



Stogursey C of E Primary & Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that it has been a month since I joined Stogursey. I am really getting to know the children now and it is a pleasure to be part of this lovely community. Sadly, Mr Tucker is still unwell so I will be remaining as Interim Headteacher at Stogursey for now.

I am very conscious that the nights are drawing in, and the weather is changing. We are starting our move back to the main playground, much to the disappointment of everyone (but especially those who enjoy playing football!). Please could I ask that the children come to school with a waterproof coat each day - we will try and go out to play as much as possible, even if it is light rain.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Book Fair this week. If you would like to come in and browse the books, we will be open for one last time on Monday, after school, in Alfoxton Class. On Wednesday it is our Harvest Festival, Rev Alison has asked that we hold it at school this year as they will be setting up for the Arts Festival on Wednesday in the Church. Everyone is welcome, the children will sing and say poems and prayers during the service as usual, the only difference being that it will be in the school hall at 2.30pm. Please do join us.

If you have any concerns or questions please do come and speak to me on the gate or ask for an appointment or your child's teacher, we are here to help.

Sadly, Mrs Wilkins continues to be unwell. Next week Ms Walker-Nolan, an experienced teacher will be teaching Alfoxton each morning and Miss Langford Jackson will continue to teach Beacon in the morning and all of the children in the afternoon, filling in for Mrs Wilkins.

Next week on 10th October is the Lantern festival. Everyone is gathering in the school car park at 6.00pm and will set off to the church at 6.30pm. Children attending must be accompanied by a responsible adult who must stay with their child throughout the parade. The lanterns will be at the front of school for the children to collect. I am very much looking forward to seeing all the lanterns lit up. Please note that although the children have made their lanterns at school this is an arts festival event and not a school event.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Nicki Smith
Interim Headteacher

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Beacon

For two weeks we learned about climate change, what it is and why it is harming the planet. Naturalist David Attenborough is quoted saying that “right now, we are facing a man-made disaster of global scale. Our greatest threat in thousands of years. Climate change.” Using this quote as well as our own knowledge and learning, we had a debate in class with the title of ‘Who is responsible for the planet?’ We listened to each other’s points of argument with respect and added our own voices to the discussion.

Ask us what we think about who is responsible for the planet, we had many ideas such as world leaders, people, every living thing and us as a community. What do you think? Who should be responsible for the planet?



Triscombe

What a wonderful fortnight it has been! All the children have been working incredibly hard and we are so proud of their achievements.

Reception have had a busy and exciting time. A real highlight was their **autumn walk**, where they investigated and collected evidence of the changing season. Back in class, they used magnifying glasses to take a closer look at their treasures. They have also been enjoying the story of *The Gingerbread Man* and even had the opportunity to bake their own gingerbread – what a treat!

In **Key Stage 1**, the children have shown great effort and enthusiasm in all their learning. In English, they have been writing some fantastic letters. In Maths, **Year 1** have been consolidating their knowledge of number sequences, while **Year 2** have been developing confidence with counting in tens and partitioning two-digit numbers to understand how many tens are in a whole number.

In **Geography**, the children have been learning about the differences between a village, a town, and a city – and they have truly wowed us with their knowledge!

Finally, a big well done to everyone for their brilliant progress in reading. It has been such a joy to hear the children reading with increasing fluency and confidence.



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Preschool

This week in preschool we have been looking at how we feel and how to express ourselves; when feeling happy, sad or angry. The children have listened to the story 'The colour monster' and we then made our own colour monsters to express how we were feeling. When asked how they were feeling, the children responded: "Happy coz I love my mummy", "Angry coz mummy forgot my sunglasses" and "Happy because my mummy is picking me up".

We used fine motor skills to cut fruit up and add to yoghurt and milk to make some healthy smoothies for snack. The children enjoyed turning on the blender and watching the mixture spin round and the smoothies tasted delicious! We also have lots of outdoor fun, making bricks houses, drawing our families and enjoying exploring the village on our walks.



Healthy Lunch Boxes.

We have noticed an increasing number of children with large chocolate bars in their lunch boxes. At Stogursey, we like to encourage the children to have as healthy a lunch as possible. Please could we request that parents do not put chocolate bars or sweets in their lunch boxes. A small piece of cake or one chocolate biscuit is fine (Penguin or two finger KitKat type) as a sweet treat. Further ideas for healthy lunch boxes can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Contacting Staff

Please remember that all correspondence with staff should be through the school office or dojo app. Please do not contact staff through personal social media on school matters.



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Important Dates

Tuesday 30th September-Tuesday 7th October:

Friday 3rd October:

Thursday 9th October:

Friday 10th October:

Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October:

Thursday 6th November:

Monday 10th November-Friday 14th November:

Monday 10th November:

Wednesday 12th November:

Scholastic Book Fair

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon at 2.00pm

Harvest Festival at the **SCHOOL** at 2.30pm

Stogursey Arts Festival Starts (Lantern Parade) at 6.00pm

Half Term

Sibling and Individual Picture Day

Anti-bullying Week

Parents Evening Long

Parents Evening Short

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