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**4th November 2022**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a wide spread belief that windy weather can effect children's behaviour. A survey of hundreds of UK Headteachers in 2020 found that the overwhelming majority (74 per cent) believed that strong wind is the worst weather for pupils' behaviour, rather than heat, snow or rain. Without dismissing these beliefs out of hand as there is little Scientific evidence to support this, we are proud of how well our children coped and played so nicely with each other even on the windiest of days this week. Well done everybody!



## Christmas is Coming!

Our Christmas shows this year and going forward into the future will involve the whole school. Whilst the younger children will still be taking on the lead roles in the Nativity we will be including Key Stage Two in the singing and the Nativity Readings. Bluebells and Acorns classes will dress up in Nativity costume whereas the older children in Years three and above will wear school uniform, but with a Christmas jumper, and form the choir to the left and right of the stage. Teachers are working hard to ensure that you have the costume lists and scripts very soon so that you can help your child source a costume and to learn their lines. There are many costumes in the schools already that can be adapted; we welcome donations and support in creating new ones each year.



**Croscombe:**

## It's a Baby

**Tuesday 6th December 2pm**

**Stoke St Michael:**

## Christmas with the Aliens

**Wednesday 7th December 2pm**

## Conkers & Owls Wells Choral Experience

We were and are so proud of our Year 5s and 6s who spent the day at Wells Cathedral on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The session was run by Wells Music Outreach and is one of several days we are planning as part of year 5&6 enrichment this academic year. Whilst the year 5 & 6 classes from our Federation (Croscombe and Stoke-St-Michael) were the smallest group, they sang with by far the most volume! The children performed beautiful cathedral choral music in front of the Earth-themed Gaia exhibition in Wells Cathedral. The children represented the schools beautifully and as always their behaviour was impeccable. Thanks to the parents and teaching team members who accompanied the children. We had a wonderful day.



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## Dino



Believe it or not, Croscombe has its very own dinosaur fossil. Freddie and Archie's mum works for a local quarrying company and very kindly gave the very heavy fossil to the school! The slab of limestone contains the fragments of the jaws of two separate Ichthyosaurs. The creatures were predators that swam the oceans in the Triassic and Jurassic period. They looked a bit like dolphins but were much bigger. Stoke children we can't wait to share it with you so you can see it for yourselves.



## Bluebells - Stoke

We would like to invite you to a Read Write Inc (Phonics) Parent Workshop on **Thursday 10th November at 9.00am** in the Bluebells classroom. This will be an opportunity to discuss how we teach Phonics in the Early Years as well as how you can support your child at home with early reading skills to help them make the very best start on their learning journey. We hope to see you on Thursday.



## Facebook

We are going to become more active on our Facebook pages, posting more photos of what has been happening at the school in the classrooms, if you would like to see your child on these posts, please can you make sure that you have filled out the permission forms that were sent out in September as without your permission we are unable to post any photos of your child/ren. Pop into the office if you would like another copy. Thank you!

## Lunchtime Play - Croscombe

We are looking for any old dressing up clothes (Hat's, Scarves etc) for the children to play with during lunchtime play times at Croscombe. Donation gratefully received! Thank you!

## ParentPay

Please can we request that you log onto our ParentPay on a regular basis to make sure that you do not have any payments outstanding, we are in the process of setting up reminders to be sent out to you all, to remind you of this but if you could in the meantime make sure that all outstanding payments are paid asap. Many thanks.



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## Flu

We sent out a ParentPay the beginning of the week, with the information regarding the forthcoming Flu vaccination program being administrated in school. Please can we ask you to complete the online consent form as soon as possible. We will be arranging a call back day for Stoke St Michael School as the Year 5's will be attending the Primary Dance Festival that day. (More Details to follow)



## And Finally....

How often do we get caught up with what is immediately before us? Sometimes we forget to look beyond, to look around, to look up. Schools are wonderful places where curiosity, new perspectives, imagination and creativity can be encouraged every day. The very simple action of looking up can help us take a deep breath, change our perspective, notice something more and begin to reset ourselves. It may be scary, sometimes we appreciate the security of what is before us even if it is challenging.

Look up more! Ideally outside, look up at the sky – day or night, there have been some beautiful sunrises and sunsets recently as well as clear night skies.

Over the weekend the sky will be full of fireworks of course. Look at things from a new angle, at home, outside, in a building. Give yourself time to look up and to really look, and see, what do you notice in the view and about yourself as you do this?

*Dear God,  
Today will you help me to look at things differently,  
May I notice the extraordinary in the ordinary of my life,  
May I see the miraculous in the mundane,  
May I find the sacred camouflaged in the profane,  
May I find faith, confidence in what I hope for and assurance of what I do not see.*



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## Stoke St Michael

### November

<b>Tuesday 8th</b>	Open Morning 9:15 - 10:15
<b>Thursday 10th</b>	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP) Wear Something Green
<b>Thursday 10th</b>	Bluebells Read Write Inc Parent Information Workshop 9am
<b>Friday 11th</b>	Remembrance Assembly & Celebration Assembly 9:10am
<b>Monday 14th</b>	UK Parliament Week
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	Open Evening 5:30 - 6:30pm
<b>Friday 18th</b>	Children In Need—Spotty Mufti
<b>Friday 18th</b>	PTA Christmas Bingo Fund Raiser
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	Flu Vaccines
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	Whitstone Dance Festival
<b>Tuesday 29th</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings
<b>Wednesday 30th</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings

### December

<b>Thursday 1st</b>	Open Day - Taster Sessions for all ages
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	Year 5 - Downside Language Day
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	Christmas with the Aliens School Nativity Show—2pm
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 9th</b>	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumpers
<b>Monday 12th</b>	FGB—Governors Meeting @Croscombe 6pm
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	Community Carols for the Elderly Christmas Jumpers
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	Christmas Family Art Morning Christmas Jumpers
<b>Friday 16th</b>	Last Day of Term Christmas Jumpers

### January

<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	First Day of School Term 3
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## Croscombe

### November

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<b>Thursday 10th</b>	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP) Wear Something Green
<b>Friday 11th</b>	Remembrance Assembly & Celebration Assembly 2:40pm
<b>Monday 14th</b>	UK Parliament Week
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	Open Evening 5:30 - 6:30pm
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