



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

As we hurtle towards the end of another school year, I cannot help but reflect on what a strange year it has been! Despite all the ups and downs, I was delighted to see the impressive turnout for our school disco last Friday, the proceeds of which will go towards the new interactive whiteboards in classes Reception, Year 3 and Year 4. It was great to see the children enjoy themselves, dancing and laughing with their friends, just as they should be. Our Year 6's were able to enjoy their Leaver's Do under the gazebo with mocktails and pizza, thank you to the Year 6 parents who both organised and prepared the event to make it one to remember.

Next week, we look forward to the start of our end of year trips, starting off with Year 3 spending the day at Mount Batten Watersports Centre on Tuesday. Please keep checking emails and texts from school for reminders of trip drop off and pick up times. I am sure that all the pupils will have the best time and, take home positive memories and experiences.

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

Transition mornings: Your child will be meeting their new teacher on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July.

Book Donations: If you have any books you would like to donate to our school library please contact the office. If you have books you can donate please check the book titles against the AR bookfinder link and if the title does not appear, then it is not an AR book.

Stuart Road Wrap-around Care Coming soon! : We are very excited to let you know that Stuart Road will be offering wrap around care (a before and after school club) in September. Details to follow.

PTA: Stalls: Thursday 15th July: Cake stall – cake mufti – raffle drawn in playground or online in case of inclement weather.

Summer Term Class Trips: Refer to details in this newsletter.

Homework reminder: All Year Group homework is posted weekly with MS Teams. Please check your child's class page.

Summer Term Trips:

Date	Year	Activity	Children	
			Drop off	Pick up
Tuesday 13-07-21	Year 3	Mount Batten Watersports	As normal	4.30pm approx.
Wednesday 14-07-21	Year 5	Mount Batten Watersports	As normal	4.30pm approx.
Thursday 15-07-21	Year 4	Mount Batten Watersports	As normal	4.30pm approx.
Thursday 15-07-21	Foundation	Churchwood Forest School	As normal	As normal
Friday 16-07-21	Year 1	Churchwood Forest School	As normal	As normal
Friday 16-07-21	Year 6	Elemental UK - Falmouth	6.45am	6.00pm approx.
Thursday 22/07/21	Year 2	Churchwood Forest School	As normal	As normal

Messages from Teachers

Foundation

Foundation Class have continued with part 3 of the Three Billy Goats Gruff story. The children are continuing to work really hard on holding sentences in their heads and then writing them. They are continuing to improve with this and proud of their efforts- well done Foundation Class! We have been looking at odd and even numbers following on from sharing groups of objects fairly.

Year 1

This week year 1 have begun exploring poetry. We began by finding out what a poem and poetry actually was before performing one ourselves in small groups. We then also developed our own Rainbow Colours poem, improved it, edited, and then 'published' it.

During maths we have recapped length and height, doing so in various ways. Finally, we have continued to develop our reading skills in RWI. Our current focus is to improve the fluency of our reading and are doing this by learning new words and practicing the speed of our read.

Year 2

The children worked hard to finish writing persuasive letters based on the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. They have chosen another classroom object that is unhappy about their role and wrote persuasive letters to convince the audience that they are overworked, tired and really need a break. They have designed the front cover of their own books and, as promised, we are eager to share them with you.

We have also continued our unit work entitled 'Changing me' and we looked at changes that we can control and changes that cannot be controlled like aging. We have talked about the differences between a baby, a toddler, a teenager, an adult, and an older adult. The children thought about the adults that are important in their lives and why they respect them.

Well done year 2 for your continued hard work.

Year 3

What another great week in year 3! In maths we have finished our unit on time with the children really grasping it! Make sure you ask them what time it is to help them really imbed all that new knowledge. In English we continued with our cowboy topic and planned our own adventure story. Next week we will be writing our last big write of the year, the time has gone so quick! Next week is also our end of term spelling test from all of the words we have learned since half term. Of the 30 words I will pick 10 at random so make sure you're practising.

Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing week! In English, we have been writing our own cowboy adventure stories! We wrote the first paragraph together as a class, then continued independently. After finishing, we shared our stories with one another; we ain't gonna pass up the opportunity for reading! Yee haw!)

In maths, we have been studying line graphs and looking at the differences between these and bar charts. Towards the end of the week, we solved word problems using the graphs.

Our week finished with a visitor from the National Marine Aquarium! The lady spoke about her ReMEDIES project which involves engineering safer boating equipment for our sea life and their habitats. After her talk, it was over to us! Using equipment, we planned then engineered our own habitat-friendly anchors.

Year 5

In year 5, we have come to the end of our geometry unit in maths and are now starting to look at converting units. Baking cakes or cooking at home are all practical applications of this, so why not spend the weekend preparing a feast fit for a Tudor monarch? We have spent the week writing our Tudor diaries either as a spit boy or a child actor - possibly the worst jobs in history. We have researched plenty of historical details to add to our writing, as well as hot seating to help us imagine how we would have felt doing these jobs. The highlight of our week though has to be the disco which was great fun at the end of a busy year. Thank you to the parents for organising it!

Year 6

Year 6 had an amazing week. We spent the week focusing on Art and different genres of Art. We studied Street Art, Cartoon and Pop Art. Within this we practiced our sketching skills and developed our ideas and then created a final piece. The children had a phenomenal week and really enjoyed the week.

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Your Child's Teacher for the new academic year 2021-2022

The table below shows which teacher is teaching in each year group. We will hold two transition mornings on **Monday 19th** and **Tuesday 20th July** when your child can spend time familiarising themselves with their new setting and teaching team.

You will notice that we are welcoming a new member of staff to Stuart Road's teaching team, Mrs Karen Markus. Mrs Markus joins us with a wealth of teaching experience and curriculum knowledge to her position in Classes 4 and 5. Sarah Haddy, EYFS Lead, returns to Stuart Road after one year's secondment at High Street and will continue to fulfil her role as Reception teacher.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Mrs Haddy	Miss Kane
Year 1	Mr Hulcoop-Searle	Mrs Trevaskus
Year 2	Mrs Hannon	Mrs Lonie/Mrs Norris
Year 3	Mr Chan	Mrs Best
Year 4	Mrs Moody/Mrs Markus	Mrs Symons
Year 5	Mrs Nicholls/Mrs Markus	Miss Dorsett
Year 6	Mrs Ioja	Mrs Baker



Awards of the week.

Foundation

Headteacher's award - Lilly Embling for being able to use Fred Talk in her head when reading.

Year 1

Headteachers award –

Writer of the week –

Mathematician of the week –

Year 2

Headteacher's award – Tola for hard work and independence in all the English sessions and for having such a great attitude toward her work.

Mathematician of the week – Taibah for engaging in our maths sessions and always challenging herself to complete Chuuta Challenges.

Writer of the week – Annabell for her hard work and independence in writing a persuasive letter.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award - TBC

Writer of the week - TBC

Mathematician of the week - TBC

Year 4

Headteacher's Award – Jack for taking ownership of his learning by using resources in our room to develop his understanding further.

Writer of the week - Lena for persevering with developing her understanding of word tenses and applying her new knowledge within her writing.

Mathematician of the week - George for reflecting upon knowledge learnt during inputs and applying this within his work independently.

Year 5

Headteachers Award – Talia for her determined attitude to all her learning

Writer of the week - Cameron for an excellent Tudor diary!

Mathematician of the week – Finley for his reasoning and problem-solving skills

Year 6

Headteachers Award - TBC

Writer of the week – TBC

Mathematician of the week - TBC

Reminders:

Parent and Carers dropping off and collecting children

- Whilst every effort has been made to minimise contact please may we remind parents to maintain the 2m social distancing regulation and wear masks when dropping off/picking up children. Thank you.

Information for parents

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should inform the school and organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

There is also an additional testing service for children in Plymouth schools: parents or carers can also book a test by emailing d-ccg.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent onset of:

- New continuous cough/and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19. Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline opening hours

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline remains available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Please listen carefully to the available options and select the most appropriate to your nursery, school, or college's current situation.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.