

STOGURSEY SCHOOL NEWS

February 2021



Welcome to this month's edition of the school newsletter. It is February and the third national lockdown is in full flow with schools being only open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children. What a term and what a year so far!

I am so pleased with the response to Remote Learning from all our children. Most are getting into a routine of using computers (whether their own or ones loaned from the school) and then working hard to watch the video lessons and then complete assignments. Triscombe class has been working well to complete their paper packs and upload things to Seesaw. It is our Stogursey work ethic that I am so proud of and I want to draw your attention to this, this month. We all work so hard to make the best of this situation. When we all get back together, this alternative education and everyone's efforts in making it successful will mean any recovery will be just that bit easier.

I would like to thank parents who have been helping children at home to learn. The feedback about how much easier this lockdown has been compared to the previous one in terms of learning remotely has been reassuring to us. Nevertheless, with no end in sight, we would like to improve our offer so your chance to give some constructive feedback will be coming in the form of a parent survey. Please do get involved in that so we can make things work even better.

I would like to give a shout out to our staff. They are an incredible bunch really. Our Early Years staff have worked so amazingly to continue provision for our youngest learners, keeping the school a place of

normality when in fact, these aren't normal times! There has been much criticism of school staff in the media and it is totally unjustified in my opinion. Our staff work incredibly hard and it shows in our remote learning offer. We are always working to improve things and the work that is done behind the scenes by the teachers planning, chasing up work, creating content is very demanding and even more so when they have to come in to run the school bubble on rota. I am so grateful to them and their efforts. Our support staff are working industriously to support children with their reading, having sessions on the phone or on video call. This work is so important and I am so grateful to them.

I saw a letter sent out by a Head of another school elsewhere in the country in which his community had been critical of efforts with remote learning. His response was to signpost these 'critics' to signing up to become teachers themselves, if they think they can do a better job. Although, I found this to be 'interesting', it did make me appreciate how supportive our community is and how I don't think we'd find ourselves in that situation! We work so well together to celebrate when things are going well but also to communicate politely when things aren't going so well. At Stogursey, our relentless drive to improve and our kinder approach means that we can grow in everything we do, including meeting these challenges right now.

As ever, please do get in touch if you want to chat. The survey will be out soon so I do encourage you to give us feedback and I am sure it will be useful but done in a kind way.

Mr G Tucker
Head of School

STOGURSEY SUPPORT NETWORK

Are the children eating up all your supplies of food during lockdown? Make contact with Mr Tucker and he can help with referring you to the Stogursey Community Network. They have managed to acquire a supply of food, tins etc to give out for FREE!

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HOME SCHOOLING SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

Would you like to learn how to use Tapestry, Microsoft teams or Google Classroom to support your child effectively with their home schooling?

Would you like to know more about the controls you can put in place to keep your child safe online and manage their screen time?

Working with schools across West Somerset, Cosmic is being funded by the West Somerset Opportunities Area to provide 4 online workshops to help you gain confidence in using your account and viewing information, sending in observations, activities and practical skills and helping your child take part in lessons.

Workshops to be delivered on Zoom. Information sheets will be emailed to you after the workshops for future reference.

Dates for the workshops

3:30pm-4:30pm Monday 22nd February 2021 - Tapestry for Remote Learning

3:30pm-4:30pm Tuesday 23rd February 2021 - Parental Controls and Managing Screen Time

3:30pm-4:30pm Wednesday 24th February 2021 - Microsoft Teams for Remote Learning

3:30pm-4:30pm Thursday 25th February 2021 - Google Classroom for Remote Learning

To book onto the workshops please register by following this link

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=m0W7dfVoeE2n5_DP-psr41vAJUnUowpFq-nswVg2XntUOVBUkk4U1dETkhCTjIGQjVKNjJDQVFQNi4u

If you're out of work, having to home school and haven't got a clue where to start, Positive People can help you. The project can offer support and guidance with your routes back into the world of work. As well as 1:1 help with getting online, getting started with technology or just getting up to date with the digital world. For more information contact Chloe on 07476 847411.

STAFF TESTING

From 25th January, staff in school will be taking Lateral Flow Tests. Should any results affect any children in school our usual reporting procedures will apply.

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL

TRISCOMBE CLASS

Triscombe Class have been focusing on Traction Man for the last few weeks. We have made lots of great predictions and shared our favourite superheroes. Next we will be brainstorming and designing our own sequel of Traction Man! We have also been exploring different materials to help find out the perfect material for an outfit for Traction Man and a boat for his adventures!

Alongside our remote learning, lots of exciting activities and events have happened in Triscombe Class. We have had lots of birthdays, done lots of baking and enjoyed the little snow we had!

We have all missed our friends but hope to start regular Zoom calls to keep in touch.



EMPTIES PLEASE

The school has signed up to 'Empties Please' a printer cartridge recycling scheme. They collect and recycle used ink and toner cartridges the environmentally friendly way and will donate the money raised back to us!

It's very simple. All we have to do is collect used ink cartridges and put them in our recycle bin. 'Empties Please' will collect the bin when it's full and then donate money raised straight back to our school. We should be receiving the bins shortly and, in the meantime, please save any used ink cartridges you may have.

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END OF TERM TROPHY

The winner at the end of last term was Ryan in Year 4. Congratulations to him! This is in recognition of all his hard work to improve in Maths and all other subjects. Also, how he came back after the first lockdown with renewed determination to work on his reading and do well in this. Well done Ryan!

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

Thursday 11th February End of Half Term

Friday 12th February Inset Day

Monday 22nd February Start of New Half Term

BRIDGWATER LIBRARY:

Bridgwater Library are running a couple of competitions for our Harry Potter fans. They have a design your own Witch or Wizard robes and they have prepared a Harry Potter quiz.

Design your own Witch or Wizard robes!

We would like you to design your own robe for Madam Malkin's Robes for All Occasions shop in Diagon Alley!
To enter: send your design in a private message to our Facebook page: Somerset Libraries-Bridgwater or email it to brwlib@somerset.gov.uk

Closing date: 4th
March 2021



Name: _____ Age: _____
Contact number / email: _____

Harry Potter Quiz!

To enter: send your answers to our Facebook page 'Somerset Libraries Bridgwater' in a private message or e-mail them to us at brwlib@somerset.gov.uk

1. What is Hermione's last name?
2. What creature lived in the Chamber of Secrets?
3. How many Weasley children are there?
4. What was the final task in the Triwizard Tournament?
5. What subject does Professor Sprout teach?
6. What is the name of Ron's rat?
7. What animal can Sirius Black transform into?
8. What is the name of Harry's uncle?
9. What is the name of the shop where Harry buys his wand?
10. Which Professor is the head of Gryffindor House?

Name: _____ Age: _____

Contact email/number: _____

If you would like these emailed to you please contact Mrs Pear in the School Office.

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Hello from Lianne and Sarah at Little Acorns Preschool



There are so many images that capture childhood and I think this image is a recent favourite. It's from a walk that we took just this last week. It is a carefree child that just wants to 'be'. To be able to jump in the puddle, to sit in the puddle, to experience the suction of the mud taking his boot. At Little Acorns we celebrate the learning in this, the social skills they learn when they ask each other for help, the language they use to ask for help, the ability to be able to self-regulate when things do not quite go their way. The questions they ask in general. Sometimes the questions make us think as adults and we teach them something quite special and which will stay with them for life, if we do not know the answer, we will research it.....



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