

Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter



PURPLE MASH

We are very excited to share with you news of a new digital learning package that we, as a whole school, have subscribed to. Purple Mash is an internet-based website which delivers not only our computing curriculum, but it also has 1000s of resources for most areas of the National Curriculum. Importantly, because it is internet-based, it can be accessed from a tablet/laptop/mobile etc. It also means that, in the event of a bubble being closed at school, or in a lockdown, we can deliver home learning through it.

Each child (from EYFS to Year 6) has now received their login and will be bringing a copy home for them to use and access at home. Your child has been set a '2do' (a task on the website) and we encourage them to have a go and for you get involved to see what you think. The children complete the 2dos and they are sent back to their teacher. The feedback from the children so far has been very positive.

Here is what the children think about Purple Mash:

"I like the way it shows your work as 2dos.
I've enjoyed making music, I've done it at home as well."

"I think Purple Mash is easier to use than other websites like My Maths.
I like the maths games. And you can do English on it."

"I really like all the options for maths and spellings.
You can access it from anywhere - school or home. I find it easy to use."

The screenshot shows the Purple Mash website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, 2Dos, Work, Data, Sharing, Teachers, Admin, Help, and Alerts. On the right, a user profile for Lisa Nicholls-Grey is displayed. The main content area is a grid of activity tiles: Tools, Games, Mini Mash, Serial Mash, English, Mathematics, Science, Computing, Art, and Topics. A 'Featured' sidebar on the right highlights 'Christmas' activities and the 'Mash of the Month' for December.

4th December 2020
School and Governor
Contact
(01453 764400)
Parentline Plus Helpline
(0808 800 2222)
School Nurse Contact
(0300 421 8959)

Dates for your diary

December	
16th	Whole School Flu Immunisation
17th	Cinderella Online Panto & dress-up day
18th	Last day of Term 2 Christmas jumper day
January	
4th	INSET DAY
5th	First day of Term 3

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB—NEW COLLECTION TIMES

It is unfortunate that we have had to change our collection times for after school care as it is no longer financially viable to run it to the later time. The new options will come into place from next Monday 7th December. The latest collection time will now be 5pm. There are 3 options:

- Option 1: 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
£6.00
- Option 2: 3.15 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
£8.40
- Option 3: 4.15 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
£3.60

New booking forms are available on the website.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Party Day

Each class will have a party day on **Wednesday 16th December**. The PTFA have given each class £30 towards their party afternoon so an enjoyable time will be had by all.

As it's party day children can come to school in their 'party' clothes. Although remember playtimes will be happening as usual so sensible shoes and a warm coat are a must.

Cinderella

Although we are sad that we can't do our usual Christmas Nativity and Carols, we are very pleased to be able to offer the children the opportunity to watch an online performance of Cinderella. A big thanks to the PTFA who have agreed to fund this as well as pop corn as a treat! Children can come in on **Thursday 17th December** dressed as their favourite pantomime character ready to watch the play.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 18th December**—the last day of term—children can come in wearing their Christmas jumpers for a silver coin

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

So we can make Christmas Card exchange COVID safe there are a few more rules this year.

As always please check the recipients full name and class are written on the envelope.

There will be collection points at the main entrance from Monday 7th December. Please use these, do not bring cards straight into school.

Collection will finish on Friday 11th December.

All cards will be quarantined for 72 hours and given out the following week.

PTFA

Message from the PTFA

Relax, Restore & Revitalise Fundraiser

Another one of our wonderful school mums, Nicky Ferry, is running a fundraiser over Zoom in support of the Stroud Valley School PTFA.

Join Nicky for a Deep Relax, Restore & Revitalise Guided Meditation Session -

the perfect way to de-stress before Christmas and nourish yourself after a monumental year.

Dec. 10th 1:15-2:15pm & Dec. 15th 7-8pm. Cost is £5/session. All proceeds going to our PTFA.

Places are limited so early booking advisable. Email to book: nicky@nickyferry.com

To find out more:

www.nickyferry.com

Calendars

It's time to get your fabulous 2021 Stroud Valley School calendars!

Look out for order forms in book bags today - £6 each. Or £10 for 2.

Christmas cards

We are expecting Christmas cards to be with you early next week, so keep checking book bags.

Christmas Raffle

Look out for your Christmas Raffle tickets in book bags. Please support by selling as much as you can. Extra sheets are available through school.

It's a great chance to bag some exciting prizes! Any donations to extra prizes are still welcome. Thank you.

Super-mum Fundraising

Sarah is nearly done - only 5.1 miles left to go!

Please help her get over the line this week with any final donations - every little bit is greatly appreciated.

Her fundraising page will be closed on Monday morning.

Alternatively use the following link

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-gabb>