**October 2019**

Welcome to October’s edition of the Stogursey School News. September is done and dusted and I have been reflecting on how hard the staff and children are all working to improve what we do as a school. I have heard poetry being recited, watched in awe as children have been improving their painting techniques and seeing how hard everyone is doing to play their part in leading our school together.

Congratulations to our new House Captains. For the first time, we have 2 captains for each house and they are:

Farah- Matilda and Junior

Murray- William and Grace

Criddle- Emily and Daniel

I hope they shine their lights and lead their houses to many victories in competitive sports and be models of excellence to the younger children.

I am so thrilled to say we are managing to keep our school attendance in the nice, healthy ‘green zone’ of above 97% and the children are really excited by my regular updates to the whole school attendance. I would like to thank parents and carers for their hard work in making sure children attend school. We know the difference this makes to their success in education.

I look forward to what October brings and once again, if you want to stop for a chat, I’m usually at the gates and the beginnings and ends of school days. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Tucker

**BOOK FAIR**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair and helped to make it one of the most successful we have had! We earned over £100 in commission thanks to so many of you coming along and purchasing books. We are looking forward to purchasing new books and resources for our school!

**PARENTS EVENINGS**

The dates for this are in the diary section below and we would strongly urge you to book an appointment to find out what your child has been up to and what you can do to help them improve in their learning. Keep an eye out for the signup boards in the office. They will be out soon.

**ALDI VOUCHERS- reminder**

Just a reminder that we are still collecting these. See the poster in Alfoxton Class window for further details.

**TRIP TO THE QUANTOCK HILLS**

Despite the threat of rain, this went ahead and a great time was had by all meeting up to hear a storyteller and with our ongoing guide Alice from Halsway Manor.

Abi said, “I loved it when Clare (the storyteller) told us about an oak tree, a black dog that was kind and an emerald dragon.”

Kristopher enjoyed the ending of the tale of the Emerald Dragon. He commented, “There was a coincidence at the end. Where the dragon’s blood is, is where people have stopped cutting trees down. It’s almost like it’s protected.”

What a fantastic experience to fire up the children’s imaginations!

**Harvest Festival**

This is at the church this Wednesday 9th October at 10am. Food contributions will be going to the local Food Bank. Please come and join us for the ‘best time of the year’ this Wednesday.

**WE ARE RECRUITING**

We need a Pre-School Supervisor. The advert for this job is on the QET website at <https://www.quantockedtrust.co.uk/vacancies>

This is an exciting opportunity to develop our Early Years provision in school and soon we will be recruiting a Pre-School assistant. Details out on the same webpage. If you know anyone or are interested yourself, please either check the website or pop in to have a chat with Mr Tucker or Miss Day.

**FRIENDSHIP WEEK**

This will for the week 11th-15th November when the school will be reflecting our value of friendship. We will be looking at getting on and falling out, what bullying is and is not and e-safety. It will be a fun and engaging week to coincide with national efforts at eradicating bullying in all forms and to reflect on the importance of friendship.

**FOSS- BOOK BAGS**

Many thanks to FOSS for providing these again. It really helps to keep our book stock clean and transported from home to school and back easily. Thank you so much.

**COMMUNITY TEA PARTY**

Alice Maddicott, from Halsway Manor, has been organising this with FOSS and further details about this will emerge soon to go along with our creative work with the community leading up to the end of topic celebrations.

**PARENT FORUM**

A date for this will be published next term and will appear in the next newsletter.

**DIARY DATES**

Newsletters will be sent out in the second week of every month. Please see the website for more information.

These are the dates for this term. We try our best not to change them but sometimes circumstances require us to.

Weds 9th October Harvest Festival

Friday 18th October Community Tea Party

Weds 23rd October Last Day of Term 1 for children

Thurs 24th October INSET/ MAT Conference

Fri 25th October INSET Day

Mon 4th November Term 2 starts

Mon 4th November Parents Evening

Tues 5th November FOSS Fireworks

Thurs 7th November Parents Evening

Mon 11th-15th Nov Friendship Week

Fri 15th November Y6 Bikeability

Fri 29th November Flu Vaccinations

Thurs 5th/ Fri 6th Dec End of Topic Celebrations

Mon 9th Dec Christmas topic begins