



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

It has been wonderful to see some sunshine this week and experience real winter weather with crisp, cold mornings. However, if the cold weather is making you think of booking holidays to sunnier climes, let me bring your attention to the term time absence request form.

I have noted an increase in term time holiday requests lately and would like to share with you again, Plymouth City Council's policy on term time absences.

The policy states that should you request to take your child out of school during term time, this will be unauthorised. If the days away from school are more than 10 sessions (5 days) then this could incur a penalty notice resulting in a fine.

If you wish to read the policy in full, please visit the school's website.

Following two national lockdowns when a lot of learning has been missed, we cannot over emphasise how vital it is that your child attends school regularly and we are pleased to say that for the majority of our families, this is the case. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office before 9am on the same day and keep us informed as to how they are doing. We are also here to help support families where absence is an issue, so please do get in touch.

Wishing you all a fresh and frosty weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

SENCO Coffee Morning – Wednesday 19th January, 9am -10am.

Child Progress Phone calls from Teachers - w/c 24th January

Jeremiah's Journey - Thursday 27th January - Bring a Bear to school/donate £1

Friday 28th January – Re-gifting mufti.

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

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.

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.

SEND Coffee Morning – Wednesday 19th January



Mrs Riley (SEND CO) and Mrs Morgan (Parent Support Worker) invite you to their first SEND Coffee morning on Wednesday 19th January. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's needs/request support or just have a general chat to find out about Mrs Riley and Mrs Morgan and the important work they do to support our children at Stuart Road Academy.

The coffee morning session will be from 9am - 10am. Please arrive at Gate 3 at 9am where you will be required to sign in. In line with Covid guidelines please wear a mask whilst entering the school, thank you.

Parent phone calls – Teacher feed-back on your child's progress

Teachers will be making phone calls to parents (rather than face-to-face meetings) week beginning 24th January. This will be an opportunity to find out about your child's progress and to ask any questions/relay any concerns you have. Booking appointments will be via e-schools; we will contact you when this goes live next week.

Messages from Teachers

Reception

Another busy week in Reception! We have continued to read Three Little Pig stories. Also, we have started our learning about Winter. We looked at a winter photo and described what we could see. The children acted out getting dressed for a winter walk. We put our warm boots on, our hats and scarves and our big thick coats on. We loved crunching in the snow!

Year 1

This week the children have been introduced to the story of Dick Whittington. We have explored the story in a variety of different ways as to help them not only remember it but also be able to talk about it. We have read the work, acted out events in the story using either ourselves or puppets, sequenced the story using pictures, created our own story map as well as matching words/sentences to their pictures.

In maths we have continued to work on numbers past 10. We have looked at partitioning and how we can use this to help with addition, recapped our numbers bonds and add by counting.

Even though I have missed some of the week through illness, I have been told how amazing the children have been on their first full week back, so a big well done to all :D

Year 2

We have been learning about more significant people this week including artists, scientists, monarchs and activists. We had to rank a selection of movers and shakers and explain why we thought they were the most significant. Who do you think is the most significant person in history? In English, we are writing learning about Greta and the Giants and how one small person can change the world. Our 5 times table skills are comping along well, but we still have room for improvement so keep testing us at home!

Year 3

We have continued to have a busy week. We have continued practicing the 8 times tables- this could be supported at home through the use of TT Rock Stars. In Maths, we have looked at multiplication and division and their relationship. We have continued with our topic entitled Rocks, Relics and Rumbles- we have looked at different types of rocks, their properties and how they are used to make different things.

Year 4

In English this week, we have started a new text - 'Jelani's Quest'. We have read the text several times, drawn story maps, and acted out sections of it. We are going to be using this text as a model for our own over the next few weeks. In Maths, we have been studying multiplying 3 1-digit numbers together. This confused us to begin with, but we were soon able to find methods to help answer the questions presented. In topic, we have been learning about rivers! Ask me about interesting facts I now know!

Year 5

We have been working hard on our maths this week. We are learning to use the written multiplication method in order to multiply a variety of numbers. We began the week multiplying 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers, progressing to multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers as the week has progressed. Keep practising your times tables, as this will certainly help!

Year 6

Another busy week for our year 6 class. This week, the children have read the first chapter of 'Friend or Foe' and have written dairy entries. They have empathised with the main character, David, and have written in role. In maths, we have explored multiplying fractions. In History, we looked at the start of the world war, the reason for the trench fare and what was life like in the trenches.

In PSHE, we explored some of the ways in which one group can have power over another and know how it can feel to be excluded or treated badly by being different in some way. Well done for a great week year 6!

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.

**What if the average
lifespan of a human was
200?**



Awards

Year 1

No awards this week.

Year 2

Head teacher's award – Maiya for fantastic work in all her lessons.

Writer of the Week – Darci for her impressive knowledge of word types in a sentence.

Amazing Mathematician – Fabian for a great start to learning the 5 times table.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award- Asfia for being helpful around the classroom.

Amazing Mathematician- Jude for counting in 8s with the 8 times tables.

Writer of the Week- Chloe for improving her presentation of her work.

Year 4

English: Oliver I for taking ownership of his presentation and improving his handwriting fantastically!

Maths: Oliver P for reflecting upon previous learning to support new methods of solving multiplication questions.

Headteacher: Ibrahim for showing an increased independence in all areas of his learning.

Year 5

Writer of the Week -Nola for making super observations about a text, using all the evidence and referring back to this when writing an explanation. Super!

Amazing Mathematician - Jakob for working hard on the formal written method for multiplication. Great application of the method. Well done!

Headteacher's Award - Mohamed – for being an amazing member of the class. Hard working, a super friend and always with a smile! Keep it up!

Year 6

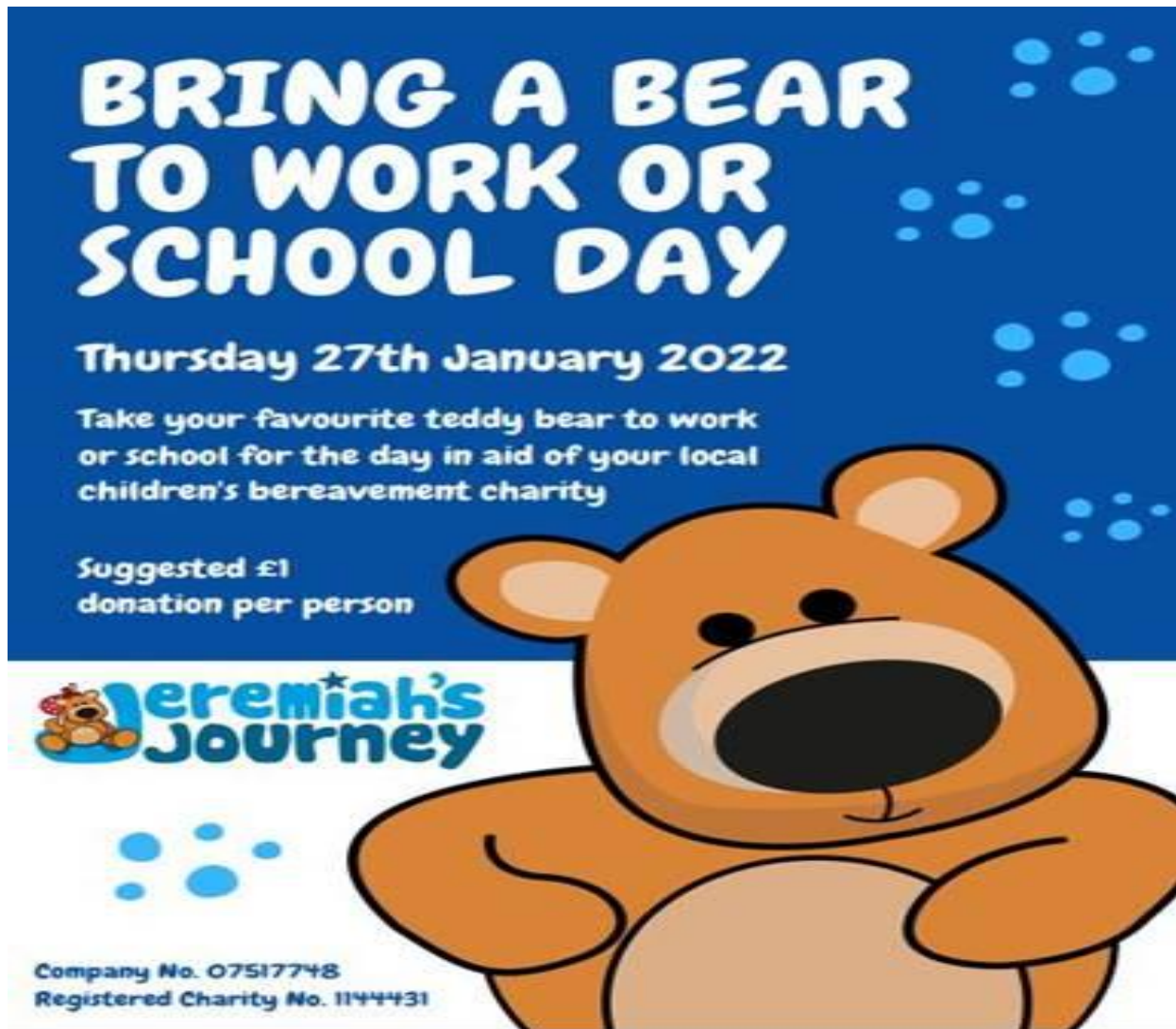
Head Teacher's Award - Lewis for his responsible attitude towards all of his learning.

Writer of the Week - Ella for always engaging in our English sessions and being keen to participate in discussions.

Amazing Mathematician - Lilly for persevering with adding and subtracting fractions and for recording her work neatly.

Bring a Bear!

We will be hosting a bring a teddy bear to school day at Stuart Road Primary Academy on 27th January 2022, with a £1 donation towards the wonderful work that Jeremiah's Journey does.



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