



# Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

## Covid-19 Advice

**With Covid-19 cases on the rise in Plymouth it is imperative that we continue to take the necessary precautions to minimise the spread of infection. If your child has a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste please;**

- **Do not send your child into school**
- **Let us know if your child has any of the Covid symptoms by calling or emailing the office.**
- **Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of the symptoms mentioned above, even if they are mild:**
- **Please notify the school as soon as you have received the Covid test results and send a copy to our admin email address: [admin@srsp.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@srsp.plymouth.sch.uk)**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to Term 2, I do hope that you and your families had a restful half term break.

This week, Stuart Road pupils' learning has taken off to a flying start with a visit from the Explorer Dome to help launch this term's topics of Stargazer in Year 5 and Tremors in Year 4. The staff from the Explorer Dome were hugely impressed with our pupils' behaviour and were amazed by knowledge shared on volcanoes too. Please see our website or take a moment to look at the display board outside of gate 1 for further information and overviews of our curriculum provision.

Years 4, 5, and 6 enjoyed their first visit to Marjons today as part of an on-going collaboration between Stuart Road and the University's sports department. PE university students taught a range of multi-skills to the pupils who enjoyed the high quality and state of the art sports facilities.

This has also been a momentous week at Stuart Road as we have had an Ofsted inspector visit us on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the online survey. As a school, we are immensely proud and privileged to be teaching your children, and it is this pride and dedication that came across as a strength to our visitor.

As soon as I receive the full report, I will be able to share the outcome with you all.

Have a safe and fun Bonfire Night weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

## Pre-loved Uniform Sales

The Friends of Stuart Road are excited to bringing back the Pre-loved Uniform Sale & Coats on the following dates...

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

At school pick up (subj to the weather ☀️☁️☔)  
3pm-3.40pm

All school uniform will be 50p per item  
Coats will all be 50p

Please bring change as we do not have a lot of float.

## Notices:

**Safer School Street Day:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – see later in this newsletter for details.

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

- Christmas Fair and cake mufti - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – After school until 5.30pm
- Movie Night: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December for Years 1-6: 3.15pm – 5.30pm (drink, hot dog (veggie opt avail.) and sweets. Details to follow.
- Christmas Disco – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for all years including Foundation. Details to follow

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

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> May, KS1 testing (Y2) is last week in May before half term, Y1 and Y2 phonics testing w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June, Year 4 Multiplication check window is also 6<sup>th</sup> June until 24<sup>th</sup> June. Assessment week for all other year groups Y3, 4, 5 is 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Free Flu Vaccinations** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: see later in this newsletter for details.

**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.

## Messages from Teachers

### Reception

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have come back eager and excited about our new learning. We are learning about The Gingerbread Man and continuing with Autumn for a bit longer. The children have got used to their new Read Write Inc groups quickly and are working hard to learn to read new sounds and words. We have been learning how recognise groups of different amounts of objects and we have been asking 'What do you see, and how do you see it?' Maybe you could ask your child about it. Don't forget our book changing days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Have a lovely weekend! 😊

### Year 1

This week year 1 have begun to explore a new book - 'Where The Wild Things Are'. We have done this in a variety of different ways from creating our own puppets, sequencing the story, creating our own story maps and matching sentences with their image. We have remembered the story fantastically well and this will help greatly when we create our own in a few weeks' time.

In maths we have continued to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction by using ten frames and part whole models, courting on, and finding a part. We have worked incredibly hard to develop our understanding and should all be very proud.

We have also set ourselves a challenge of counting in 1's to the highest number, with our current record being 147! Can you beat it?!

It has been a fantastic first week back by everyone - well done 😊

### Year 2

Year 2 have settled back into school really well and started their new topic Magnificent Monarchs by looking at six key monarchs and learning to place them on a timeline. In writing, they are enjoying the book Katie in London and have created a story-map to learn this adventure story off by heart. In maths, they are continuing to practise their addition and subtraction skills. They have worked super hard this week and shared their work beautifully with some visitors we've had this week. We are very proud of them all. Here are some pictures of Firework Art they did this:





### Year 3

Year 3 have immersed themselves into their new English text, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, learning all about character descriptions. We have been focusing on exchanging tens to help add and subtract ones from a 3-digit number. And we have looked at what makes us all special and unique.

### Year 4

We had a very exciting start to our week; a visit from the Explorer Dome! We were transported back in time to when the Earth was believed to be created, and learnt about how our planet formed (ridges, mountains and oceans). The scientists and geologists used dry ice and hot water to show how clouds are created and used a lava lamp to explain how the inner core, outer core and mantle were formed.

In English, we have been studying a new text - 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'. We have looked at the features of an adventure story and story-mapped using pictures.

We have been using the column addition in Maths to add either 2x 3-digit numbers or 2x 4-digit numbers, without exchanging. Any practise with this at home would be appreciated. (Perhaps adding up the shopping?).

We have also started a new topic - Tremors! This is a science-based topic, looking into volcanoes, earthquakes and how the Earth is formed.



### Year 5

Wow! What a week in Year 5! We started off our topic – Stargazers, with a visit from the Explorer Dome, we learnt a huge amount about space and we are excited to learn more throughout the term. We already have lots of questions we want to try and answer.

We started our unit on Multiplication and Division in maths this week. The children have been learning lots of subject specific vocabulary and mathematical terminology that accompanies the unit. Remember to keep practising your Times Tables Rock Stars to increase your fluency, it will certainly give you an extra boost in this unit!

In English, we have started reading The Jamie Drake Equation and also have started exploring The Way Back Home in reading, both linked to our topic for this term.

Thank you, Year 5, for an amazing first week back. We are all feeling super proud of you all.

## Year 6

It was wonderful to see the year 6 children ready for school this week and raring to go. We have started our new topic `Frozen Kingdoms` and the children were keen to find out new facts about the polar regions.

In English, we have started a new unit on non-chronological reports whilst in maths they have been consolidating written methods of multiplication and division.

We ended a busy week of learning with a multi-skills session led by students and staff at Marjon`s university. The children really enjoyed all the games and activities.

## 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

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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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