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16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week in both of our schools, there is an Autumn term buzz and a business in all of the classes. Children are knuckling down and really demonstrating terrific Gem Learning Power skills. This term we will be teaching the benefits of 'Diamond Power' to the children who are already showing independence and a fantastic organisation as they start their new academic school year. If you would like to learn or find out more about our Gem Learning Powers (Learning skills that we teach our children) then please visit our Federation website. Go to the blue 'Federation' page, scroll down the 'Parent Information' drop down menu, click on 'Our Curriculum Subjects'. We class our 'Gem Learning Powers' as a subject as they link very closely to PSRHE. Scroll to the bottom of our subject list and you will find the 'Gem Learning Powers' page and information here. Children respond very well to having 'shining' gems attributed to their behaviours, please feel free to use these at home to bring positivity to teaching good behaviour.



School Lunch / Wraparound Care

Please book school meals by **midnight on Wednesday** of each week, any issues with ordering meals, please contact the office and we can look into this for you.

Also we have wraparound care and clubs running everyday from 8:00am through to 4:15 at Stoke St Michael Primary School, this can be booked again via Parent Pay or if unable to book via Parent Pay please contact the office and let us know and we can manually add your child/children to the list.



Attendance



As we start the new term, we would like to remind parents that education lays important foundations for our children. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. We would like to encourage parents to ensure that their child achieves maximum possible attendance. Please let us know about any absences through the school office by 9:00am. Please note that as a reminder that unauthorised holidays taken during term time may be liable for a penalty notice. In addition, please know, we are here to support you and your children, please do come and talk to us if you are struggling to get your children to school at all for any reason, we can help.

Monday 19th September



Following the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth last week, we now know that the state funeral announced following her death will take place on Monday 19th September. It has been confirmed that this will be a bank holiday and therefore **all schools will be closed** on this day to mark the occasion.

The nation is now in a period of national mourning and both of our schools have been running assemblies and other activities to help children of all ages understand the significance of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms, please can you make sure that all parts of your children's uniform has their name in, so that we can match up any stray jumpers with the correct child and likewise if your child has misplaced their jumpers, it is easier for it to be found if it has the child's name in it. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



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Gardening Club

Stoke St Michael School are looking for parent helpers to help with gardening club on a Wednesday (day negotiable) after school, if you are interested, please pop into the school and speak with Mrs Vincent.



Information Packs

Thank you to all of you that have already sent back your information packs, if you haven't completed these, please can you make sure that we have these ASAP, as this information will make sure that we have the most up to date contact details for you and your child/ren.



Hair

Please can we request that all children with shoulder length hair have it tied back at all times, we have had a few reports of Head lice in both schools, so if you could please check your child/ren hair on a regular basis .



Stoke St. Michael Harvest Festival

The Church Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 2nd October at the school, there will be a supper and action after the church service at Stoke St Michael Church, tickets will need to be brought for this event, please contact Janet 01749 840671 for these. On Friday 30th September, there will be a celebration assembly in the school where we will invite the children to bring produce to be auctioned off on the Sunday mentioned above.



Bags2School - Stoke School

There will be a Bags2School collection on Wednesday 12th October, please can you make sure that you return your Bags2School by 9am on that morning.



Roald Dahl

The Children in both schools enjoyed our Roald Dahl day, we had lots of children taking part, by coming in, in fancy dress and bringing in their favourite book.



Stoke St Michael School –Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting—PTA AGM

Thank you to everyone that attended the meeting, during this meeting we elected:

Chair: Aiden Todd, Vice Chair: David Richardson-Aitken, Treasurer: Kirsty Lanfear, Secretary: Lizzy Rice.

The new PTA already have some great fundraising ideals for this year, more information to follow soon!

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40 For The Federation 2022 LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP



Please sign up to support our schools and the Mind Charity of Somerset. This year there are more options to support all ages and abilities.

- **14 Mile Live Route 24th September** - starting and ending at Stoke School (age 16+)
- **26 Mile Live Route 24th September** - starting and ending at Stoke School but also passing through Croscombe School (age 16+)
- **26 Mile Virtual Route 1st-26th September** - Walk 26 miles over 26 days (open to all ages)

The Live events are £40 per person to enter. The Virtual event is £20 for an individual adult or £40 for a family (1 adult & 2 children).

Please register:

www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/

or to donate please visit:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40fortheFederation2022



And Finally....

The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II will be taking place on Monday and, as a sign of respect, all schools across the nation will be closed.

Our busy lives will pause.

The funeral will be a sad and difficult occasion, particularly for members of the Royal Family. Whilst we mourn the death of the head of our country, the Royal Family will be mourning for a treasured family member – a mother, grandmother, aunt – who is no longer with them.

The Queen herself spoke about such sadness during her lifetime:

‘Grief is the price we pay for love’. We are sad when people die because of our love for them.

We invite you to take a moment on Monday to reflect or pray keeping in mind the Royal Family and the love we still have for the people close to us that we have lost

Best Wishes,
Mel Vincent & Bill Moore
Co Head Teachers

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Stoke St Michael 2022/2023

Activity	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Forest School Thursday PM	Yrs 1 & 2 Starts 15.09.22	Yrs 1 & 2	Yrs 3 & 4	Yr 3 & 4	Years R & Nursery	Years R & Nursery
Swimming Thursday AM	-	-	-	-	Yrs 1, 2, 3, & 4	Yrs 1, 2, 3, & 4

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Forest School Weds PM	Years 3 & 4 Starts 14.09.22	Years 3 & 4	-	-	Yrs R, 1 & 2	Yrs R, 1 & 2
Swimming – Thursday AM	Yrs 1, 2, 3, & 4	Yrs 1, 2, 3, & 4	-	-	-	-

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Monday 19th September	School Closed - Bank Holiday	Monday 19th September	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 20th September	Bluebells Reception Parents RWI Parents Phonics Meeting 9:10am	Wednesday 21st September	Years 3 & 4 Forest School - Every week for 12 weeks
Thursday 22nd September	Years 1 & 2 Forest School - Every week for 12 weeks	Thursday 22nd September	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Swimming Lesson every week until the end of term
Thursday 22nd September	Years 5 & 6 Wells Cathedral Music Tuition (in school): Every week for 6 weeks	Friday 23rd September	Years 5 & 6 Wells Cathedral Music Tuition (in school): Every week for 6 weeks
Friday 23rd September	Celebration Assembly 9:10am Tea & Coffee from 8:45am	Friday 23rd September	Celebration Assembly 2:50pm
Tuesday 11th October	School Photo day 9:00am	Tuesday 11th October	School Photo day 11:00am
Monday 24th October	Half Term	Monday 24th October	Half Term
Tuesday 1st November	Gaia Arts Workshop (More information to follow)	Tuesday 1st November	Gaia Arts Workshop (More information to follow)
Monday 10th November	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP)	Monday 10th November	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP)
Wednesday 23rd November	Flu Vaccines	Tuesday 22nd November	Flu Vaccines

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Sunday 18th September 2022

Attention all kids: we're back!

Sunday Stokers

from sparks to flames



Every third Sunday
of the month,
10.30am–12pm

Craft activity, Bible
story and a drink &
snack

Walk to the church
together to join
the end of the
family service

Friendly, fun
and FREE



Sunday 18th September then every third Sunday of the month

Starts 10.30am at the War Memorial Hall, Stoke St Michael

Finishes 12 noon at the church

All 3–11 year olds welcome – we'll be stoked to see you!

For more information, please contact Lizzy Rice: lizzyrice@hotmail.co.uk