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30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to begin this newsletter with a gigantic THANK YOU to all involved in the 40 for the Federation event, especially the walkers.

This event has raised over £11,000 in the last two years!



**40 For The Federation 2022
Congratulations & Thank You!**



Croscombe C of E and Stoke St Michael Nursery and Primary Schools are both unique in that they provide smaller classes with a higher ratio of staff to children than most other Nursery and Primary schools in the country. This uniqueness enables every child to be provided with individualised opportunities such as: a family friendly, nurturing environment which promotes high self-esteem; being seen and heard more regularly by staff and pupils alike and a bespoke educational programme tailored to challenge and bring out the best in each child among many more. With this comes a financial bearing which results in the federation relying upon the communities to pull together to keep these educational opportunities unique. A special thank you to David & Tamsyn Richardson-Aitken for leading such an exciting and incredibly successful fund raising opportunity for the federation and for all to be involved in. You are very much appreciated. This year a third of the money raised was donated to the charity MIND who provide safe places and people to talk to amongst many other things.

Helping Hand

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: Stoke Y1 and Y2 up to Christmas

Thursday 1pm-3pm at the Earth Science Centre Stoke St Michael.

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



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Croscombe Harvest Service

It was lovely to see parents and carers at our Harvest Service last week, led by Rev Chris. The children of Croscombe School participated in the service offering produce to be blessed and it will be given to local food banks. The children sang Cauliflowers and Cabbages and showed pictures of vegetables and chickens designed with different mediums. Rev Chris asked the children about their favourite grown produce - strawberries were very popular.



Stoke St. Michael Harvest Festival

Today, Friday 30th September, the children performed a Harvest Celebration to the parents and church community which involved each class singing and performing their own Harvest song and poem. Our Ukrainian families even blessed us by teaching Owls class a Ukrainian harvest song which resulted in a standing ovation from some audience members. Well done children. Thank you to all for all the lovely produce, the table was overflowing.



The Church Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 2nd October at the church and then the school, there will be a

School Photos

The school photos are being taken on Tuesday 11th October. If this is a day that your child has PE, please can your child/ren come to school dressed smartly in their school uniform, and

bring their PE kit in a separate bag for them to change into after



Croscombe Harvest Market

This wonderful event is now scheduled for Saturday 8th October 11am—2pm on the School Field

It would be lovely to see you all there.



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Music

With the many musical opportunities happening at the moment in our federation, one of our Stoke pupils has been inspired to sign up to **The Beckington Bandits**. He would love for pupils from Croscombe and Stoke to join him. Please see information below:



Beckington Bandits

If you would like to learn an instrument brass or woodwind we may be the community band for you, beginners cost £35 a term with a payment for 2 terms upfront

Main Band is £35 Annually from month you joined up

Rach : 07708901148
Vikki : 07902550370

Call or Email us today!
beckington-bandits2018@outlook.com

Beckington Baptist Church,
Frome Road,
Beckington,
BA11 6TD

Beckington Bandits Open Days

Beckington Bandits is a band set up to allow music for all - from age 8 years plus, and all abilities welcome, please let us know if your interested in coming along to have a look or to sign up to join us.

Brass and Woodwind welcome

practice on Wednesdays, for dates and times please use check out our QR code and Contact us with Numbers below

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And Finally....

Happy Harvest everyone! This is a time to look back and look forward and, despite current difficulties that we might face, we know that our communities will pull together in mutual Support. Thank you to all the children of our federation who bring so much joy, happiness and optimism to us all and particularly for their beautiful harvest poems and songs this week.

Sometimes we can feel swept away by events so we hope this prayer will remind you of the power of stillness.

Dear God

My prayer today is that you will still the hurricane, the earthquake and the fire within me; in the busyness of my day.

In the silent moments of that stillness may you draw near and may I hear your gentle whisper.

In the silent moments of that stillness may I draw on the strength of your Holy Spirit.

In the silent moments within, may I know the love, peace and hope that are your gifts to me.

As the volume of the day turns up again, may I know the assurance of your presence always with me.

Amen

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

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Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Friday 7th October	Celebration Assembly 9:10am Tea & Coffee from 8:45am	Monday 3rd October	Parent / Governors Meeting 6pm at the School
Tuesday 11th October	School Photo day 9:00am	Friday 7th October	Celebration Assembly 2:50pm
Wednesday 12th October	Acorns trip to Burcott Mill	Saturday 8th October	Harvest Market 11am - 2pm
Wednesday 12th October	Bluebells trip to Orchard Park Farm	Tuesday 11th October	School Photo day 11:00am
Wednesday 12th October	Bags2school collection	Wednesday 12th October	Acorns trip to Burcott Mill
Friday 14th October	Celebration Assembly 9:10am Tea & Coffee from 8:45am	Wednesday 12th October	Bluebells trip to Orchard Park Farm
Friday 14th October	PTA Halloween Disco 6pm - 8pm	Thursday 13th October	Open Afternoon 2pm - 3pm
Thursday 20th October	Wells Festival Of Literature (Owls)	Friday 14th October	Celebration Assembly 2:50pm
Thursday 20th October	Open Afternoon 2pm - 3pm	Thursday 20th October	Wells Festival Of Literature (Conkers)
Friday 21st October	Celebration Assembly 9:10am Tea & Coffee from 8:45am	Friday 21st October	Celebration Assembly 2:50pm
Monday 24th October	Half Term	Monday 24th October	Half Term
Monday 7th November	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP)	Monday 7th November	Protecting Our Planet Day (POP)
Thursday 10th November	Open morning 9:15 - 10:15am	Wednesday 9th November	Open morning 9:15 - 10:15am
Week Commencing 14th November	UK Parliament Week	Week Commencing 14th November	UK Parliament Week
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
Friday 9th December	Christmas Lunch	Friday 9th December	Christmas Lunch