



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a strange week for me, self-isolating at home having caught my second bout of Covid-19 last weekend.

The teachers and office staff have kept the school running smoothly, and I am incredibly thankful to be blessed with such a wonderful, hard-working team.

I hear, via email, that the parent meeting calls have gone well this week, and that the children enjoyed bringing teddy bears into school, in recognition of the great support Jeremiah's journey provide our young people.

This week has shown just how real Covid still is with several of our pupils recovering at home too. We continue to have precautionary measures in place at Stuart Road, and I thank all staff for continuing to keep everyone safe.

Wishing you all a healthy and Covid-free weekend!

Mrs Nicholls

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your donations to Jeremiah's journey: we are still collecting so will let you know what the final total is soon!



Notices:

PTA Movie Night – Weds 2nd February – All Years – 3.15pm -5.30pm, Gate 2 Pick-up. Cost £4 (includes a drink, hotdog and sweets).

PTA Valentine's Disco – Friday 11th Feb FDN, Year 1, 2, 3: 4.30pm – 5.45pm. Year 4, 5 and 6 : 6pm -7.15pm. Cost £4 (includes sweets, drink, light up gift)

Mufti – Monday 13th February – Wear anything you like mufti for children's welfare and mental health week.

PTA Soft Toy Mufti – Friday 18th February – bring an unwanted soft toy to donate to the Spring Fair.

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 (RW10 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.

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.

NSPCC Number Day



Re: Celebrating Number Day and supporting the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children).

On Friday, 4th February we will be celebrating Number day and raising money for the NSPCC.

Children (and staff) are invited to dress up for the digits and wear an item of clothing with numbers on it. This could be a sports shirt or a cap or even a onesie. Or why not be more creative and dress up as a calculator or a dice or even dress up as your favourite TTRockstar avatar.

During the day, the children will be invited to participate in a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support NSPCC services.

If you would like to donate to the NSPCC we have set up a Just Giving page: you can donate as much or as little as you like, just type in the amount you want to donate once you have selected the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuartroadprimaryacademy>

We are looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support.

All the money we raise at Stuart Road Primary Academy will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for the children tomorrow.

Messages from Teachers

Reception

Another busy week in Reception! We have continued our learning on Winter and have been making snowflakes this week. Maybe you could make snowflakes at home with your child. Next week we will be learning how to look after the birds in the winter. This week we have been using our Story Maps from last week to do some writing in our writing books. The children have really enjoyed this. In maths, we have been learning about the composition of 5. We have been using 5 small items and trying to work out how many were hidden away. The children are getting more confident with this.

Mrs Haddy and Miss Kane hope that you and your family have a wonderful weekend!

Year 1

TBC

Year 2

Year 2 finished writing their adventure stories with a green message this week and published them by candlelight and music - please look out for them on our class page. We started to look at division in maths, using cubes to help us understand how to share into equal groups. We also know what commutativity is so let us explain all about it at home! In topic, we have been concentrating on activists and all of us are feeling bolstered to fight for equal rights for all. The best part of the week was bringing our teddies in to school to show them all the hard work we do in class and talk about the important work Jeremiah does – we even got to meet and cuddle Jeremiah and introduce our teddies to him!

Year 3

Class 3 have been busy working with money in Maths. In this day and age of cashless purchases- the children have coped well with making different amounts of money using coins and notes. The children have also been busy continuing their work on adventure stories and planning their own. Rocks, Relics and Rumbles topic work has moved onto learning about tectonic plates and their impact on the world- earthquakes and volcano eruptions.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been writing up our own stories using the plans we created from the model story. Once written, we went back through with a purple pen to edit and improve. We used thesauruses to up-level vocabulary and swapped our stories with friends to check the punctuation and grammar.

In maths, we have studied column multiplication. This has been confusing for some of us as we prefer to partition numbers instead. We will continue to work on the column method.

We were treated to a Hindu speaker in RE this week! We spoke via Teams and she shared with us her day-to-day life as well as showing us objects that she uses to worship, such as jewellery, kumkum powder and shrines.

Year 5

The Year 5s have written some amazing stories based on The Secret Garden. We have been wowed with their ideas and the powerful language they have used.

This week, we started our maths unit on fractions. We have been learning about equivalent fractions and the different representation.

In Art and Design, we have returned to exploring photography. We have learnt that, In black and white photography, distracting colours are replaced with tones of grey. This helps the viewer to concentrate on other aspects, such as line, shape, tone, form, texture, pattern and composition. Black and white photographs make dramatic pieces because they enhance the contrast between dark and light spaces. Shadows and strong lines can also create abstract images. We are looking forward to sharing these photos in a class gallery.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have investigated weaponry used in the First World War and ordered key events. In addition, they listened to first- hand accounts of life on the home front and evaluated the impact of war on everyday life.

In maths, we have started to learn about decimals and have multiplied them by 10, 100 and 1,000. In writing sessions, the children have crafted diary entries in the role of David from the fantastic 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. MyMaths homework has been set as usual; due for next Friday (8.02.22). Please ensure your child completes this as well as reading regularly. Have a lovely weekend.

Awards

Year 1

TBC

Year 2

Head teacher's award – Jasper Baker for making great progress in his maths and writing.

Writer of the Week – Chloe for her brilliant adventure story about traffic outside school.

Amazing Mathematician – Ramsey Cooke for excellent understanding of commutativity.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award: For always setting herself high standards with her work.

Amazing Mathematician: Robert Edney for his perseverance with his work on the 8 times tables.

Writer of the Week: Emma Mudimu for her wonderful opening to her adventure story.

Year 4

English: Pearl for her continual perseverance with improving her vocabulary and sentence structure.

Maths: Laila for showing such determination in developing an understanding of a new way to multiply numbers.

Headteacher: Cordelia for challenging herself continually in everything that she does.

Year 5

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Year 6

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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



Children's Wellbeing and Mental health – Mon 14th Feb

This year's theme is Growing Together.

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

We are asking children and staff to come into school wearing anything they feel like on Monday 14th February! This will be a FREE mufti and is an opportunity for us, as a school, to promote an awareness of children's wellbeing and mental health.

Oracy Activity

Here is a simple discussion activity 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.

A journey for Jeremiah



Talk about these bears together. What are they thinking and feeling? What has happened? What might happen next?