



Stogursey C of E Primary & Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your warm welcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two weeks at Stogursey. The children are a delight and have settled in so well after the holidays.

I hope that you are enjoying sharing the children's successes through the Dojo system. I am looking forward to my first Celebration worship this afternoon. We will be endeavouring to email parents that their child has a certificate being awarded by Thursday so that those working have the opportunity to try and move their hours so they can join us.

On Monday 29th September, staff will be holding class welcome meetings for parents. These will be an opportunity for you to hear about the year ahead in your child's class. At these meetings our teachers will also highlight expectations of home learning so that you are able to support your children. The main task for every child is to read each night. Just five minutes each night of reading out loud makes such a difference to children's progress throughout their schooling.

Over the next two weeks, we will be finalising the diary for the year and we will publish these in the next newsletter in two weeks' time.

Unless I have meetings, I will be on the gate each morning so please do not hesitate to chat about any concerns you have. Parents meetings will be later in the term but please also speak to your child's teacher if you are concerned about any aspect of their learning.

Thank you to everyone for ensuring that the children arrive on time. It's so good for the children to have a settled start to the day. School attendance is a focus across the nation at the moment. Sadly so many children across the country are not making good progress because of missing key lessons, just missing one day means that children have the stress of having to catch up on key concepts their friends have learnt, which can be very stressful for them when also trying to keep up. We will be awarding certificates each week for children who have 100% attendance. This gives every child an opportunity to be awarded an attendance certificate. We will also be giving the children treats for the best attendance. I would be grateful if appointments could, as far as possible be made out of school hours. I understand that sometimes it is impossible to do this, instead please try to have your child in school around their appointment.

We are hoping to clear up the planting area in the Early Years out door area and would love to get together a working party of parents to do this. If you could spare some time to help with this please could you let the office or Mrs Boxell know.

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I have been so impressed with the children's standards of work over the last two weeks. The year 5 and 6 pupils were so proud of their algebra last week, they enjoyed their lesson so much they didn't want to go out to play! I hope you enjoy the news from the classes below. The lanterns the older children have made this week are going to look splendid at the village lantern display, I can't wait to see them lit up!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, as a rugby lover my focus will be totally on the Women's semi-final on Saturday afternoon!

Best wishes,

Nicki Smith
Interim Headteacher

Office Hours

Please note that the office is closed between 1-1.30pm every day. If you need to pick a child up, please try to avoid this time. The telephone will not be manned at this time, please leave an answer phone message should you need to phone during these times.

Stogursey Pre-School

If you or any friends have children aged 1 or above who are planning on joining our pre-school in the future please apply now so that a place is reserved. We are also taking bookings ready for entry in the 2026-27 academic year. Please do book an appointment to come and see the preschool and request application forms from the office.

Childcare Vouchers for Wrap Around Care

We are currently looking into parents being able to use childcare vouchers to pay for wrap around care. We will let you know as soon as we have more information.

School Harvest Service

Wednesday 8th October at 2.30pm, parents will be able to take their children home from church after the service. Children who attend after school club will be taken back to school by staff. All children will be involved in this service. Please do join us to celebrate and give thanks for our farming community.

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday 11th November the children will be walking to the War Memorial for a Short Service of remembrance. We will lay a wreath from our school at this time. Parents are welcome to join us (Please note this is in addition to the Remembrance Village Service on Remembrance Sunday).

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Beacon

In a Maths lesson, children used Cuisenaire number rods to explore how different combinations of parts can make up the same whole. At first, they focused on the orange rod, which they discovered was equivalent to ten ones. Using this as a reference, they experimented with various combinations of smaller rods, such as two purple rods (each worth five) or five red rods (each worth two) to find multiple ways to make the same total. This hands-on activity helped deepen their understanding of number relationships and the concept of equivalence. It was a lot of fun investigating equivalent lengths of the rods. Please ask us in Beacon class all about our algebra!



Triscombe

What a wonderful few weeks we have had in Triscombe! The children have been working incredibly hard and enjoying lots of exciting learning opportunities.

The children have been using the story *The Troll Swap* to inspire their writing. They focused on adjectives to describe characters, which helps them build richer vocabulary and make their writing more imaginative.

In maths, the focus has been on recognising and identifying numbers, which is a key skill for building confidence in calculations and problem-solving. Year 2 children have been going further by learning to recognise multiples of 10. This supports their understanding of place value, patterns in numbers, and prepares them for addition, subtraction, and multiplication.

The children enjoyed making wind vanes, which are simple tools to show the direction of the wind. This hands-on activity links directly to their weather diary work, helping them understand how weather can be observed and recorded. It also gives them practical science experience—testing ideas, making predictions, and recording results. As part of geography, the children have been learning about their local environment. Walking to the oak tree gave them real-life experience of observing features of the landscape. This supports their understanding of how geography is part of their everyday world and helps them develop curiosity about their surroundings.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been noticed how many children have achieved their five reads this week.

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Triscombe Pictures



Preschool

This week we have been settling back into preschool life and have enjoyed hearing about the various adventures the children had over the Summer. The children have been enjoying re-exploring the environment - painting, building and drawing. We have made a rainbow fish, enjoyed 'a holiday on a train', sung rhymes and learnt how to burp a baby!

The children also made a role play hairdressers and nail salon - where Ashley and I had our nails painted with various coloured paints, we then had our hair straightened and then had it 'all cut off to make us bald'.



Lantern Workshop

This week, all of key stage 2 were lucky enough to have workshops on making lanterns for the Stogursey Arts festival. Using bamboo, willow and cane the children made spherical structures on Tuesday in preparation for adding colourful details to represent themselves as a self-portrait in lantern form. The children had lots of fun making these and are very excited to see what their lanterns look like lit up in the dark.

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The Lantern Parade continued...

The children are invited to join in the lantern parade on Friday 10th October. We ask parents to bring their children to school so the children can collect their lantern. Please could you arrive at 5.15pm to be ready to parade down to the church for 5.30pm.



Theme Day

Our hot school meal provider will be holding an 'American Diner' theme day on Thursday 2nd October. If your child would like a meal, they can be ordered in the usual way through our online system. We will be offering BBQ burger with smoky wedges and beans or BBQ Quorn burger with smoky wedges and beans followed by S'Mores cookie bar.

On this day, the Government counts the number of children eating school lunch. Please could all KS1 parents and FSM KS2 parents book a hot meal for that day as this will ensure future funding for hot school meals. If you are not sure if your child will enjoy it, please provide your child with a packed lunch.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

On Friday 3rd October at 2.00pm we will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon in memory of Mrs Amatiello. We would be very grateful if as many people as possible could contribute cakes/biscuits to raise as much money as possible for this very worthy cause. Please bring all contributions in on Friday morning. We invite all parents, carers, family and friends to come along and stay for our Celebration Assembly, which starts at 3.00pm.



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Important Dates

Wednesday 24th September:

Monday 29th September:

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:

Inset Day

Parents Welcome Meeting at 3.45pm

Scholastic Book Fair

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon at 2.00pm

Harvest Festival at the Church at 2.30pm

Stogursey Arts Festival Starts (Lantern Parade)

Half Term

Sibling and Individual Picture Day

Anti-bullying Week

Parents Evening Long

Parents Evening Short

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