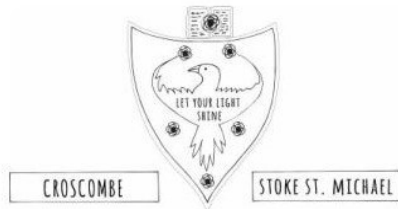


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27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to wish you all a very restful but fun half term. There is so much going on in our communities over the next week for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and we hope that you are able to join in with some of these wonderful events. We also know how important it is to take time to rest so would encourage you all to find moments in the week for stillness and 'down-time' with your children.



"We all need to get the balance right between action and reflection.

With so many distractions, it is easy to forget to pause and take stock." - Queen Elizabeth II

Do also take a moment to have a look at our Facebook and Latest News pages on the website to see all the wonderful things the children have been up to this term. They have all worked so hard and we continue to be impressed by their enthusiasm and hard work. Excellent Gem power everyone.

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Jubilee Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who helped the children celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children had a wonderful day with all sorts of patriotic activities. During the afternoon, both schools gathered in the school halls to video call each other. We sang the National Anthem and waved Union flags as a Federation. The children then enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea followed by the public opening of their wonderful Queen Elizabeth II Portrait Gallery. It was a fabulous experience and we hope that the children will remember it forever.



Playground Projects

We are excited to tell you about some up coming work at both schools over the next term to help improve the play and school grounds.



During half term contractors will be coming into Croscombe School to erect new fencing along the playground railings. This will significantly reduce the noise and traffic pollution from the road. Once this is complete we plan to add new play ground games and plants to the inside of the fence, as well as installing some additional playground equipment.

At Stoke a new Rewilding Area has been planned for the area beside the polytunnel. With a wildlife pond, wild flower meadow, food forest area and hibernaculum it will be a wonderful place for the children to observe, learn and grow. Much of this work will start in September but watch this space for news about our progress.



Thank you so much to everyone who organized, walked, fundraised and sponsored last years *40 For The Federation!* Walk. All of the money raised is being used to help fund these projects so please do support this years work so we can continue to fund these fantastic resources. To donate please go to:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022

Year 6 Leavers

This years Leavers Trip will be to the Mendip Activity Centre on Wednesday 18th July. The children will have a fun filled day doing watersport activities! More details will be sent out after half term.

Our Leavers Assembly and Leavers Service will be held on:

- Leavers Service Croscombe: 10:00am, St Mary The Virgin Church, Croscombe
- Leavers Assembly Stoke: 1.30pm, Stoke St Michael School.

All parents and carers welcome!



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Downside Outdoors Adventure Day

Thank you for returning your forms for the Downside Outdoor Adventure Day for years 5 and 6 on Thursday 9th June. Please remember that children need to wear their PE kit, bring suitable outdoor clothing (waterproofs, sunhat, sun cream etc) and a water bottle.



For those who are able, afternoon tea will be from 2.30pm. **Can all parents also ensure that their children are collected from Downside School at 3:00pm.** If your child is being collected by someone other than a parent/carer please can you let the school know before the day. Thank you.

PE Change

Please note that because of the Downside Activity Day there will be a change to Acorns and Conkers PE days on the 9th and 10th June. **Acorns will have PE on Thursday 9th June and Conkers will have PE on Friday the 10th June.**

374 Ways to Change the World Production



Our Federation Year 5 and 6 pupils will be working towards an exciting performance – a collaboration between six local schools; Bowlsh Infant School, St Paul's C of E (VC) Junior School, The Federation of Croscombe and Stoke St Michael Primary Schools, St Aldhelm's VA Church Primary and Shepton Mallet Infants Primary School, and Make the Sunshine CiC.

The performance will feature over 150 children. The play has been created from workshops with children across the six schools – and nearly all the words are the children's ideas – so we hope this will be a truly unique piece of theatre and opportunity. The play shares ways in which the children would like to change the world, and features work made with professional dancers, theatre practitioners, puppet makers and artists.

- Dress Rehearsal at St Paul's Tuesday 12th July 3:30-6pm
- Final Event: Friday 15th July Two shows at 5pm and 6:45pm (doors open 6:40pm)

We will let you know when tickets are available for the show. These are restricted to 2 per family. Please ensure you book your tickets in good time. We are also asking parents if you might be willing to volunteers for a few hours to support the free theatre events in Shepton Mallet Town Centre on Saturday 16th July. We would be so grateful for any support you can give.

Sports Day

This year our sports days will be held on the following dates:

- **Stoke: Wednesday 13th July**
- **Croscombe: Thursday 14th July.**



Further details will be sent out after Half Term. All parents and carers are welcome.

Wells in Bloom



The children at Croscombe school will be entering this years Wells in Bloom School Gardening Competition and will be creating a beautiful 'garden in a wheelbarrow' display. Wheelbarrows will be on display at the Bishops' Palace Stableyard on 20th-22nd June and will remain there until the end of term.

Reuse & Recycle - Cardboard Tubes Needed

Mrs. Amor and Conkers' class are asking for your kitchen roll cardboard tubes (not loo rolls). They need as many as possible please for a class project. Thank you.



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40 For The Federation 2022

If you are ready for a challenge that will get you outdoors & help boost your mental health and you would like to help raise money for our Federation and Mind in Somerset, please **REGISTER** at www.mindsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/



Or donate via our JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022

And Finally....

We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th June. We leave you with a special Jubilee Prayer for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

*Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen
And for the example of loving and faithful service she has shown us all.
Help us to follow her example of dedication and commit our lives to the service of one another.
Amen*

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



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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Sunday 5th June	'The Big Lunch' Picnic in the Park, Stoke St Michael Playing Field with pupils performance of the Federation Song & National Anthem	Thursday 9th June	Downside School Trip: Years 5 & 6
Monday 6th June	Whitstone School Transition Visit - Yr. 6.	20th-22nd June	Wells in Bloom Exhibition: The school Garden in a Wheelbarrow will be on display at the Bishops' Palace Stableyard.
Thursday 9th June	Downside School Trip: Years 5 & 6	Thursday 23rd June	Whitstone School Transition Visit - Yr. 6
Friday 10th June	Celebration Assembly Make the Sunshine Kindness Song Performance (Years 5&6) All parents & carers welcome. Assembly starts: 2:30pm	Friday 24th June	Inset Day
Friday 24th June	Inset Day	Friday 1st July	Wrong Trouser day
Friday 1st July	Wrong Trouser day	Wednesday 6th July	Year 6 Induction Day Visit to the Blue School.
Saturday 2nd July	Stoke Summer Fair	Tuesday 12th July	374 Ways To Change the World Production Rehearsal: 3:30-6:00pm St Pauls School, Shepton Mallet
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Monday 18th July	Owl Class Trip to Mendip Activity Centre	Thursday 14th July	Sports Day!
Wednesday 13th July	Sports Day!	Monday 25th July	Leavers Service: 10:00am, St Mary's Church Croscombe
Tuesday 26th July	Leavers Assembly: 1:30pm. Parents/ Carers welcome.	Mid July - Date to be confirmed.	Post Cards of Change Exhibition. More details to follow.
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Croscombe Activity Calendar Summer Term 2022				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chestnuts - PE	Yrs 1&R - Forest School	Conkers - PE	Acorns - PE

Stoke St Michael Activity Calendar Summer Term 2022				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Acorns & Bluebells - PE Owls - PE		Oaks - PE Owls - PE	Yrs 1-4 - Swimming Bluebells Reception & Nursery - Forest School	Bluebells Reception & Nursery - PE