



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

This has been a very busy week again at Stuart Road. The children have taken part in a range of class-based discussions and activities around anti-bullying, and provided some insightful and thoughtful answers during my whole school assembly on the topic too. As our anti-bullying policy states:

Stuart Road Primary Academy will not tolerate bullying and all incidents reported will be taken seriously. It is the responsibility of the whole school community to eradicate bullying by ensuring the continued development of a caring and supportive ethos. The school will also be equally concerned about bullying to and from school.

The school will aim to prevent the occurrence of bullying by:

- Establishing clear guidelines and procedures
- Encouraging openness
- Making it clear that reporting of bullying is responsible behaviour
- Informing and involving parents
- Seeking more opportunities for older pupils to support younger ones and lead by example.

It has been wonderful to see children in their Children in Need mufti - be it spotty tops or trousers, Pudsey ears or onesies! Thank you all for your generous contributions and CaterEd for donating Pudsey biscuits at lunchtime.

Please be aware that we are to have our trial road closure this Monday, 22nd, and therefore allow extra time to park further away and walk to school.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mrs Nicholls

Christmas Shoe box Appeal

Thank you so much for all your donated shoe boxes this year; we have collected 45 boxes!

Your shoe boxes will be hand delivered by the TEECH team to children in Romania and Moldova; thank you for giving gifts to those who require a little help at Christmas time.



Notices:

Safer School Street Day: Monday 22nd November – see later in this newsletter for details. We're working together with Plymouth City Council's Road Safety team, Plymotion teams and Sustrans to hold a one-day trial of a Safer School Streets scheme on Monday, 22nd November 2021. Please see the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-59321828>

Book at Breakfast: Friday 26th November 9am – 9.30am see details in this newsletter.

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

- Christmas Fair, Grab a bag, visit from Father Christmas - Friday 26th November – After school until 5.30pm
- Movie Night: Wednesday 1st December for Years 1-6: 3.15pm – 5.30pm (drink, hot dog (veggie opt avail.) and sweets. Details to follow.
- Christmas Disco – Friday 3rd December for all years including Foundation. Details to follow

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

Christmas Dinner: Thursday 16th December – details to follow.

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 17th 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 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.

Toys in School

Can we ask that no toys be brought into school as we wish to keep cross contamination to the minimum especially considering the recent increase in Covid cases. that the school already provides. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. There are puzzles, books, games and other activities that the children can enjoy during wet play times.



Christmas Jumper Day!
Friday 17th December



LOST Read Write Inc Books - Books the school has bought for children to read on the RWI scheme are very expensive. As from next week, notification will be emailed out to families requesting payment for books that are not returned.

Whilst this is something the school does not wish to do, the cost for each book lost means we are unable to run the reading scheme successfully.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Hannon - English Lead

A reminder please for all children who are on the Read Write Inc scheme, books MUST be returned to school each FRIDAY so that they can be swapped for new ones.

Many thanks,

Mrs Hannon

Messages from Teachers

Foundation

The children have been super busy this week! Today we have been printing gingerbread men with the paint. The children are doing really well in Number Time and are getting really confident at talking about number and what they notice.

Year 1

This week the children have adapted the story "Where the Wild Things Are" and created a plan to use in their big independent write. After creating our plan, the children did just that and spent two lessons writing their own version and then going through their work to check and correct any mistakes. Fantastic effort by all. In maths we have started looking at shapes - both 3d and 2d. We explored their names, appearance, sides, faces etc. We also had ago at drawing them ourselves! This week we have also had discussions around bullying, continued exploring dinosaurs and looked at the creature of the world from a Christian point of view. As always, an amazing week had by all 😊

Year 2

In English, we are learning to write independently using our class story to help us! Our challenge has been to add description and an exciting plot! In maths we are practising subtraction which has been quite tricky. We're also learning our 2 times table off by heart so please test us. In Topic, we have been drawing portraits of ourselves holding an object that represents us. In PE, we are practising jumping whilst maintaining our balance.

Year 3

It has been a busy week continuing with work on a character description in English for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children have come up with some wonderfully descriptions of a sixth golden ticket winner for the story making them sound really unpleasant! In Maths, we have continued with using the column method in addition and subtraction problems. And in science we have continued with our topic of Scrumdiddlyumptious looking at different food groups and designing contents of our own lunchboxes.

Year 4

In English, we have been planning then writing our own stories based on the 'Firework-Maker's Daughter'. We have had great fun coming up with different versions of the story and sharing them with one another. In Maths, we have looked at exchanging in addition and subtraction. Subtraction has been trickier, so we will continue to work on this. In French this week, we learnt about our family! Ask me who I live with to test my knowledge.

Year 5

This week has been the final week of our English topic, based on the book, The Jamie Drake Equation. The children have written some brilliant science fiction stories and have published them into the best. We hope lots of people will have the opportunity to read them.

Our maths, has led to us multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. As the week has progressed our confidence has soared and we have been using our knowledge and understanding to problem solve.

We are really loving the opportunity to work with the teachers at Marjons on a Friday, each week we are learning new skills and applying them.



Year 6

This week in year 6, the children have written their own non-chronological report about their chosen polar animal. As a class, we have learned lots of facts about a variety of animals. In RE, we have discussed the creation story and the children created their own storyboards. As this week was the Antbullying Week, we have spent time in class to discuss what is 'mean', 'rude', and 'bullying'. Children have looked at a variety of scenarios and decided whether that was an example of bullying or being malicious or rude. They have written acrostic poems about showing a variety of ways to be kind like: caring, being helpful, friendship, respect and compassion. Well done year 6 for your hard work this week.

Book at Breakfast Event

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: You are invited to join us for **Book at Breakfast** on Friday 26th November.

Here at Stuart Road Academy, we are committed to all our children being great readers who enjoy and love books. Every day is filled with lots of different reading activities and one of our favourite times is when adults read to children at the end of the day.

You play an important part in developing our reading culture and we would like to celebrate with you by inviting you in to school on Friday 26th November from 9.00am-9.30am to share some favourite books with your child/children. Please bring a cushion or your favourite teddy to snuggle down with and you are very welcome to wear your pyjamas! You can also bring in some breakfast to share together.

We are hoping to have Kim Evans-Reid, from Plymouth Central Library, join us for our event. Kim will be available to share ideas for reading at home as well as let you know about what resources and activities there are at the library.

We look forward to seeing you at our Book at Breakfast event.

Mrs Hannon

English Lead



Friday, 26th November
9.00-9.30

Join your child in their classroom.
Bring a book, breakfast and a blanket.
Share our love of reading together!

Awards

Year 1

Head - Liza for her fantastic effort and responsible attitude towards all of her learning

Writer - Christopher for his fantastic "Where the Wild Things Are" writing plan

Maths - Gus for becoming more confident working independently

Year 2

Head teacher's award – Jacob for producing work of a continually high standard and being an exemplary learner in every lesson

Writer of the Week – Alan for trying super hard to write independent sentences

Amazing Mathematician – Chloe for fantastic improvement of numbers bonds!

Year 3

Headteacher's Award: Robert for always trying his best.

Amazing Mathematician: Olive for her work using the column method.

Writer of the Week: Jude for his wonderful vocabulary choices in his character description.

Year 4

Writer of the Week: Dilwyn for his improved stamina for writing and varying sentence openers.

Amazing Mathematician: Cordelia for her fantastic word problem work and applying her knowledge to new methods.

Headteacher's Award: Oliver I for his all-round fantastic attitude towards learning and increased stamina.

Year 5

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

Amazing Mathematician: Ruby for super application of knowledge and skills. Well done for checking your own work.

Headteacher's Award: Emilia for an incredible start at Stuart Road, with amazing determination and resilience. Keep it up!

Year 6

Head Teacher's Award : Habibah for taking responsibility for her learning and for always being eager to challenge herself

Amazing Mathematician: Justas for working diligently in all our maths sessions and for challenging himself with Cuuta challenges

Writer of the Week: Kate for taking ownership of her learning and being conscientious in our writing sessions.

Climbing wall taster sessions!

Does your children want to try climbing? Why not book them on to one of our climbing taster sessions happening on Sunday the 28th of November.

Just £6 for a 1 hour session

Session times!!

Time	age
10-11am	5-11 years
11.15 - 12.15pm	12-17 year
12.40 – 1.45pm	5-11 years
2– 3pm	12-17 year
3.15 – 4.15pm	5-11 years
4.30 - 5.30pm	15-17 year

**Book online or at the climbing wall reception or call us on:
01752 606900 option 4**



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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

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.

Helping people can make us feel special.



Dear parent/carer

Stuart Road Primary Academy Safer School Streets day

We're working together with Plymouth City Council's Road Safety team, Plymotion teams and Sustrans to hold a **one-day trial** of a **Safer School Streets scheme** on **Monday, 22nd November 2021**.

A Safer School Street is where a road outside a school temporarily closes to **school-run and through motor traffic** during drop off and pick up times. This opens the street up to families travelling actively, making it safer to walk, cycle or scoot to school by tackling the main road safety concern that parents raise with us – the amount of traffic on the road during drop off and pick up times

The Safer School Streets day will be held on **Monday, 22nd November** where **Palmerston Street** will be closed to motorised traffic between **8.15am – 9.00am drop off times** and **2.00pm and 3.30pm pick up times**.

Please support the school with this initiative and chose to walk, cycle or scoot from home, or if this is not possible, to park a short distance away and walk, cycle or scoot the remaining distance. During the closure times motorised vehicles will be prevented from entering the road closure. We will be able to offer exemptions, if approved by the school in advance, for a valid reason such as mobility considerations and for residents living within the closure.

The Safer School Streets initiative is a trial and we would be grateful for feedback from pupils, families, local residents and staff in order to inform future decisions.

School Streets is an initiative which is being adopted by a growing number of schools across the nation. Not only will it improve road safety, but will also help to address traffic and parking concerns outside schools and encourage more people to think differently about how they travel to school. It will create a healthier, more liveable street environment around the school and local community, encouraging a reduction of car use and making the vicinity of the school community safer and cleaner, improving the quality of life for everyone.

Safer School Streets is also part of Plymouth City Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan and is supported by Councillor Jonathan Drear, Cabinet Member for Transport and is being delivered in partnership with Sustrans, the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

If you do have any specific access needs or other queries then please do contact me as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Britta Nicholls
Head of School
Stuart Road Primary Academy