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**14th October 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really proud of the learning and ever-increasing knowledge that the children have been demonstrating in every class across our two schools. There has been so much to celebrate and reflect on during this first term. Our school community is broad and vital to the success of our schools, please come forward with any support you feel that you can offer and please continue to provide us with feedback, we really value the voice of individuals in our community: children, carers, parents, family and the wider community.

### **Croscombe Parent and Carer Governor meeting**

Many thanks for the feedback that parents and carers provided at the recent parent and carer governor meeting held at Croscombe.

We have responded quickly to the request to open the gate earlier; to reduce congestion on the pavement and allow for a smoother drop off in the morning and judging from feedback, the change has improved the morning experience.

Our budget now allows us to advertise for a full time TA to boost one to one and overall class provision in Conkers Class. In addition specific funding from the government has been allocated to Somerset County Council to provide support for our Ukrainian pupils; we will be using some of this funding to provide a Ukrainian speaking TA across the school who will work with all our children.

Our teaching staff are always willing to communicate with you whilst on duty at the beginning and the end of the day or via email. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you with anything that you would like to discuss with class teachers. In the first instance, contact the school office, the email will be passed onto the class teacher and they will respond to you directly, allowing you to contact them directly in future.

Date and time of Stoke parent and carer governor meeting will be communicated next week beginning 17th Oct.

### **Helping Hand—Calling Parent Helpers!**

Helpers during the school day at both our schools would be really appreciated.

#### **Parent Helpers are needed for:**

**Reading:** 1:1 reading in both schools

**Forest School: Croscombe** Y3 and Y4 up to Christmas

Wednesday 1pm-3pm leave and return to Croscombe on foot.

**Play Times & P.E: Croscombe**—We would really like volunteers at Croscombe to help escort the children up to our amazing field for PE and play times.

The days we need help walking the children to and back from the field are:

**Tuesdays:** Chestnuts from 1:20 to 1:30pm and 2:50 to 3:00pm;

**Thursdays:** Conkers from 12.50 to 1pm and 2.50 to 3.00pm;

**Fridays:** Acorns and Bluebells 10.00 to 10.10am to 11.50 to 12.00pm

**Gardening Club** - Stoke St Michael School, afterschool club 3:15 - 4:15pm one evening Wednesday (Negotiable)

**Caretaker Volunteer:** Stoke If you are able to assist with any of the above please speak with Mel or Bill in the office 01749840470 or email Office@croscombestokefederation.co.uk



### **Somerset County Council**

Just a little reminder that all applications for your Secondary School choices need to be submitted by 31st October.

All Applications for Primary admissions need to be submitted by 15th January 2023.



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### Lunches - After Half Term

Please can all lunches be booked by Midnight on Wednesday evening for the following week, you will be unable to book lunches for the following week after this time. Please can you make sure that all lunches for Week Commencing **31st October** are booked by Midnight **Wednesday 19th October**.



### Story-time



On **Tuesday 18th October**, we are inviting the children to come back into school with their PJ's on, and to bring their Teddy, ready for a bedtime story and a hot Chocolate for a 50p donation.

### Poppy Appeal



We have the Poppy Appeal in Both School office's, we are selling a few Poppy Products, these are different at both schools, so please call into the office to donate..



### Bluebells Classes



Bluebells children from Stoke St Michael and Croscombe enjoyed their first joint trip this week. As part of their overarching theme of 'Awesome Autumn Animals', the children enjoyed their woodland adventure, investigating and identifying leaf shapes and autumnal colours in the wonderful woods. Collectively, the children made a beautiful mandala pattern using autumn treasures such as acorns and pine cones. Before going home, the children sang songs around the camp fire and enjoyed toasted marshmallows and biscuits! Bluebells will be having another adventure at Orchard Park Farm in the summer term to observe seasonal changes and hopefully enjoy some more campfire food!



**Stoke Reception** - Meeting for RWI Phonics has been re-arranged for Thursday 3rd November at 9:00am.

### Acorns Classes



Acorns from Stoke and Croscombe had an amazing time on their trip to Burcott Mill. The children were shown the different features of the mill starting with the water wheel. We then went inside and were shown the journey of the grain as it was turned into flour using the grind stones and not a single ounce of electricity. Using the flour from the mill we then continued our lesson in the afternoon by making some delicious bread, which they ate for snack the next day. What a journey the Little Red Hen must've had!



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## Cake Sale

Owl class will be holding a "Halloween cake" sale next Friday 21st October after school, Weather permitting will be outside, otherwise we will be selling them in the school hall. Cash only 50p to £1. a cake. Donations of cakes welcome, these can be delivered to the school office Thursday morning or afterschool Thursday evening.



All of our learning Gems are important keys to learning and growth but there is one that is essential; Emerald (courage).

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill

Dearest Lord,  
 teach me to be generous;  
 teach me to serve You as You deserve;  
 to give and not to count the cost,  
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
 to toil and not to seek for rest,  
 to labour and not to ask for reward  
 save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola Prayer

**Best Wishes,**  
**Bill Moore & Mel Vincent**  
**Co Head Teachers**

		Croscombe	
<b>Sunday 16th October</b>	Sunday Stokers 10:30 - 12:00 churchyard	<b>Monday 17th October</b>	Read for Good Readathon
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<b>Thursday 20th October</b>	Wells Festival Of Literature - Yr 6	<b>Friday 21st October</b>	Celebration Assembly 2:50pm
<b>Thursday 20th October</b>	Open Afternoon 2pm - 3pm	<b>Monday 24th October</b>	Half Term
<b>Friday 21st October</b>	Celebration Assembly 9:10am Tea & Coffee from 8:45am	<b>Monday 7th November</b>	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP)
<b>Monday 24th October</b>	Half Term	<b>Wednesday 9th November</b>	Open morning 9:15 - 10:15am