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**21st October 2022**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and productive first term to the academic year we have all had. So many extra curricular activities and trips to look back upon. Thank you for your support in either helping with these or supporting your child/children to get to them. We have ended the last day with lovely celebration assemblies in both school's where we looked back at our achievements over the last half term.

## Readathon

On Tuesday evening, excited pupils returned to school at dusk, wearing pyjamas and big smiles, all ready for seasonal stories and hot chocolate. Snuggled up with friends and teddies, the children had a magical time in their converted classrooms, listening to adventures of crazy characters in faraway places. We had at least 40 children in each school return. Thank you so much to the PTA for providing drinks and biscuits for everyone and thus helping to make another memorable evening for the children in both of our schools.



**Books Before Bedtime** - not a bad habit to get into!



## New Appointment

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed **Mrs Claire Veevers** as our new Year 1 and Year 2 Class Teacher in Acorns at Croscombe. Mrs Veevers has a passion for teaching and has extensive experience of teaching Key Stage 1. Mrs Veevers will be in post from the start of Term 2, on **Monday 31st October**, straight after half term we invite you to all join in with ensuring that Claire has a very warm welcome.

## Thank You Mrs Chester

We thanked and wished Mrs Chester all the best at our Friday assembly. Mrs Chester received many cards, gifts, flowers, good wishes and our thanks for all the contributions that she has made to the life of the school and the children's learning. Good Luck with your new exciting chapter Mrs Chester.

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## Internet Safety



Almost all pupils use the Internet at home and we know that, as parents, it can be difficult to allow children the freedom to develop as responsible individuals while protecting them from the perils and pitfalls of the Internet. Increasingly, even at primary school age, younger people are conducting their social life online so parents need to provide guidance to make sure that their children behave safely and responsibly. Please help your children by following these key recommendations:

## Talk regularly with your children about their use of technology and how they communicate with people online.

- Keep computers and other web-enabled devices in family rooms.
- Ensure you set Parental Restrictions
- Ensure you take devices away at bedtime

## Governors

The School governors have committed more time to spending more time, speaking with and listening to the parents feedback on their experience of the schools in the federation. As part of this commitment, we will be holding our first meeting at Stoke School on **Tuesday 1st November**, all Parents and Carers are welcome to join us. We have afterschool club running so children can be booked onto this via ParentPay. We look forward to meeting with you.



## Wells Cathedral Performance

Children in **Conkers** (Croscombe) and **Owls** (Stoke) have been working hard on their singing as part of Wells Cathedral's Primary Music Outreach Project. This project reaches its climax on: **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** with an Earth-themed lunchtime concert in Wells Cathedral. All are welcome to come along to support the children in their singing; it would be wonderful to see a good crowd of you there! The concert is free (there will be a retiring collection at the end) and **starts at 1.05pm**. Please feel free to arrive at the Cathedral to find a seat at any point from **12.30pm**. We look forward to seeing lots of you there and sharing our singing with you! Children to wear smart uniform for this event please.



## And Finally....

As we approach half term it is valuable to reflect on the importance of rest and a break from our busy routines.

*"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10*

**Dear God**

**Thank you that you teach us, and expect us, to rest for our own well-being;  
Sorry that sometimes I forget to be wise and to look after my own well-being;  
Please help me to be intentional about rest and recovery, in being well – for myself, for others, for  
You.  
Amen**

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Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Monday 24th October	Half Term	Monday 24th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Back to School	Monday 31st October	Back to School
Thursday 3rd November	Owls Outreach Performance	Thursday 3rd November	Conkers Outreach Performance
Monday 7th November	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP)	Monday 7th November	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP)
Tuesday 8th November	Open Morning 9:15 - 10:15	Wednesday 9th November	Open morning 9:15 - 10:15am
Friday 11th November	Celebration Assembly 9:00am	Friday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly & Celebration Assembly 2:40pm
Week Commencing 14th November	UK Parliament Week	Week Commencing 14th November	UK Parliament Week
Thursday 15th November	Open Evening 5:30 - 6:30pm	Wednesday 16th November	Open Evening 5:30 - 6:30pm
Friday 18th November	Children In Need	Friday 18th November	Children In Need
Wednesday 23rd November	Flu Vaccines	Tuesday 22nd November	Flu Vaccines
Thursday 1st December	Open Day - Taster Sessions for all ages	Thursday 1st December	Open Day- Taster Sessions for all ages
Thursday 1st December	Year 5 - Downside Language Day	Thursday 1st December	Year 5 - Downside Language Day
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9th December	Christmas Lunch	Friday 9th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 19th December	End Of Term	Monday 19th December	End Of Term
Wednesday 4th January	Back to School	Wednesday 4th	Back to School