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Federation Newsletter

Alice In Wonderland

Croscombe school has been given an excellent opportunity to do a production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the **end of June** this year, (Date TBA). Year 3 to 6 will be participating with singing and dancing throughout the performance, with the lead roles going to the Year 6's and some of the Year 5's.

Lydia Williams, mum of Amelie and a performing arts teacher at Strode College, has very kindly agreed to produce the play. She will be assisted by James Packer who is professional performer and teacher. Rehearsals will take place on Fridays and some Mondays and will serve as a significant enrichment to the core curriculum, in the areas of drama, oracy, music, dance and art.



Oaks & Chestnuts Trip to The Roman Baths'

We had a wonderful time.

The visit started with activities at the Roman Baths' Education Centre. The children were able to design their own mosaics, dress up in togas and tunics, learn about the history of the baths and handle real artifacts that the Roman's used to clean themselves.

They then were able to experience an archeological dig using trowels and brushes to discover hidden Roman objects in the gravel pit and match Roman stone remains to their position in the bathhouse.

Finally, the children were able to explore the Roman baths with the aid of an audio guide and experience the likely sights and sounds that would have existed thousands of years ago. They all agreed that it had been an exciting and interesting day.



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Chinese New Year - Wednesday 1st February

On Wednesday 1st February, Both Schools will be marking Chinese New Year with themed activities and the children are invited to wear the traditional lucky colours of red and yellow. We do not anticipate disruption to either school on that day due to industrial action or any other further planned strike days.

You will find in your child's book bag an envelope which they have decorated, it is tradition at New Year to give the gift of a beautiful envelope to your family and friends with a small gift of money enclosed, we are asking if you are able, to please enclose a money donation in the envelope and return it to the school to help fund new books for our amazing children. Thank you



Bluebells At Croscombe

Every Wednesday we will be going for a welly walk, please can you make sure that you send your children in with their wellies on this day, as it is still a little chilly, please make sure they also have their coat's, hats, scarfs and gloves for this walk. Thank you

Bluebells - Stoke St Michael

Sadly, today, we said goodbye to Mrs O'Brien, our Bluebells Reception teacher at Stoke St. Michael School, Mrs O'Brien will be missed and we wish her all the success for the future.

Ms S Wyatt will be leading in Bluebells Reception working Tuesday and Wednesdays along with Mrs Vincent and Mrs White. The children have meet all these staff and are looking forward to the new term with these wonderful teacher's.



Bags 2 Schools



We have arranged for both schools to have a collection of Bags2School on **Wednesday 29th March 2022**, the bags will need to be brought in on the morning and left by the gate's for collection in the morning.

They will collect the following items: - Good quality adults and children clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, Ties and soft toys. **No** Bedding, curtains, towels, household linen, work wear, school uniform or bric-a-brac., (Any School Uniform, Coats or school shoes in good condition that your child has now grown out of, can be left at either school in Reception, so we can give out to other children)

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Big Garden Birdwatch



Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! Just spend one hour between Friday 27 and Sunday 29 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts! To record your findings please go to

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Head lice

There has been cases of head lice in both schools.

We ask you as the parent/guardian to please check and monitor your child's head. The following information is provided for you about head lice. They can spread from one student to another by sharing combs, brushes, clothing, hats and in bedding. Head lice can happen to anyone. It is not a sign of poor health habits or being dirty. There are many lice treatment shampoos on the market as well as other mechanical and manual methods of controlling the lice. Nits (lice eggs) are tiny, white, pearly eggs that attach themselves to the hair shaft close to the scalp. The nit can be removed manually by pinching between two fingernails and pulling it off the hair shaft, or by using a "nit comb", available in most pharmacies. All members of the household need to be checked when there is one case of head lice in your immediate family.



Stoke St Michael PTA



Thank you to everyone that attending this meeting, we have some events coming up

21st February - Pancake Day - We will be serving Pancakes after school

Mufti Day - Friday 31st March, more details to follow

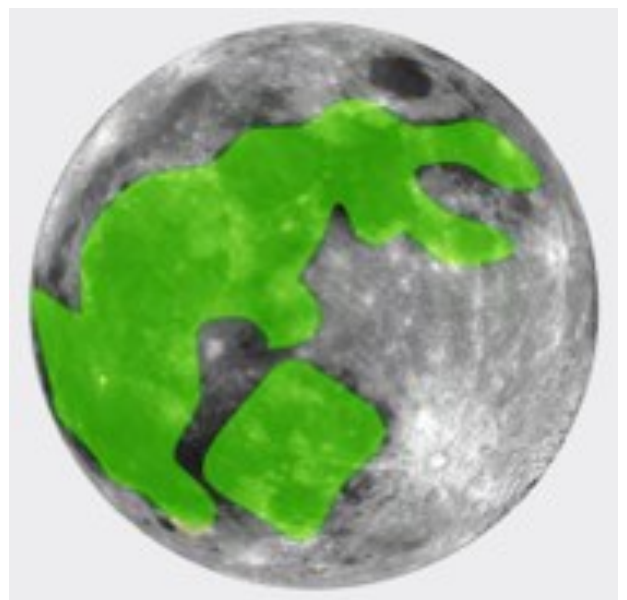
Curry Night , Movie Night, Easter Bingo - Date and more details to follow

Reflection

According to the Chinese Lunar Calendar we entered the Year of the Rabbit on January 22nd, 2023.

In the West, we talk about the Man in the Moon, but in China (and other countries in the Far East) they talk about the Rabbit in the Moon. Next time there is a full moon in a clear sky, have a look and see if you can make it out. Can you see any other forms and shapes on the moon's surface?

Remember that, by looking carefully and observing the natural world around us, we can connect with the wonder of creation and allow it's beauty into our hearts.



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January		January	
Sunday 23rd - Sunday 5th Feb	Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit	Sunday 23rd - Sunday 5th Feb	Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit
Friday 27th - Sunday 29th	Big Garden Bird Watch	Friday 27th - Sunday 29th	Big Garden Bird Watch
Saturday 28th - Sunday 5th February	National Story Telling Week	Saturday 28th - Sunday 5th February	National Story Telling Week
Tuesday 31st	Whitstone Open Day Tours for Owls	Tuesday 31st	Whitstone Open Day Tours for Conkers
February		February	
Wednesday 1st	Chinese New Year - Wear Red and Yellow	Wednesday 1st	Chinese New Year - Wear Red and
Thursday 9th	Acorns Trip to Nunney Castle	Monday 6th	Conkers Owls Citizens Advice PSRHE Money Management Session
Friday 10th	Year 5 - Comprehensive Programme Whitstone School (Lunch Supplied)	Wednesday 8th	Schools Against Waste Workshop
Friday 10th	Last Day of Term	Thursday 9th	Acorns Trip to Nunney Castle
Monday 20th	Inset Day	Friday 10th	Year 5 - Comprehensive Programme Whitstone School (Lunch Supplied)
Tuesday 21st	First Day of School - Term 4	Friday 10th	Last Day Of Term
Tuesday 21st	Pancake Day - Pancakes for sale after school	Monday 20th	Inset Day
Thursday 23rd	Schools Against Waste Workshop	Tuesday 21st	First Day of School - Term 4
March		March	
Wednesday 1st	Make the Sunshine - Dance Event	Wednesday 1st	Make the Sunshine - Dance Event at Stoke St., Michael School
Thursday 2nd	World Book Day	Thursday 2nd	World Book Day
Monday 27th	Owls Citizens Advice PSRHE Money Management Session	Wednesday 29th	Bags 2 School Collection
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*** RED TEXT = New dates added this week**