

STOGURSEY SCHOOL NEWS

April 2022



Welcome to this month's edition of the newsletter. Sadly, this is the last-ever monthly newsletter we are sending out as we have reviewed our marketing and communication. There is excellent news, though- we are sending out a weekly one instead! It is ambitious but we felt that as the school has so much happening for it right now, once a month to share news is simply not enough! We intend to send out a shorter version packed full of exciting things happening in school weekly.

Events and other useful information will continue to be on the school website and the Facebook page.

Parents have given me, specifically a lot of praise for this first section and my video blogs (vlog) were extremely well received during the pandemic so I am switching over to vlogging for my messaging from next term. I always have a lot to say on all things related to education, our amazing school as well as not being afraid to say what I think about what is happening in the world. Please do look out for my vlogs. They will be short, no doubt entertaining, and great for sharing!

As always, I am out on the school gate most mornings and afternoons and don't hesitate to have a chat or book in through the office for a slightly longer appointment.

Mr Tucker

STAFF NEWS

We are so thrilled to hear the news that Miss May is expecting a baby! This is a joyous occasion. Her baby is due in the Summer Holidays and so she intends to start her maternity leave from then going into next year. We will now begin the process of recruiting a teacher for Alfoxton class and will keep you informed of decisions.

Miss Day is to have an operation and will be away from school for possibly up to six weeks from early next term so we are reorganising our teaching team with Miss Dunwood doing more cover. We will keep you informed on this as well.

We welcome two new members of staff to our team, Mrs Michelle Robinson and Miss Jodie Berry. Mrs Robinson is a 1:1 Teaching Assistant and joins us from Spaxton School and has made a great contribution already to life in Triscombe class. Miss Berry is our General Assistant and she is helping behind the scenes with paperwork and doing lunchtime duties. Welcome both of you to our school team!

REMAINING INSETS

These are listed below:

- Friday 22nd July 2022
- Monday 25th July 2022
- Tuesday 26th July 2022

ATTENDANCE

Slowly but surely, our attendance is rising. Mr Tucker attended a webinar recently working with schools that have managed to sharply improve attendance and he

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was very inspired by it. Our policy is already highly-rated as being rigorous but some new measures he has started to put in place include:

- Mr Tucker doing home visits for families who might be struggling to get children in
- Supportive emotion coaching for children who may have lost motivation for school and work
- Detailed tracking of patterns in attendance over time
- Recognition for those gaining 100% each term.

Mr Tucker recognises that sickness cannot be always avoided but wants to give recognition to those who are in all the time. Those with 100% each term will receive a special invitation to Mr Tucker's pizza party! Children will be invited to come and make pizzas in our soon-to-be arriving pizza oven and enjoy eating it. This starts next term.

'THE OUTDOOR PIZZA OVEN'

Mr Tucker worked hard to secure this and children in their cookery lessons will get to use this as well as Happiness Clubs and FOSS. It is so exciting! The old greenhouse has been dismantled to make way for this. We cannot wait to be making and baking our own creations!



BREAKFAST HAPPINESS CLUB- FREE!

We have secured a generous donation of food from Stogursey Community Network and we are extremely thankful to Sukey and her volunteers for this. What this means is for a limited period of time (next term), the Breakfast Happiness Club will be totally free. We

only have limited spaces so please book in through Miss Berry at the school office or ask Mrs Field or her team for a booking form.

OUR PRIORITIES IN FOCUS- MENTAL HEALTH & RELATIONSHIPS

Each month, we will look at one of the 4 priorities for this year to show what we are working on. We felt following our new vision of 'Grow in the Grace and knowledge' our curriculum did not reflect this vision so we have...

- Started to purchase resources and soft furnishings to support our new mental health provision
- Developed classrooms to bring the outdoors inside
- Redesigning the staff room to be a haven for staff to aid their mental health and wellbeing
- Continued to teach about protected characteristics in the Equality Act including LGBT, disabilities, race, ageism and other religions.

We have been doing some work with the older children on online safety including fake news and conspiracy theories. The children have responded sensibly and are now critical thinkers about not believing everything you see online and the effects on mental health from such things. We did this as part of our response to the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Our next goal with this is to redesign the RSHE curriculum and make it enhance the church distinctiveness and ethos of our school in preparation for our church school inspection expected next academic year.

EASTER HAPPINESS CLUB

We are so thrilled that this is happening and thank you to Miss Berry for organising the paperwork.

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Places have filled up quickly and this looks set to be an amazing provision yet again.

Now onto applying for the funding for the Summer Holiday Happiness Club...

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.

8th April- Last day of term

19th April-22nd April- Easter Holiday Club

25th April- First day back

26th April- Swimming Starts for Years R/1/2/3

2nd May- Bank Holiday

3rd May & 4th May- No school crossing patrol

9th May- KS2 SATS Week

16th May- 27th May- KS1 SATS

27th May- Half Term

6th June= First day back

6th June- Phonics Year 1