



# Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

I have been delighted to have been able to offer bagels for breakfast to our pupils this week. The Department for Education (DfE) will provide us with free bagels up until July 2022, as part of their National Breakfast scheme to give pupils the fuel they need to start their school day. As we know, a full tummy helps with concentration and wellbeing, ensuring that pupils have the best chance to focus and learn. A big thank you goes out to our wonderful Breakfast Club team who have been busy slicing and buttering the bagels ready for your child to enjoy.

Next week we are holding our termly parents meeting which will be a telephone catch up of how your child is progressing. A longer, more in-depth meeting will take place in Term 4.

Finally, we have a Bring a Teddy bear to school day next Thursday, for Jeremiah's journey, in recognition of all the fantastic support they have provided pupils following the loss of family members. We also have a mufti day next Friday with a re-gifting theme for the PTA.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

## Notices:

### Child Progress Phone calls from Teachers - w/c 24<sup>th</sup> January

**Jeremiah's Journey - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Bring a Bear to school/donate £1 – see poster in this newsletter.



**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Re-gifting mufti – bring an unwanted gift to donate to the Spring Fair



**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.

### **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. Please book via e-schools, if you have any difficulties with booking please contact the school office



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here at Stuart Road Academy, we are committed to all our children being great mathematicians who enjoy and love a variety of maths challenges. We are pleased to inform you that we have subscribed to My Maths.

MyMaths is a whole-school interactive resource for use at home to consolidate learning. MyMaths activities develop pupils’ confidence and fluency in maths, through hundreds of lessons and self-marking homework tasks, worksheets, and games. This should help your child structure their maths work and enable you to see the progress being made. You play an important part in developing our maths culture and we would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to access this great resource at home.

The children have been shown in class how to navigate the website and how to complete the tasks. Class teachers will also send home letters with information as to how to access MyMaths. The children will be set new activities and tasks on a weekly basis. This will replace the maths currently set on Teams.

Hope your child enjoys this valuable resource.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Ioja

Maths Lead

## **Reception**

This week we have been learning about hibernation. We watched a short clip showing some animals that sleep through the winter - bats, peacock butterflies and dormice. The children discovered some other animals that hibernate too. You could ask your child if they can remember any. We have also been creating our own story maps for our Three Little Pigs story which we will use next week. Lots of children have been trying to write independently in their play!

## **Year 1**

This week we have continued in maths to work on our subtraction skills. We have done this in many ways such as using our number bond knowledge, finding the difference as well as using a variety of different resources. We have also started to look at our 2 timetables.

In English we have continued our work around the story of Dick Whittington. We have learner new vocabulary, rearranged word to make sentences, found writing features as well as spotted mistakes in a piece of writing.

Finally, to celebrate the start of our new topic we had a tea party celebrating the queen, with the children creating crowns, acting how they should at a tea party and spotting any mistakes that I may have tried to incorporate within.

## **Year 2**

Year 2 have been the starring activist in their own stories based on Greta and the Giants. They have thought about how to make our school a better environment and will share their stories with the school council to promote ways to become greener. In maths, we have been looking at multiplication in all sorts of different ways, including grouping, picture representations, arrays and number sentences. We learned more about explorers this week and watched footage of the moon landing in 1969. If any family members remember this significant event, please tell us all about it. In PE this term, we will be practicing the skills of dynamic and static balancing and we started this week by taking turn to travel around a circuit keeping dynamic balance.

## **Year 3**

We have continued with our topic of Rocks, Relics and Rumbles this week with a focus on fossils and how they are formed. In Maths, the children have looked at different ways of carrying out division problems and in English we have used the story of the Firemaker's Daughter to explore adventure stories and their features. We have looked at spelling patterns with a focus on words beginning with 'im-' this week.

## **Year 4**

In English this week, we have focused on developing our knowledge and understanding of paragraphs, inverted commas and improving vocabulary. We have looked at jumbled texts, dialogue and used thesauruses to complete tasks relating to these features.

In Maths, we have studied how to multiply efficiently. To do this, we have looked at different methods of calculating, then discussing why some ways are quicker.

In the afternoons this week, we have covered PE, RE, PSHE, French and Geography. In RE, we looked at the different days of the week in Hinduism and what Deity or God is worshipped within this religion.

## **Year 5**

Well done Year 5 for working really hard this week.

In English, we have been innovating our class story of The Secret Garden and preparing to write our own stories next week.

We are coming to the end of our Multiplication and Division unit in maths. The children have been applying their times tables knowledge in order to use the formal written method for division. As

always, remember to keep practising your times tables, you will also need them next week when we move onto Fractions.

We are really enjoying our Art and Design project as we explore Line, Light and Shadows, using a variety of media. Every person in Year 5 has produced some work to be really proud of. Amazing! Keep it up!

## Year 6

Reading lessons have focused on the truly wonderful book 'The Harmonica'. In English, we started to listen to the audiobook of Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe' and the year 6 pupils started to really place themselves in the shoes of the children who were evacuated to the countryside during WW2. Using various sources of evidence, the children learned about life in the trenches and the consequences of new weaponry. They listened to first-hand accounts of life on the home front and evaluate the impact of war on everyday life. Overall, Year 6 have had a fantastic week and worked hard.

### 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.

## Warming effects – Odd One Out



Talk about these three images of extreme weather. Come up with as many similarities and differences as you can. Think about:

- Appearance
- What they do
- Where might they be found

## **Awards**

### **Year 1**

Head Teacher's Award - Carson for learning more of his sounds.

Amazing Mathematician - Gus for his hard work in understanding subtraction

Writer of the Week - Leon for working hard to improve his handwriting.

### **Year 2**

Head teacher's award – Alba for her high standard of learning in all lessons.

Writer of the Week – Isla for her impressive expanded noun phrases.

Amazing Mathematician – Alan for excellent fluency in times tables

### **Year 3**

Head teacher's award: Tola Manczak for taking pride with her work.

Amazing Mathematician: Leon Amies-Leeming for his perseverance with division.

Writer of the Week: Mila Marshall for her improved presentation of her work.

### **Year 4**

Writer of the week: Ilan for taking ownership of her learning and acting upon feedback given regarding presentation and quantity. Fantastic effort, Ilan.

Amazing Mathematician: Jack for reflecting upon previous learning and using this to help him choose efficient methods for multiplications.

Headteacher's Award: Oli for gaining the confidence to answer questions during inputs independently.

### **Year 5**

Writer of the week :Jack for working really hard on handwriting and presentation, producing some RE work to be proud of. Keep it up!

Amazing Mathematician: Carson for participating well during lessons; he listens attentively and then puts great efforts into his work, demonstrating good understanding. Well done!

Headteacher's Award - Ruby for a super attitude to her learning. This attitude has been evident in the work that she has been completing as well as in the participation in class activities.

### **Year 6**

Head Teachers : Mohammed for working hard in all reading lessons and showing a determined attitude.

Amazing Mathematician: Zayn for his resilience in learning how to multiply and divide fractions and for presenting his work neatly in his maths books.

Writer of the week: Issy for showing determination in improving her writing and for writing a fantastic story about an evacuee waiting to be evacuated.

## 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.

# BRING A BEAR TO WORK OR SCHOOL DAY

Thursday 27th January 2022

Take your favourite teddy bear to work  
or school for the day in aid of your local  
children's bereavement charity

Suggested £1  
donation per person



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## Bagels at Breakfast!

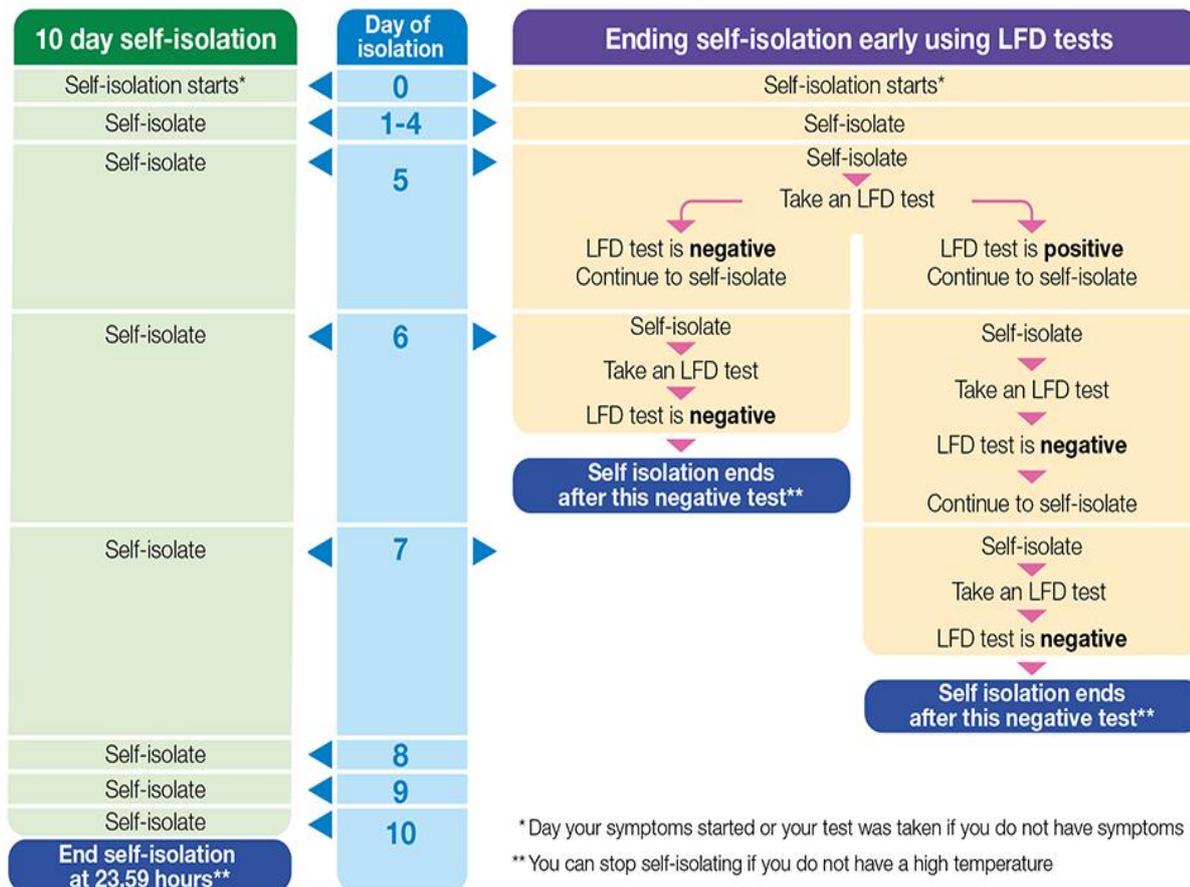
Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Trevaskus are busy buttering bagels for pupils at Stuart Road Primary Academy as part of a national scheme to ensure that all children start the day with breakfast.

The bagels are provided by the DfE's National Breakfast scheme and we hope to provide the best start to the school day for as many of our pupils as possible!



## Covid Isolation Guidelines

Please find attached a flow chart that clearly shows the steps required for self-isolation following a positive LFD test.



### 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