



# Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done for an impressive show of attendance with the majority of children being in school every day for this first full week back.

Already, I have noticed just how hard the children are learning, applying themselves with such determination and resilience throughout all their subjects taught – I am very impressed and proud of you all.

As we settled in to our new school routines, can I remind you that our new Class Socials start next Monday, with Year 1 parents invited to stay for a half hour after school to chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit with Mr Hulcoop-Searl, Class teacher, Mr Blake, Chair of Governors, Mrs Kelly, Chair of PTA and myself. Year 2 will then be on Tuesday and Year 3 on Thursday of next week.

I am being mindful of the fact that COVID is still very much a presence and particularly in Plymouth, and request that during the class social meetings, all adults wear masks. I will keep all the main hall windows and doors open and have hand sanitiser available too. If the weather is dry, we can go out into the playground.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in person next week and until then, wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

## Notices:

**Class Photography** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Individual photos and siblings.

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

- Autumn Fair and cake mufti - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September
- Halloween Disco - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Year 1,2 and 3 (4.45pm – 6pm) / Year 4, 5 and 6 (6.15pm -7.30pm)
- Christmas Fair and cake mufti - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas Disco – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mufti and Foodbank Donation:** Mufti and Food Bank donation: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – See details in this newsletter.

**Social Sessions (PTA EVENT):** see later in this newsletter for details.

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

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

**Clive Pig, Ancient Egypt expert visit Year 5** - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm – 8pm.** To book a tour contact [enquiries@asap.org.uk](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> November:** see later in this newsletter for details.

**Gentle reminder: PE Kit** On days when your child has PE could you please ensure that your child comes into school with the appropriate kit. This includes a plain white T-shirt, black shorts/ leggings/ joggers. Football tops and branded sports clothing are NOT part of our school dress code. Thank you.

**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.

### **Read Write Inc workshop for Reception Parents – Tuesday 28th September**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to invite you to a Read Write Inc. workshop on Tuesday 28th September from 3.15pm until 4pm.

Read Write Inc. is the programme that we use to teach children to read. The workshop will give you an opportunity to learn more about how we teach reading and how you can support your child at home. You will also have the opportunity to look at some of the resources that we will be using.



### **Clive Pig, Ancient Egypt expert visit Year 5**

We have another exciting visit arranged for our Year 5 children in the coming months:

Clive Pig, Ancient Egypt expert will join us on Tuesday 19th October. Clive brings the traditions and cultures of this ancient civilisation to life with a series of workshops, music and drama activities.

The cost of this memorable experience will be £8.70 per child.

These workshops are an invaluable opportunity for the children to enhance their learning experience and to take part in new and fun activities. Please make payments via SchoolMoney.



### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:VCL.immunisations@nhs.net)      **w:** [www.virgincare.co.uk](http://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 1: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> (3.30pm – 4pm)

Year 2: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> (3.30pm – 4pm)

Year 3: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> (3.30pm – 4pm)

Year 4: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> (3.30pm – 4pm)

Year 5: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> (3.30pm – 4pm)

Year 6: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>. (3.30pm – 4pm)

Reception: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October (8.45am – 9.15am)

## **Messages from Teachers**

### **Foundation**

The Reception children have been so busy this week! They are settling in well and are learning where all the resources and equipment are. The children love playing outside and have discovered our climbing tree!! Next week we will be starting our Read Write Inc sessions!

### **Year 1**

This week Year 1 have been reading 'The Gruffalo'. We have really enjoyed retelling this to our friends and putting it in the correct order. In maths we are making sure we can count and recognise our numbers to 10. We have also talked about our families and how to be an amazing friend.

### **Year 2**

Welcome back to a new year at school after what we hope has been a relaxing, fun and safe summer for you. It is great to have all the children back together and year 2 have hit the ground running. We spent most of last week getting to know each other and thinking about what makes us special and individual. We looked at our class rules and what good behaviour for learning looks like so that we can get the most out of our time in class. And we spent some very import time looking at bullying, what to do if we are being bullied and how to be a good friend to everyone. We also had a very special visitor,

Sir Nick Knight, all the way from his far, far, away castle, wearing his impressive armoury and deadly weapons. Take a look at some of our pictures.



### Year 3

We have had an eventful and busy week starting up English, Maths and Topic work. For English we have started looking at an Anne Fine story called 'Diary of a Killer Cat.' The children have been looking at the features of the story and well as answering some comprehension questions about the events. In Maths, the children have looked at place value and in particular, focused on hundreds, tens and ones. We also started our topic for the term, 'Predators' and examined some rat bones.

### Year 4

What a fantastic, exciting week we've had! Towards the end of the week, we were introduced to our new topic; Predator! We had an awesome yet gruesome time looking at animal bones and using our detective skills to decipher which animal they came from! Ask us what wonderful things we had to do to figure out the mystery!

In English, we have been reading and answering questions relating to the book, 'The Killer Cat'. We have read, then re-read the text and even acted parts out in groups. Look at us in action!

In Maths, we have been reminding ourselves of place value and which each digit represents in a 4-digit number. How many ways do you think there are at representing 100?



### Year 5

What a great week of learning Year 5 have had. They have tried particularly hard with some very challenging maths learning ordering, comparing and rounding numbers to 100,000. They have enjoyed researching sources for evidence of what life was like in Ancient Egyptian times using newspaper articles, diary entries and letters from the 1920s. The children have continued to enjoy our writing class text of the Secrets of a Sun King, agreeing and finding features of a historical text, expressing their opinions and answering questions about the text.

### Year 6

The children in year 6 had a fantastic first week. They have worked hard, taking ownership of their learning, and showing eagerness to learn. In Maths, we have consolidated reading and writing numbers up to 10,000,000. In English, we have read an abridged version of 'The Switch' by Anthony Horowitz and orally rehearsed the story, coming up with actions to help us remember the story. We have also looked at grammatical features and text structure. During Science, we explored the meaning of identity and what things contribute to a person's identity.



The children have created a mind map to help reflect on their own identity. Thank you, year 6 for your hard work this week.



## 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

Starting 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **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 on  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **Awards**

### **Year 1 TBC**

### **Year 2**

Headteacher's award - Summer Partridge for an excellent start to year 2

Amazing Mathematician – Ian Yan for his excellent place value skills

Writer of the week – Jake Moody for his excellent traditional tale

### **Year 3**

Headteacher's Award: Jakob Scott for coming into school happily and ready to learn.

Amazing Mathematician: Ashton Langdon for being proud of his work and effort.

Writer of the week: Annabell Obiri for great presentation and handwriting.

### **Year 4**

Writer: Jayden for his beautifully presented handwriting - what a fantastic role model for your class!

Maths: Myles for taking ownership of his work in maths and working independently.

Headteacher: Lilly for being a brave learner and challenging herself to work independently.

### **Year 5**

Writer: Nina for wonderful presentation and consistently joining her handwriting.

Maths: Lilly for showing determination and resilience in all her maths learning

Headteacher: George for making a wonderful start to Year 5 with a positive attitude towards all learning.

### **Year 6**

Writer: Ella for trying hard in all our writing sessions and being thorough in her work.

Maths: Lilly for persevering in all the Maths sessions and showing an eagerness to learn

Headteacher: Summer for taking ownership of her learning and being keen to improve.



### **Mufti/Foodbank – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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