



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back this week and they have done so well settling back into class and getting used to the routine. We are really looking forward to Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March; the children can wear anything red and if they have a red nose they can wear that too!

Notices

- Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March - Mufti Wear Something Red Day*
- Last Day of Term - Wednesday 31st March - Mufti and bring item to donate to the local food bank.*

Messages from Teachers

Foundation

It was lovely to welcome all the children back this week. We have spent our time getting used to the routine of returning to school and introducing the story of Little Red Riding Hood to everyone together. We are looking at making jam sandwiches for Granny from the Little Red Riding Hood story and made cards for Mother's Day. Don't forget that our PE session has changed to Thursdays- so please ensure that your child comes into school dressed in PE kit. A gentle reminder to ensure that school uniform is clearly labelled- we are already building up a small collection of unclaimed jumpers and cardigans. We also look forward to seeing the children dressed in Red mufti to commemorate Red Nose Day this coming Friday 19th March.

Mr Chan

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back and we have loved having all the children back together. This week we have continued exploring Peter Pan whilst looking at the tricky concept of verbs and diaries in preparation for our own writing. We have also been looking at measuring, focusing on capacity and volume. Additionally, the children have worked really hard learning new sounds and words during Read Write Inc. Finally, Year 1 have been working on a surprise for a special person come Sunday 😊

Mr Hulcoop-Searle

Year 2

It has been fantastic to welcome all of Year 2 back to school this week. The children have adapted to another change brilliantly and have loved being reunited with their friends. We have continued to study the story of Titanic in English, working towards writing a diary from the perspective of a passenger. In maths, the children have been developing their skills and knowledge in recognising properties of shape. To help with adjusting to another new routine, we have had a PSHE focus in the afternoons this week; writing a class charter, thinking about self-belief, positive affirmations and developing some mindfulness strategies. Well done to all the pupils for their hard work, positivity and resilience.

Miss Bird

Year 3

Finally, after what's felt like an eternity, it was lovely to have a class full of children rather than screens! It was great to hear about all the things they have been doing during lockdown, aside from their work. This week we have had a main focus of catching up with friends. Whether that was from having whole class conversations, talking to friends or just sharing what we have all done in the past 9 weeks. We have also continued our study of the Anglo-Saxons and have started to put the pieces together to create our own newspaper article next week.

Mr Bowles

Year 4

It has been lovely to see the Year 4s back in school this week and to see the classroom full of smiling faces again! We have finished our Fractions topic this week, continuing our learning by calculating missing quantities. The children have worked incredibly hard. In English, we have been creating our own comic strip versions of Greek myths, and the children have astounded me with their creativity and knowledge. In PHSE, we have talked about the effects of lockdown on our mental and physical health and different ways we can look after ourselves and our loved ones. We have also created some art around the topic of kindness and talked about how we can be kind, not only to others, but also ourselves. A great first week back, Year 4s; I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have!

Miss Gillard

Year 5

I have been so excited to welcome Year 5 back to class this week and have been extremely proud of the outcomes the children have produced and the progress they have made throughout the Remote Learning and in Educare. A huge thank you to all parents who have supported your children so ably during this time. We are spending this week settling back again and preparing to learn and grow together once more. The children have already made a resilient start and are showing abundant enthusiasm to pick up where we left off (when the classroom was adorned with Christmas decorations!).



Year 6

Year 6 have had an amazing first week back at school. It's like they've never been away! The quality of the work they have produced is phenomenal! I have really been blown away. In English we have been writing the opening chapter to a story. This work has been based on the story The Iron Man! We have some really talented writers in Year 6! In Math we have continued to learn about algebra and the children have been incredibly successful. Next week we will be moving onto measurement. In the afternoons, we have been doing PSHE. This has been focused on looking after our mental health. A great first week back Year 6! Well done!

Comic Relief



This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 19th March. and we are having a mufti 'wear something red' day. The money we raise is our contribution to the national effort to end child poverty. Please send your child in with £1 on the day; this will be collected by their teacher and stored for 48 hours

(to adhere to Covid guidelines).

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.

How would the world be different if animals could talk?



Remember you need to explain your ideas clearly to your family. You can discuss it with them and you may even change your mind!

Reminders:

Traffic outside the school

- We are fully aware of the dangerous level of vehicles/traffic outside the school at times of drop off and pick up. We are in conversation with Plymouth City Council to find a solution as soon as possible. In an effort to reduce the dangers please can we ask parents to not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school; Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if dropping off or collecting children.

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 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