenge themselves further. I just want to say a big well done to everyone in Year 1 for their hard work this week and it has been brilliant to see your effort and commitment to your learning 😊

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been learning all about the traditional tale Rapunzel. After reading through the story, we drew a story map to practice telling to each other. Now we are ready to write our own version of this magical story. Ask us at home to recount the story using our actions and best storytelling voice. In maths, we have using lots of different equipment to practice our place value skills. Practice at home working out which amounts are more or less – perhaps play the game 'Would You Rather'. In topic, we created our own castles by collaging different shapes. We're ready for the weekend after all our hard work!

Year 3

The children have been continuing with their work on place value in Maths focussing on adding and subtracting in 1s, 10s and 100s. Don't forget this can be practised along with other aspects of Maths at home- instead of using Numbots, the children from Year 3 onwards will be using TT Rockstars which is another online platform. As always, Read Write Inc is continuing for some whilst the others are looking at a book called 'Tell Me a Dragon.' The focus in this book is the use of metaphors, similes and extended noun phrases. In English, the children have continued to look at features within a humorous story called 'Diary of a Killer Cat' and beginning to write their own diary entries. Work on the Predator topic has looked at the idea of a food chain and features of creatures considered as predators and prey.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have focused our English lessons on studying the grammar and punctuation that Anne Fine uses in 'Diary of a Killer Cat'. At the end of the week, we began to plan our own versions using the text as a model. In Maths, we have continued our work within Number & Place Value, in particular, using number lines. This has proven to be very tricky so anything you can do at home would be amazing to help with our learning! Look at us during our RE lesson; we were using dictionaries to find meanings of words that we were unsure of.

Year 5

Year 5 have had an amazing week! We have been off exploring Egypt again! In English, we have continued reading the Secrets of a Sun King, in addition to another Egyptian tale, Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx. In Maths, we have been learning about place value and in particular rounding numbers. We hope the children have enjoyed this week, as much as we have! We are looking forward to our Class Social on Tuesday.

Year 6

Year 6 children worked hard and showed determination when completing their tests. It was wonderful to see how hard they tried to show me what they know. In English, we have learned how to describe characters and settings effectively using a variety of ways, including figurative language. In Maths, we have consolidated ordering and comparing numbers. Part of the children`s Science learning was to look at classifying things into groups according to their common characteristics and creating classification keys. In RE, we explained how different people believe in God and discussed the meaning of words such as: theist , atheist, and agnostic. Thank you for your hard work year 6.

Parking outside the school

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is ***strictly prohibited***.

The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.

We ask that parents do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school. Thank you.

Reminders

- Please make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle as hydration is vital for concentration and focus for learning.
- Morning fruit break should be fruit or a healthy snack, please keep crisps and chocolate bars for lunchtime eating.
- Whilst Covid restrictions are being relaxed can we all still be mindful that cases are still high and continue to observe precautions such as washing hands, keeping rooms well ventilated and wearing a mask in busy, confined areas. If a child does test positive for Covid, please inform the school.

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

Awards

Year 1

Headteacher's award – James for his responsible attitude to all his learning.

Mathematician of the week – David for his determined attitude in maths.

Writer of the week – Valentino for his amazing Gruffalo sentences.

Year 2

Headteachers Award: Lowenna Craze for her amazing attitude to all her learning.

Amazing Mathematician: James Bennett for his excellent place value skills

Writer of the week: Jacob Ash for his excellent writing about The Tunnel

Year 3

Headteacher's Award: Merryn Leadbetter- for settling in well in Year 3.

Amazing Mathematician: Emma Mudimu- for her neat and clear organisation of her work.

Writer of the Week: Taibah Akthar- for writing in full sentences using connectives.

Year 4

English: Laila for using amazing vocabulary within her writing. Keep up your determination!

Maths: Kyla for being a determined learner and persevering despite the tasks being very tricky!

Headteacher: Ilan for being a superb role model to her class in everything that she does.

Year 5

Writer: Jacob for using a variety of fronted adverbials in his writing and the correct punctuation that accompanies them.

Maths: Emmanuel for his enthusiast approach towards his maths with a good attitude towards his learning.

Headteacher: Harry for his knowledge and enthusiasm surrounding our History Topic – Pharaohs.

Year 6

Writer: Katie for her hard work, independence, and fabulous presentation in all our writing sessions.

Maths: Habibah for taking ownership of her learning, always trying her hardest and consistently producing high quality work.

Headteacher: Blake for engaging well in our maths sessions, working out answers carefully and always challenging himself to complete Chuuta challenges.



Mufti/Foodbank – Friday 15th October

Items required:

- Tinned Meat / Fish
- Tinned Vegetables / Potatoes
- Tinned Tomatoes / Jars of Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding
- Pasta / Rice
- Tea Bags / Coffee / Hot Chocolate
- Long Life Juice Cartons / Squash
- UHT Milk
- Biscuits / Chocolate / Sweets
- Crisps / Crackers
- Toiletries

Ofsted Parent Survey

Please complete as soon as possible. You will need to register to log in to answer questions and give feedback. Parents' responses will help inform the Stuart Road leadership team to improve the quality of education and learning experiences for all our pupils.

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