



# Stogursey C of E Primary & Pre-School

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Dear parents/ carers,

Another week has passed us by and I have been really excited to see how curious and passionate about learning our children are. Seeing the children in the pre-school doing hand printing and making trees with them to Beacon class learning about the changes to human behaviour in the Mesolithic and Neolithic eras in their History lessons; the children just relish all this new learning. Alfoxton children keep showing me out of school learning and coming for certificates and it has been so wonderful to see the Triscombe children learning to ask good questions for their many visitors they will be having as part of their topic on Jobs. The announcement of the forthcoming trips to the Blake Museum and the Residential has seen forms flying back into school and this has been met with excitement and enthusiasm. There's always something amazing going on at Stogursey School!

Kind Regards

Gary Tucker  
Headteacher

## **Beacon**

This week, Beacon pupils received a letter inviting them to participate in a writing competition...of course they were VERY excited. All pupils have designed a monster character to write a short saga about. Once complete, entries will be posted off and fingers crossed our amazing sagas become winning entries! In Maths, Year 6 pupils have been working on a very challenging puzzle which involves finding fractions and decimals of amounts. They decided to work as a team to complete the challenge in order to win some extra break time... they are halfway through the problem and VERY good at finding any fraction or percentage of ANY amount! Well done all!



## **Alfoxton**

This week in Alfoxton, we have discussed and created food chains and can explain what a producer, primary consumer and secondary consumer are. We have come to understand that there is a transfer of energy in every food chain, which is vital for survival. In Geography, we are researching the climate in Qatar and comparing it with the climate in Stogursey, which is very wet at the moment, and explaining why we think there is such a difference. We will begin to create our sculptures this week in Art, based on the work of Antony Gormley, once complete, in a few weeks' time, we will add to our Art display outside of the class. I would like to thank all the parents that have attended parents' evenings this week, it was good to see you all.

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## Triscombe

This week in Triscombe, we have been making playdough gingerbread cottages and writing adverts to sell gory delights to the witch in The Jolly Postman story. In Science, we have grouped amphibians, mammals, fish, birds and reptiles and in R.E. we are beginning our journey in understanding the Easter celebration. This week, we had a visit from Miss Berry in her role as School Crossing Patrol and she was able to answer our questions about her job as well as reinforcing the road safety that we had learned last week

## Adventurers

In Adventurers this week Triscombe continued to enjoy learning some new IT skills with Miss Barnwell.

Alfoxton created some delicious smelling gnocci with a pesto sauce. They seemed to be really enjoying them. I'm not sure any got home!

In Beacon class we added the wheels to our vehicles. Just a little more work and they will be ready to test!

Next week will be the last week on this unit then it's all change. I'm hoping that I get to try the cooking next week which will be orange polenta cake. Sounds amazing!

## Preschool

This week we have continued our bear theme in the preschool. The children have been very creative whilst making their masks and have made some wonderful creations again this week. We have practised our pen control following straight, wavy and zig zag lines and we have been looking at number formation, particularly numbers 1 to 5.

The children have also enjoyed making buses out of chairs and going on adventures together; going on holiday, visiting beaches and going shopping!

The children were also very happy to see Lianne during her special assembly on Wednesday. She spent time in the preschool, where the children were able to say goodbye and give her a big hug.

Lastly please check your child's hair for headlice, as we have again had a case within the preschool.

## Drop off for Breakfast Club

Increasingly, I have seen parents/ carers and other family members walking children up the slope for Breakfast Club and leaving the same way. This is particularly dangerous at this time as teachers start to arrive and park their cars. This is an accident waiting to happen. Please use the side gate pedestrian route at all times when entering and exiting the school. This is part of our risk management procedures and the slope is for vehicles only: not a shortcut route. Please respect the rules regarding this and we thank you for your cooperation.

## School Engagement Expectations for Parents, Guardians and Carers

At Quantock Education Trust (QET), we believe it's important to:

- Work in partnership with parents and carers to support their child's learning.
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for students, staff and parents/carers.
- Model appropriate behaviour for our students at all times.

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community in our School Engagement Expectations. Our policy for parents, guardians and carers can be read here

[https://quantockedtrust.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/site/data/files/key\\_information/policies\\_and\\_privacy/6BEE90DF02B8AF323953C1E141E1BFCF.pdf](https://quantockedtrust.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/site/data/files/key_information/policies_and_privacy/6BEE90DF02B8AF323953C1E141E1BFCF.pdf)

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We have similar high expectations of our staff and students and know that by working together, we will create a supportive and encouraging community to help our children flourish.

## **Important Dates**

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March:	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March:	Inset day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Vision Screening (Reception only)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March:	Beacon and Alfoxton Blake Trip (Bridgwater)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Nurse (Height/Weight Reception and Year 6 only)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March:	Last day of term
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March:	Bank Holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April:	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April-Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April:	Half Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April:	First day back

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