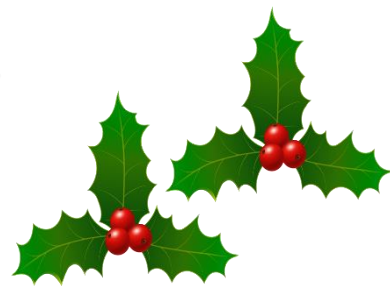




Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter



Dear parents/carers,

We have reached the final day of the term and the final term of what has been a very extraordinary year! Thankfully, we have been able to hold a few Christmas events in school this week by putting in place additional safety measures. It was great to see and hear the musicians perform their songs during the RockSteady concert earlier this week. We had drummers, keyboard players, guitarists and singers all performing their socks off! What a talented bunch of children we have.

Yesterday, we were able to hold our children's Christmas lunch when the children enjoyed a traditional Christmas roast meal with crackers and festive music to really set the scene. Thank you for your continued support in all that we do at the school.

As we go into the festive break, the future does look a little uncertain as Covid cases continue to rise.

Stuart Road expects to be open for business as usual on Wednesday, 5th January 2022 when we welcome all the children back after the Christmas break.

However, should this change, we will be in touch immediately.

I wish you all a very merry and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

Mrs Nicholls

Rock Steady Concert



Our Christmas Lunch at Stuart Road Primary Academy



Notices:

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

Wednesday 12th January – Movie Night (Coco)

Friday 28th January – Re-gifting mufti

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

Teach Your Child to Read – 2nd Session: – 9am, Monday 13th December – **CANCELLED – to be rescheduled after New Year.**

Eye Checks by Royal Eye Infirmary Team at Stuart Road – Reception Class only – Tuesday 11th January

Free Flu Vaccinations – NEW DATE Friday 14th January at Stuart Road Primary.

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.



Messages from Teachers



Reception

Year 1

This week we have been writing a newspaper report based on Mary Anning. We have looked at the features, chosen our own ideas, planned it, and the written all of this independently.

In maths, we have continued to explore numbers up to 20 and recapped some areas from previous learning this term. We have also continued to engage with Numbots with several children getting a certificate this week for moving onto their next stage.

I would like to say a big well done to all of the children in Year 1 this term. They have worked incredibly hard in several difficult areas. They all deserve a well-earned break and I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a very festive week finishing off our royal cuffs, reading and listening to lots of Christmas stories and making seasonal decorations. We are so proud of everyone in our class for all our hard work and especially proud of Jacob who won a special prize from Santa's elf for all his exceptional effort this term and the three children who achieved their pen licence – Aiko, Gabriel and Jacob – for beautiful handwriting in all their work! Wishing all our families a very merry Christmas and all good things for 2022!

Year 3

The class have been very excited this week with the build up to Christmas. We have started a new block of work on acrostic poems, and looked at features of Haikus and shape poems as well as acrostic poems through English. In Maths we have been working hard on our 3 and 4 times-tables and the relationship between multiplication and division. We have also made Christmas wreaths and decorations for Christmas trees. Mr. Chan and Mrs. Best would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas.

Year 4

We have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week in Year 4! In English, we watched Christmas adverts and then were tasked to create our own! We had everything from smelly Brussel sprouts that weren't getting picked at the supermarket, to a Dad rushing around the town trying to find a giant pop-it toy and ending up getting one from eBay instead! We had great fun turning our ideas into comic strips!

In Maths, we have used our skills learnt so far this year to complete a Christmas present mystery! Finding out who was given the gift was a real challenge! We have also completed lots of art and craft activities, including origami decorations.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a fantastic new year. Enjoy your Christmas break!

Year 5

We have had a great final week in the run up to Christmas. We finished our Topic on Stargazers in complete style as we completed different investigations and launched our own rockets! All the children have worked incredibly hard this term and they certainly deserve a well-earned rest! The Year 5 Team would like to wish you all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 6

This week, in writing sessions, the children have applied all of their learning over the past few weeks to write their White Fang stories. I have loved reading the children's gripping versions of this 'rags to

riches' story and they should feel extremely proud of themselves. In reading, Year 6 have been exploring and comparing The Nativity bible story from Luke and Mathew .

In art, the children have created mood boards about Inuit art. Children used the stencilling technique to create their own picture of an arctic animal. The children used sketches of an animal from the polar regions and made it imaginary like Kenojuak Ashevak. They used Styrofoam to create a print of an arctic animal.

Well done year 6 for your hard work and effort this term. Have a relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Awards

Year 1

Head Teacher's Award - Gus for learning his set 3 sounds.

Amazing Mathematician - James for his determined attitude towards his numbers to 20.

Writer of the Week - Raea for her fantastic effort towards our newspaper writing.

Year 2

Head teacher's award – Isla for her quiet and determined learning in all her lessons

Writer of the Week – River-Rose for her fantastic historic diary.

Amazing Mathematician – Alba for great independent learning in multiplication.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award: Marco for his positive approach to school life and always trying his best.

Writer of the Week: Jacob-Lloyd for his work on two acrostic poems this week.

Amazing Mathematician: Athena for his improving effort in Maths.

Year 4

Writer of the Week: Jacob for his incredibly inventive and funny Christmas advert! Fantastic ideas and a well-executed comic strip, too!

Amazing Mathematician: Ralph for working beautifully with other children in our Christmas mystery maths puzzle and applying previous knowledge to solve the clues with accuracy.

Headteacher's Award: Kyla for being a supportive and kind friend in our origami lesson by helping others to complete their projects.

Year 5 TBC

Year 6

Head Teacher's Award: Talia for working hard and taking ownership of her learning.

Amazing Mathematician: Lilly for consistent effort to improve and for presenting her work neatly in her maths books.

Writer of the week: Liam for showing resilience and determination in improving his writing.

Fit and Fed Christmas holiday programme

Plymouth City Council's Sports Development Unit are working with a number of local holiday clubs across the city to offer FREE places this Christmas holiday to children on benefit related Free School Meals.

We have 44 FREE holiday clubs taking place across the city for children on benefit related free school meals. Each action-packed club will provide a variety of sports, activities and a healthy nutritional lunch each day. All clubs are run by experienced organisations who will provide a safe and fun environment where children will have fun and make new friends.

More information and how to book can be found at our webpage

www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed

We would appreciate it if you could share this information with your Parent Supports Advisors and admin staff plus promote via your school newsletters, social media etc.

If you have any queries or require any additional information please contact Louise or Barry from the Sports Development Unit (307008 or sportsdev@plymouth.gov.uk)

Kind regards

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