

STOGURSEY SCHOOL NEWS

June 2021



Welcome to this month's edition of the school newsletter. It is June and many of us took the opportunity to get away for the half term break, feeling rested and ready for the final half of the Summer Term now restrictions seem to be coming to an end!

Coming into school today, I was struck by how beautiful the school site looks, especially with the flowers now coming out. We have to thank our fantastic eco team for the work they have been doing over this year, committed as they are to sprucing the site up, planting new plants and restoring our allotment boxes.

My thanks to Saul, Riley, Ryan Chloe, Ameleah, Lilly, Michael, Maddison and Alexzander who have given up their Wednesdays after school to work on this and it couldn't have been done without the adults who have made this possible. Thanks go to Teresa, Ian and Liz who have volunteered their time to this.

Already, the site is looking stunning and I know having won some bid funding for this, the eco team have ambitious plans for the site and I look forward to seeing what comes next!



Research shows that Mental Health is improved through exposure to blue and green light. The only place where this can be found is outdoors. We fully intend to make better use of the outdoors as part of our curriculum and vision work and so this latest finding shows that we are getting things right at our school. I have said before that we are raising the profile of mental health in our school as part of the recovery and we are in such a strong position to deliver this in our fabulous location!

At the end of the last half term, to restore discipline back to the school that has been damaged through two lockdowns and partial closures, we slightly tweaked our behaviour policy to tackle lesson disruption. It is early days but so far this seems to be working and children seem more focused on their learning. I appreciate we have all been through a tough 18 months but we are going to use this as an opportunity to really concentrate on bringing back things that were lost through the pandemic and focus on the things that matter. Good discipline, mixed with great teaching usually results in happy children who do well in school. I feel like we are on the right track with this and as ever we will be guided by our ethos and values of Care, Faith, Hope, Kindness, Peace and Love.

I am looking forward to the usual summer events: sports day, the school play, the leavers' service just to name a few.

As always, we find getting feedback really useful. I am usually on the gate at the start and end of each day so please come and have a quick chat or if you need a longer one I am usually at the end of the phone.

Mr G Tucker
Head of School

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MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTS

Each month, we will set out what we are achieving as a school on our quest to be a mentally-healthy school and win awards for this. We will set out what has been achieved and what is in the pipeline.

Achievements

- Introduced mental health teaching into our Science lessons (in addition to the National Curriculum)
- Introduced drama lessons based on themes such as bullying, friendship disputes and resolving conflicts
- Trained a member of staff in mental health work to support individuals
- Miss May has almost completed her diploma to lead on this for next year across the whole school
- Mr Tucker and Miss Day had a 2-day training on mental health so they can support staff and children better with this

In the Pipeline...

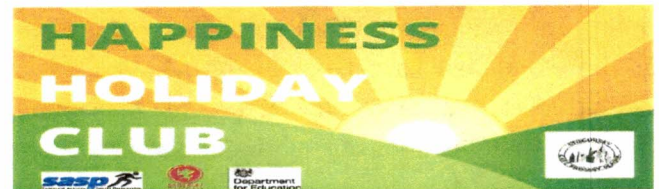
- ★ 'Bringing the outdoors inside'. We are revamping our classrooms and some shared areas to reflect the outdoors nature of our school
- ★ Miss Dunwood and Mrs Payne are planning and preparing an exciting new subject for September in which outdoor adventurous activities and Food Technology will be a regular feature!
- ★ Pleasant Dining Halls and Calm Lunchtimes training for all staff as hot meals return in September
- ★ Miss Day plans for the school to win the Artsmark award and so greater focus on the quality of art will feature

There's so much we have planned but we will save that for further editions of this newsletter!

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance is at the best it has been for years! We used to be around 93-94% but we are so pleased to say we are currently on 96.2%. This is above the national average and shows we are doing well. Mr Tucker has analysed the data and noticed that a few lates are just slightly holding us back and as a small school, little things like this impacts our scores greatly. Try to be in school and on time. If a child is late after registers close, even though they are in school, it is marked as an unauthorised absence. Mr Tucker has set a challenge of getting the whole school next to 97%. If we can achieve this, then a very special whole school treat will happen. Weekly updates are given at Celebration Assembly on a Friday so let's achieve this goal together!

HAPPINESS HOLIDAY CLUB



Subject to funding, we are hoping to put on this wonderful experience again for all children but this time for 4 weeks. Details, including forms will go out in due course. Each week is for 4 days. Sessions 10am-2pm as before. We have even more adventures planned at Kilve Court as well as cookery this time on top of your favourites.

Tuesday 27th July – Friday 30th July
Tuesday 2nd August – Friday 6th August
Tuesday 9th August – Friday 13th August
Tuesday 17th August – Friday – 20th August

RHSE POLICY

Our RHSE Policy has recently been sent to you via email although with a survey to be completed. Please complete this survey by 18th June.

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HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their new home-school agreements. There are still a number outstanding please can you return these signed to the office or alternatively you can consent to this via the Arbor App we have recently launched. Please can these be signed and returned by 30th June. If you require a new copy of the agreement, please let Mrs Pear know.

ARBOR PARENTAL PORTAL



The Arbor App is here!

We are pleased to launch the Arbor Parental Portal. You should have been sent an email to enable you to set this up. You will need to set this up via a PC or laptop. Once you have logged in you can download the app to your phone.

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.

Tuesday 22 nd June 2021	School Photographer
Friday 23 rd July 2021	Last Day of Term
Monday 26 th July 2021	Summer Break

INSET DAYS 2021/22

Monday 6th September 2021
Tuesday 7th September 2021
Wednesday 29th September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Friday 18th February 2022
Monday 25th July 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022

Hello from Lianne and Sarah at Little Acorns Preschool



Spaces Available for children from two years old. Two-year funding (if certain criteria met) and three-year-old funding available. If you would like to register your child or receive an application pack, please contact Sarah on the preschools email:

Preschool316@educ.somerset.gov.uk

For more information about funding please go to the school's webpage under the preschools tab.

Dual placements possible.

We are excited to announce a Baby and Toddler group led by Lianne.....

A mother and toddler group for families in and around Stogursey based at Stogursey Primary School. A place to meet, have fun and kick start learning through play with others. £3 per session Fridays 10 - 12 and 1 - 3.

Please contact Lianne at liannefld@gmail.com or find us on Facebook - Baby Acorns Toddler Group @ Stogursey School

We are a small preschool, but opportunities are endless for the children. We discover little chefs as they enjoy being involved in our baking sessions – we make dough each week to make bread and allow them to be involved in the whole process from measuring the flour and adding the yeast and watching and waiting for it to rise ready to make fresh rolls, pizzas or iced buns for snack! Children also make their own salt dough each week which is always available to play with, a great sensory activity with endless creative opportunities. Our regular walks encourage the children to reflect on the natural world and their questions inform our planning during the month, we explored bees and life cycles of frogs using stories to support their learning and this month we look forward to watching the life cycle of a butterfly!!



June is here and the sun will hopefully shine so please pack the sun lotion and hat in their bag.



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