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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today in school, we began commemorating 80th Anniversary of the ending of the Second World War. We held a two minute's silence together as well as talking about yesterday's VE Day events. This is part of a collaborative piece of work we are doing with the Victory Hall Committee. This weekend, they have some exciting events happening including the Children's Street Party tomorrow. I encourage everyone to turn out for this and support the great work they are doing. As a school, I have launched the Young Leaders' Award with Year 5/6 and we will be connecting this with the events coming up for the rest of the year, instilling a sense of pride in the country and Stogursey itself.

Warm Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

We are working hard on SATs prep in Beacon class and brushing up on all our skills. The Year 5s have been very supportive and have gained extra skills in the process. I am so proud of them all. We have been continuing to look at China and our Science topic on evolution. I was ever so proud to accompany Beacon on our class photo this week which definitely made me smile.

I wish the Year 6s all the very best for next week. They are all amazing.



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English News

We had quite a lot of fun using our special memory items to create a piece of writing. We did this as the boy in our story, 'King of the Sky' is reminded of his home in Italy by some homing pigeons his neighbour keeps. We explored different styles of writing and even looked at how AI can be used to turn ideas we are interested in, into poems and songs.

As the book we are reading has links to Italy, and we are learning about Italy and Europe in our Geography lessons, we decided to plan our next piece of writing around this theme. This week, we were time travellers. We travelled to Pompeii, Italy in the year 79AD. If you didn't already know, this was when the volcano, Vesuvius, erupted and destroyed Pompeii! We saw a video (animation) that took us through the stages of the eruption - it was so destructive! We couldn't believe it!

Our next piece of writing will be a review of our time in Pompeii. Some of us loved the thrill of seeing a volcano erupt, whilst others were not happy with the amount of damage a volcano can cause! Whatever our views are, you will be sure to hear about it when we write our reviews and recommendations about travelling to Pompeii in 79AD!

Geography News

As we are learning about Europe with a focus on Italy, we thought about the difference between 'Europe' and the 'European Union (EU)'. We've enjoyed looking at the flags of different European countries and locating them on a map and then looking into which countries are part of the EU and what it means to be a part of the EU. We had lots of questions about why some countries have made the decision not to be part of the EU. We thought about our own knowledge and experiences and realised that some of us have visited the countries that use the Euro as currency. We found this really interesting. In the end, we decided to create a poster to show what it means to be a part of the EU. Did you know that the EU motto is, 'United in diversity'? It signifies how Europeans have come together to work for peace and prosperity.



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Triscombe

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday and managed to enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

It's been another busy and exciting week in class! The children have been working exceptionally hard in their phonics sessions, showing great determination and focus. We've also been learning about the features of instructional writing. One of the highlights was definitely making jam sandwiches! The children loved the hands-on experience, and I was so impressed with how confidently they recognised imperative verbs and time conjunctions in their writing.

In Maths, our Year 2s have been tackling the challenge of adding and subtracting two-digit numbers, especially when bridging 10. They've shown real perseverance and are growing in confidence every day—well done, everyone!

Our foundation subject lessons have taken us on an exciting local adventure! We went on a walk to the castle, where the children had so much fun spotting the various features of the structure. We also walked through the village. Next week, we'll be using the pictures we took to create our very own maps of the village.

In Science, we've been learning about plant life cycles, and I've been impressed with the children's curiosity and understanding. They've asked thoughtful questions and are showing a real interest in the world around them. Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!



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Preschool

This week, we have continued with our castles and royalty theme. We used lego bricks to create our own castles and measured knights with unifix cubes to see which ones were the smallest and tallest. The children have also enjoyed small world play with castles, knights and a dragon. We joined Triscombe class for a walk to the castle, where we looked at some more features of the castle and its surroundings. We sang a new song this week 'Sing a song of sixpence' and looked at photos of our royal family and the castles they reside in. We then talked about our own families and where we live.



Positive Feedback from Eco-Club

One of our wonderful volunteers recently shared how impressed they were with the children's behaviour during Eco-Club. They described how all the children showed real kindness and patience when sharing the watering equipment, often taking turns without needing any reminders. The children were focused, purposeful, and worked together beautifully—offering support to newer members and even helping each other with spelling plant names by checking the whiteboard.

The volunteer ended by saying, *"It's clear they receive lots of positive teaching in school—thank you."*



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Wraparound Timings

A polite reminder, please could you pick up your child/children at the designated times of 4.30pm or 5.45pm only. Some days there is only one member of staff who will be cooking a hot meal, looking after the children and going to answer the door at different times. As you can imagine this can be quite challenging. If you need to pick your child/children up earlier than the designated time, please could you call the school office before 3.30pm.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Attendance Alligator Winner This Week:



Alfoxton

Punctuality Panda Winner This Week:



Triscombe

Important Dates

Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May:

Monday 26th May:

Tuesday 27th May-Friday 30th May:

Monday 3rd June:

Wednesday 13th – Friday 13th June:

KS2 SATs

Bank Holiday

Half Term

Inset Day

KS2 Residential

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