



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our first full week back, we have been lucky to finish with a sunny Friday! It has been a relatively quiet week, which has meant the children could get on with working hard - as they usually do! Due to staff sickness, we have had a few supply teachers in, who all commented on how wonderful our school is and how polite and well-behaved our children are, they can't wait to come back to teach here! I am very proud of our children - as always!

On Monday, Yaz and Ella from Sustrans came to take an assembly on road safety, ask your child how to cross the road safely following the Green Cross Code and what to wear to make sure they stay safe on scooters or bikes.

The after-school sporting clubs started this week and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, I am sorry to report that the clubs are all full; there are reserve lists for each club which are also full. It is great to see the enthusiasm our children have for keeping fit and healthy!

It has come to my attention that some rumours are circulating about after school club - please let me reassure you that it is not closing. However, we do need to cover our costs, so the reason we shortened the hours on Mon & Fri is because we only had 1 or 2 children in which meant we were losing a significant amount of money on staffing every week which we cannot afford to do. The current provision of Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday until 6pm and Monday & Friday until 4.30pm will remain in place for the foreseeable future. If you have any questions, please contact me via the school office.

You may notice that the school gates are closed more frequently at the moment, please can I remind you that no parents are allowed to drive down our school drive and this includes dropping off and picking up for Honeyshutes Nursery. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend and avoid the showers as much as possible!

*R. Baptiste*

**Foundation:** We have been giving instructions to the Beebot with positional language as well as left and right commands. We have also been practising our Owl Babies story map to help us sequence the story. We have also talked about the British value of democracy.

**Year 1:** This week, we began our history unit 'Great Explorers'. We began by looking at who we consider to be significant to us and/or others and why believe they are significant. We came up with the following significant people: King Charles III, Queen Elizabeth II, Greta Thunberg, Ed Sheeran, Mrs Baptiste, David Attenborough, Taylor Swift, Harry Kane and Ant & Dec.

**Year 2:** This week in maths year 2 have been learning all about money. They have been exploring how to make the same amounts of money with different coins. In art we have been learning to use colour to show emotion in portraits.

**Year 3/4:** In year 3/4 we have been enjoying learning about different Abba songs. We have been sharing why we like some of their songs better than others and lots of us recognise some of their greatest hits from the film Mamma Mia. We are learning to sing and accompany 'Mamma Mia' with glockenspiels. Y3/4 are a super group of singers.

**Year 5:** We have continued our English learning working on our Superheroes! Today we built up an exercise routine for them to develop their superpowers.

**Year 6:** This week in Y6, we have completed practise SATs papers. Although this has shown some areas which we need to work on, I am really pleased with and proud of the children's attitudes towards these. This was our first go at SATs papers and the children were resilient and hardworking.

A big well done to our learners of the week:

- Foundation:
- Year 1: R.Mcgowan
- Year 2: S.McCoulough
- Year 3: L.Grayson
- Year 4: J.Cater
- Year 5: H.Wilson
- Year 6: M.Willis

This week's attendance winners are:

## Year 5

### Well done !!!



Dates to remember:

10/02/2023 - Mufti for food bank – Cash donations.

21/02/2023 - Foundation & Yr 6. Please remember to return the height and weight paperwork if you wish to opt **OUT**.

NB:

Plymouth Argyle are offering a FREE 2-week trial for their Netball Provisions running at Stoke Damerel & Plympton Academy, if you are interested, please follow this link.

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