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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support for the school. It has been a challenging year in terms of staffing, with recruitment and retention what it is. I welcome the new government's commitment to tackling this and the reset in relations with us working in education. We received a letter from the new education secretary outlining this and so I am optimistic that things will improve. Here in Stogursey, I look forward to next year with the arrival of Miss Bentley in our school.

Whatever it is you are doing over the summer holidays, do take the opportunity to relax and recharge so that we are ready for the new school year.

Thank you once again for your kind support and dedication to our school.

Kind Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

Year 6 had such an amazing time at Woodlands on Friday! Everyone enjoyed riding the fairground rides, especially the Vertigo! There were plenty of water slides and a very shallow paddling pool, which was a surprise! It was so much fun building memories at the end of the primary school experience, with all the children experiencing mirror mazes, go-karts, giant sand pits, death slides, and petting cute animals! The best bit has to be the huge indoor soft play area and getting ice creams and slushies!

On Tuesday, nine brave children travelled to the McMillan Theatre in Bridgwater to sing in front of 350 paying visitors alongside 6 other schools from the area! It was an amazing performance - we are so proud of all of them! Stogursey had the smallest and youngest group of pupils yet they sang so clearly with full volume - it sounded like there were 30 of them! Well done to all who attended!



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Alfoxton

The children had to be detectives this week, figuring out which gods matched the pictures around our classroom. The pictures were images of each of the Ancient Egyptian Gods. Then they enthusiastically drew the gods. We looked at some of Damien Hurst Dot pictures in our art lesson and recreated our own versions of his work to show how different colours can mix together.

I have really enjoyed teaching all the children in Alfoxton Class this term. I wish them all well as they move up into Year 4 and 5. Thank you to all the staff at the school, parents and community members for making me feel welcome here.



Triscombe

It's been a busy week again in Triscombe. We watched a short film called Hope about a curious little turtle hatchling. Little Hope is affected by the litter and rubbish on the beach where she hatches. The film made us think about how littering affects animals and their habitats. We thought about how we can make it better for sea creatures that are affected by plastic pollution by recycling. We sorted things that could be recycled and things that could not be recycled and discussed if food waste can be recycled. The answer was yes! It is called anaerobic recycling. We learn something new every day!!

Rev Alison came in and had a mini assembly with us and we said we will do one thing every day during the holidays to let our adults have a rest. What thoughtful helpers we are!



Preschool

I would like to start by thanking all our preschool parents for the kind welcome both myself and Ashley have had since starting in the preschool. I know it was a big change for both children and parents by the staff changes since last September; with first Sarah and then Lianne leaving after several years of working in the preschool. The children have adjusted really positively to both the changes to staff and routine, and we are very proud of them all.

This week, we have been talking about transitions, for both our school leavers..... and our little ones, who next year will be our big ones! We also held a stay and play session, which some of our parents/grandparents attended with their children/grandchildren. We made rock monsters, decorated cakes, made bracelets, spiders and jelly fish. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed it as much as we did!

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A final message for our school leavers - it has been a pleasure to see you all grow and flourish in the last few months. We are sure you will do us proud in Reception with Miss M! Good luck to you all!

Julie, Ashley, Bex and Jodie



Summer Read Aloud Challenge 2024 with Fonetti

Mr Tucker will be sending out some more reminders about this. So far we have had 10 out of 54 possible children (discounting the incoming Reception) sign up and this is 18% of our school. This is quite low and we would like to see it higher. Sign up here- <https://www.readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/EFET-SYAV-SUIZ>



Hot School Meals

As of September 5th, our new food supplier for hot school meals will be Impact Food Group (IFG). Information will be sent out later today with all the details. Impact Food Group will be sending out emails to parents in the Summer Holidays for parents to sign up to the new food ordering app. Please ensure your child is signed up before September 5th. If not, please supply your child with a packed lunch. Everything else will stay the same with how to order and cut off times.



Important Dates

Wednesday 17th July-19th July:

Wednesday 24th July:

Thursday 25th July:

Thursday 5th September:

Tuesday 17th September:

Tuesday 15th October:

Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November:

KS2 Residential

Year 6 Leavers Service at the Church at 2.00pm

Summer Holidays

First day back

KS2 Swimming starts

Individual and Sibling Photos

Half Term

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