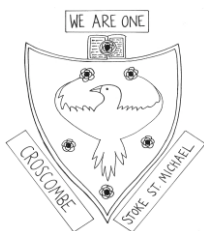




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Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Week Commencing Monday 9 th September	Reception children morning sessions 9am – 12 Noon
Tuesday 10 th September - Tuesday 22 nd October (Every Tuesday)	First Celebration Assembly All welcome! Please join us at 2.45pm (Refreshments available)
Tuesday (DATE TBC)	Green Gait Gardening Club – Start Date TBC 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 12 th September – Thursday 5 th December (Every Thursday)	Holly and Hawthorn Forest School for Years 1 and 2
Week Commencing Monday 16 th September	Reception children morning sessions 9am – 12 Noon
Week Commencing Monday 16 th September - Monday 21 st October (Term 1) (Every Monday)	Athletics After School Club Starts (Years 4,5 & 6) Monday 16 th September – Monday 21 st October £2 per child, per session to be paid termly in advance (Maximum of 15 children)
Wednesday 18 th September	C.S Clifford (Author) Visit
Week Commencing Monday 23 rd September	Reception children stay for lunch 9am – 1pm
Thursday 26 th September	Parents Meeting with Mr Heath 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Week Commencing Monday 30 th September	Reception children stay all day 9am – 3.15pm
Monday 7 th October	NHS Vision Screening for Reception and Year 1 children at 1.30pm.

Welcome back everyone. We hope you have all had a fantastic summer!

Head teacher availability for next week

Mr Heath will be available next week in Stoke on Monday and Thursday and will be at Croscombe on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Vincent, our senior teacher will be available as usual.

SENCO availability for next week

Emma will be available next week in Stoke on Wednesday and will be at Croscombe on Friday.

Celebration Assembly

Our first Celebration Assembly of this year takes place on Tuesday 10th September at 2.45pm in the school hall. We hope to see as many of you there as possible to help us celebrate the children's successes and achievements from their first week back. As always the PTA will be on hand offering refreshments for a donation towards resources for the school.

Gardening Club

We are pleased to announce Paul Green and Gordon Gait of Green Gait have very kindly offered to run our gardening club to share their knowledge and expertise with the children. They have very kindly ensured all the children's produce was looked after over the holidays alongside members of staff. We can confirm the club will continue to run on a Tuesday however, further details confirming the start date of this club will follow shortly. In the meantime the children and staff will continue to ensure everything is tended to.



Forest School

We are delighted to be able to tell you we have recently received confirmation of a successful grant application to Wainwright's Future Foundation which allows us to provide Forest School with Holly and Hawthorn Forest School at the Earth Science Centre for the children at Stoke St Michael School again this year. Year and 1 and 2 will attend Forest School in the Autumn Term. Thursday 12th September to Thursday 5th December. Please complete the permission slip below and a 'yellow, double-sided Holly Hawthorn consent Form' if your child has been given one. (If your child has previously filled in a Yellow consent form you do not need to complete another one, unless your details have changed. If so, please contact the school office for a new form.)

We will update you with details of the sessions for the remaining year groups shortly.

We would like to take this opportunity to say we are very grateful to J Wainwrights & Co Ltd and the Earth Science Centre for ensuring the children can continue to benefit from this valuable resource and to Kaye at Holly Hawthorn Forest School for teaching the children these

wonderful lessons and skills. We know the children will be very pleased to hear that they will be going to Forest School again this year.

If you are a parent/carer of a child who paid to attend Forest School last term please contact the school office for a refund.

Volunteers

We are looking for one or two parent helpers to help out at Forest School at the Earth Science Centre on a Thursday afternoon 1pm – 3pm, from Thursday 12th September. If you are able to help out please contact the school office.

P.E and after school club

Writhlington Leisure Centre will be providing our weekly P.E coach and after school club coach provision this year.

P.E lessons for Acorns, Oaks and Owls will take place on Monday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure the children have their P.E kits in school for both of these days.

Athletics after school club will start on Monday 16th September. There will be a charge of £2 per child per session. (Sessions must be paid in advance for the entire term.) There will be a maximum of 15 children in the club. Initially for terms 1,2 and 3 (Monday 16th September – Monday 10th February) the club will be open to years 4,5 and 6 and then open to years 1,2 and 3 in terms 4,5 and 6 (Monday 24th February – Monday 13th July). We may be able to open these up to the other year groups if all places are not filled.

News from Mrs Vincent

Rainbow Reading

This year we will continue with our 'Rainbow Reading' challenge across the whole school. However it is ever so slightly different this time. Inside the front cover of the children's home reading record is a rainbow 100 square. Every time your child/children read out loud to an adult at home and you show this by signing and writing a comment in their home reading record, the teacher will initial a square on the rainbow 100 square. The challenge is to read 100 times at home in order for the children to receive their first rainbow certificate and badge AND a rainbow treat afternoon. We will hold rainbow treat afternoons x3 times a year; one at Christmas; one at Easter and one at the end of the Summer Term. When the children complete their Rainbow 100 square they will be rewarded in our celebration assembly with a rainbow certificate; special rainbow badge to wear on their school jumper with pride, a 'rainbow ticket' to the rainbow treat afternoon and 5 house points for their team. The process will then begin again. For 200 rainbow reads the children will win a sunshine badge to wear alongside their rainbow badge, a rainbow treat ticket and ten house points for their team and finally for 300 rainbow reads the children become 'Rainbow Reading Champions' where they get to wear a reading leaders shield in their house colour whilst gaining 20 house points for their team.

Happy Reading Everyone! 😊

Merit Badges

Last year we began to award merits to children for progress with their learning. When they receive a merit in their books, they then collate these merits on a merit card which shows the colour of the badge that they are working towards. The children responded to this well and are very much looking forward to achieving their badges.

This is the order and the year groups the children are approximately expected to achieve the badge within:

RED – Reception / Year 1

YELLOW – Year 1 / Year 2

BLUE – Year 2 / Year 3

Green – Year 3 / Year 4

Purple – Year 4 / Year 5

BRONZE – Year 5

SILVER – Year 5 / Year 6

GOLD – Year 6

So to begin the scheme, we have plotted the children at the corresponding colour to their year group in order that they are hopefully able to achieve the gold badge before they leave the school. This scheme has already encouraged Gem Power Learning especially **Sapphire Power** – sticking to a task and avoiding those monster distractions in order to achieve our best!

We very much look forward to seeing the children wearing their badges with pride. Thank you very much to the PTA for funding these.

Unwelcome visitors

Over the course of the holidays we have had some unwelcome pets visiting our school grounds and pooping outside the school gates, all over the children's playing field and in the wooded copse. We would like to ask our parents as members of the community to support us in spreading the word that this is un-hygienically unsafe for the children and therefore unacceptable to be left. If by any chance a dog escapes into our school grounds the owner must take the responsibility in clearing up afterwards. Many thanks.

PTA News

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 12th September in the school hall at 2pm. All welcome!
It would be lovely to see some new faces. 😊

Watch this space for news of our upcoming events...

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher

Forest School

I\We give permission for to travel by minibus to the Earth Science Centre to attend Holly and Hawthorn Forest on Thursday 12th September - Thursday 5th December.

I will collect my child(ren) from the Earth Science Centre at 3.00pm.

My child will be collected by

Signed:
(Parent\Carer)

After School Athletics Club**Term 1 - Years 4, 5 and 6**

(Cost: £2 per child per session (6 sessions) = £12 for term 1)

I\We give permission for to attend athletics club on Monday 16th September - Monday 21st October 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

I will collect my child(ren) at 4.15pm.

My child(ren) will walk home. (Years 5 and 6 only)

I enclose £12 (per child) for Term 1

Signed:
(Parent\Carer)