

As the new Headteacher here at Stoke St Gregory C of E Primary School, I have been warmly welcomed into the community and I thank you for that. I have focussed this report, for the context of the Parish Council, towards community links and events.

A few months ago, we engaged with a project to highlight the positives in our community, in our school and in our homes and families. Thanks to the support of Graham and his help to share this project, we had several contributions from the wider community in addition to those from families in school. We collated these and shared via our developing website. It was great for us all to share and focus on what is good and right and excellent and lovely amidst situations which for many are tricky as a result of COVID, amongst other things.

Later in the summer term, we are hoping to be able to open up the school a little more, if COVID restrictions allow. The current plan is to have a delayed 'Maypole' event in July and a Sports Day. More details will be shared nearer the time. Our Friends of School committee will be actively involved in this, and we are hoping it will be a way to facilitate some time for the community to gather.

Our school has also begun to link with the Climate Change group that has been formed and is active within Stoke St Gregory. Janice has been brilliantly proactive in her interactions with school. Janice and I are forming plans for how the children can begin to be involved in thinking about and working towards a greener village and world. Our starting point is with the 'immediate' and 'real' for the children in terms of what they experience. Over time, we will be forming a Climate Change group within school. The aim is to develop some young leaders who will then help to come up with ideas about how we can make even a small positive difference as individuals and as a school.

On a bi-weekly basis, we have a school newsletter which can be viewed via the [newsletter page](#) on the school website. This is available for all to see for any who would like to keep up to date with what is going on in school. There is also an update section on the [home page](#) of the website. Our website is ever evolving and will be developed with content over time. The vision is for it to develop into a site that gives a real insight into much of the brilliance that lies in the heart of our little school. That brilliance is found in the living and breathing individuals inside who are constantly learning, developing and growing.

As a school we recognise we currently have the label of 'Requires Improvement'. We are hoping to change this label when we are next visited by our inspectors, however, I do also have a question to ask for serious consideration. In truth, what in life doesn't 'require improvement'?

We are not just our label.

We are a small school that has made a lot of progress in many ways since that label was given.

We will continue to develop, grow and evolve.

We have treasure inside these walls within the children and the adult school community.

We are delighted to be a part of this brilliant and proactive community.

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