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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wet week we have been having! It wouldn't be the Fair without some heavy rain! It hasn't dampened our spirits at school with children returning after a spate of illnesses and doing some fantastic learning. I have been in classes a lot this week and taking part. I really enjoyed hearing Triscombe class describing what would be in Errol's Garden (their new book), Alfoxton's angler fish that actually glow up and Beacon class learning about numbers to ten million. I have also noticed the Pre-School going for quite a few walks in the village lately and they have been looking for numbers and letters they can see. Very nice!

So much exciting learning happens in our school and we would love for you to be part of it. Do come along to Friday Celebration Assembly to see the rewards children have earned each week. Doors open at 2.50pm. Also, we are always on the lookout for volunteers whether that is to help run our excellent new library, hearing readers or assisting with Stogursey Adventurers amongst many things. Please ask at the office for more details.

If you haven't had a chance, please do pop to the church to see the wonderful art work the children created for the Arts Fest.

Please pop in your diaries Wednesday 9th October at 2.30pm for our Harvest Festival at the church. We would like to see a good turnout there and of course children will be asked to bring in donations for the local Food Bank.

As always, I will be out on the front gate most days so do stop for a chat!

Kind Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

Beacon class have enjoyed visiting our new school library this week. Thanks to Miss Day for working so hard to set this up for the children to use. They loved the range of books on offer and the space available. WE love to embrace all things 'reading' here at Stogursey Primary school. This love of reading and stories has enabled the children to engage with a traditional Scottish take of a selkie this week - if you don't know what a selkie is, ask your children, they can tell you all about them!

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Alfoxton

We've had another fantastic week of learning.

In Science, we had great fun shaking and drinking a bottle of lemonade... But it wasn't just for fun! We are learning about states of matter and we wondered how much gas actually weighs - if it weighs anything at all! We knew there was a gas inside of a fizzy drink, did you know that gas is Carbon Dioxide? Well, we weighed the lemonade at 2078 grams and then fizzed it up to release all of the Carbon Dioxide. We made a prediction... Would the bottle get heavier because the light gas had been released? Would the bottle weight stay the same because the gas didn't weigh anything at all? Or would the bottle get lighter because Carbon Dioxide did weigh something?

Lola predicted correctly. We weighed the bottle again and it was now 2074 grams! Amazing! So we found out that gases do have a weight - even if they aren't very heavy.

In English, we have had our first attempt at story writing which includes fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and some special vocabulary, ask us what tournament, heir, coronation and magicked means! In the next week we will be modifying the story of Arthur and the Sword in the Stone to develop our own versions of the story.

As artists, we have finished our project for the Stogursey Arts Festival. Our light-up Angler Fish and Starfish can be seen at the Arts Festival in St. Andrew's Church from 23.9.24 onwards.

In Maths, we have finished our unit on doubles, near doubles and bonds to ten which will help us with our next unit looking at numbers and bonds to 100 (and to 1,000 for Y4s). You can help us at home by asking us to double numbers to ten and about the different numbers that bond to make 10. We will use this to help us find numbers, that are multiples of 10, to make 100.



Triscombe

Miss M has been off this week poorly so we have had different teachers taking us. On Monday, Mr Tucker took us for our lessons. This was good because he was taking us for Adventurers in the afternoon anyway! We did phonics, Maths and some English about Errol's Garden. It sounds an exciting book. We guessed what might be in the garden. Jack said, "I think there is a shed for his tools." Karsen said, "Geraniums!" Reception children were excited by the book and thought there might be toys. We took the opportunity to talk about what is in our own gardens and we concluded that a lot of us have trampolines!

In Adventurers this week, we were cutting up pieces of wood using real saws. We were very careful and safe. Alfie and Tilly cut their pieces nice and straight. Mr Tucker was impressed by their craftsmanship and attention to detail.

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Preschool

This week we have continued with the topic - where we live. We have also been learning about World Heart Day and the importance of keeping our hearts healthy. We have discussed the types of foods we need to eat and the exercise we need to do for our heart health. The children told us; we need to eat grapes, strawberries and vegetables and also run and ride our bikes!

We made a fish collage for the Stogursey Arts Festival; using lots of glue and various collage materials and ended up with very stick hands!

We have also had two walks round the village this week, first visiting the park and on our second visit, we walked to the church to see if we could spot our fish collage being displayed at the Arts Festival. We found it amongst an array of other wonderfully created sea creatures! We had a good look around all the other artwork that was on display as well, which the children enjoyed. If you haven't been to have a look yet - it is worth a visit!



House Captains

Congratulations to our three new House captains- Alfred (Farah), Bella (Criddle) and Harrison (Murray).

They have hit the ground running this week by taking their new responsibilities seriously by keeping the PE shed tidy and putting out exciting sports for younger children to play with at play times. They wrote some amazing speeches and delivered them to the whole school in order to get the job. They then had the children in their houses vote for who they wanted as their captain this year. Last week, in Celebration Assembly, they were presented with their shiny new badges. Here they are, wearing them with pride!



Important Dates

Wednesday 9 th October:	Harvest Festival at the Church 2.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 15 th October:	Individual and Sibling Photos
Thursday 24 th October:	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Monday 28 th October-Friday 1 st November:	Half Term
Monday 11 th – 15 th November:	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November:	Parents Evening 16.00pm-18.00pm
Wednesday 13 th November:	Parents Evening 16.00pm-17.00pm

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