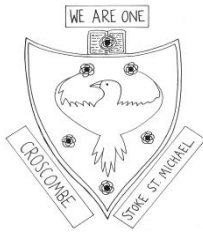


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10 January 2020

Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Tuesday (DATE TBC)	Green Gait Gardening Club – Start Date TBC 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Week Commencing Monday 13th January - Monday 10 th February (Every Monday)	After School Invasion Games Club (Years 1 - 6) Monday 13 th January - Monday 10 th February £2 per child, per session to be paid termly in advance (Maximum of 15 children)
Thursday 9 th January 2020 – Thursday 13 th February 2020 (Every Thursday)	Holly and Hawthorn Forest School for Years 5 and 6 + two Year 4 children (Year 4 Parents/Carers have been contacted directly)
Tuesday 14 th January 2020 – Tuesday 11 th February 2020 (Every Tuesday)	Celebration Assembly All welcome! Please join us at 2.45pm (Refreshments available)
Wednesday 15 th January 2020	Primary School Application Deadline
Friday 14 th February 2020	INSET day
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2020	Half Term Break
Monday 24 th February 2020	Back to School

Little Roots Dates for the diary

Wednesday 15 th January 2020	Primary School Application Deadline
Monday 20 th January 2020 and Monday 27 th January	Little Roots Parent Meetings Please sign up for a slot in Little Roots
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2020	Half Term Break
Monday 24 th February 2020	Back to Little Roots

Head teacher availability for next week

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

SENCO availability for next week

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

Welcome back! We would like to wish you a very happy new year and we hope you have all had a lovely Christmas!

Little Roots News

Star of the Week

Awarded to **George** for his amazing numeral recognition. Well done!

Our Topic

Our topic for the next two weeks will be 'All around the world' including learning about Chinese New Year. We have lots of activities planned around this topic. We will be looking at many different information books as well as tasting a range of foods from all around the world. Our Story focus will be The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. As usual if any of the children have a favourite story from home they are welcome to bring it in to share with everyone.

Parents Meetings

Parents Meetings are taking place on Monday 20th and Monday 27th January. Please sign up for a slot in Little Roots.

Late Collection Charges

Please ensure your child is collected on time after their sessions. Children can become very anxious if they are waiting for you to arrive at the end of the day. We do understand that there are times when this is beyond your control. However, as of Monday 13th January we will be charging £10.00 per 15 minutes late for collection after your child's session has ended.

Primary School Admissions 2020

Applications are now open for admissions for Reception children in 2020. **The deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2020.** For more information or to apply please visit: www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school

Acorns News

Acorns have had a fabulous start to the New Year! On the first day of term they jumped into the role of detectives to try and work out why the classroom was covered in hats. Of course, it was the monkeys in 'Monkey See, Monkey Do!' our new Talk for Writing text. The children have enjoyed playing in our new hat shop in the role play area and we have been busy learning new actions. The children will bring home a copy to share with you today. In addition to this we have introduced our new topic: 'Toys, Toys, Toys!' where we will be learning about old and new toys especially from the Victorian era and designing and making our own. In addition, we will learn about Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale and Isambard Kingdom Brunel as significant people from the past. Happy New Year to you all!

Oaks News

Welcome back! It's been lovely to hear the children's holiday news this week and it sounds like you've all had a good Christmas despite some illness. In Oak Class this week we've begun our Rainforest Topic with a 'wow experience' – a trip to the Amazon rainforest! Sadly the school budget doesn't run to a real life trip to South America, but we did our best to give KS2 children an experience to remember with a flight simulation role play and blindfolded senses walk involving sounds and smells of the rainforest and guess the tropical fruit quiz. The children were fantastic at entering into the spirit of the role play and not peeking through their blindfolds! Hopefully they are now ready to learn all they can about rainforests of the world this term. We have started with the location and climate of these fascinating regions and the children have created their own news and weather reports.

This term, in English we will be learning how to write an information text on the rainforest. The children have begun to learn the example text and over the next few weeks we will look at the structure of an information text and develop the relevant writing techniques.

In maths, we have begun our multiplication topic with a reminder of arrays for Year 3 whilst Year 4 complete addition and subtraction before we start measurement of perimeter next week. Our science topic this term will be electricity and we will be linking this with our Design and Technology project this term. More on this next week!

Lastly, thank you to those children who undertook the optional homework project and brought in some amazing model rainforests and fact cards! A wonderful effort! Well done Lily C, Florrie, Elsie, Reece, Hazel & Aeson!

Owls News

Happy New Year!

Hopefully, by now, you will have heard all about the exciting lift off to the new term we had when all of Key Stage 2 boarded the 11:05am flight to Costa Rica. After a short and pleasant

journey (with in-flight snacks) the children had a VIP 'door to door' guided tour in the Amazon Rainforest!

This fun role play allowed the children to use their imaginations and learn about a completely different environment a long way away from home. Recounts of the experience, written by Year 5 and 6 afterwards, were fantastic. (Keep an eye on your letter box!)

As the term continues, pupils will learn more about this wonderful biome as well as investigating forests and woodlands of the U.K.

'Forest School' began this week for Owl Class. What a wet and muddy way to start, nevertheless, everyone wants to go back!

In maths, the children have been challenged with problem solving and practising mental maths. The children are brilliant at sharing their skills and helping each other.

Thank you for supporting your children with their education at home. The home learning projects that are still coming into school are amazing! We look forward to hearing and seeing more of them over the next week.

Have a great weekend. Owl Class.

Oaks and Owls 'take flight' to the Amazon Rainforest!



Passport Checks



Cabin Crew



In-flight refreshments

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Healthy Lunchbox

According to **NHS choices** a **healthy balanced** lunchbox should contain: Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta. Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans. A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt. Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit. Please follow the link below for some top tips for a healthy lunchbox from <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

To ensure that the children's minds and bodies are ready for learning each day please take note of our **No-Chocolate Policy**. Instead make sure children have healthy snacks and fruit in their lunchbox.

Writhlington Leisure After School Sports Club

Following Writhlington Leisure's assembly on Monday 6th January where the children discussed their ideas for the after school club activity this term. It has been decided Writhlington Leisure will be running After school Invasion Games club. This includes games such as football, netball, basket ball. Each week they will work on skills needed for all of these sports, strategy and movement. This will start on Monday 13th January - Monday 10th February. Places for the club will cost £2 per child, per session (Must be paid termly and in advance) and will operate on a first come first served basis. If you did not receive our earlier letter regarding this and/or your child/children would like to take part please complete the attached permission slip and return to the school office with payment first thing Monday morning.

Miss Foord's Year 6 Marvellous Maths Club

Miss Foord will be holding our free Year 6 'Marvellous Maths' club on Tuesday afternoons from Tuesday 14th January 2020 – Tuesday 11th February 2020 from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. If your child/children wishes to take part please ensure that you sign the permission slip below and return it to the school office asap.

Volunteers

We would love some more volunteers next term in Acorns, Oaks and Owls to listen to the children read. If you are able to spare any time please contact the school office. Free training will be provided.

Severe Weather Arrangements

With the winter months upon us, we would like to remind you of our severe weather arrangements. We will always try to remain open during inclement weather. Our priority is to provide a safe environment for both children and staff, but we must also take into account the journeys to school and road conditions. You must make the final decision whether it is safe for you to bring your child to school or collect them early.

In case of severe weather conditions which may lead to the closure of the school, in the first instance please listen to broadcasts by the following radio station: **BBC Radio Somerset** (95.5FM/156.6AM) who will broadcast a list of school closures at regular intervals and check the school closures on the Somerset County Council website <https://www.somerset.org.uk> this will be updated before 8.00 am.

We will endeavour to keep the website up to date as well as the 'Friends of Stoke St Michael Primary and Pre-School' Facebook page.

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher

After School Invasion Games Club for Years 1 - 6

(Cost: £2 per child per session (5 sessions) = £10 for this term)

I\We give permission for to attend After School Invasion Games Club on Monday 13th January –Monday 10th February 3.15pm –4.15pm.

- I will collect my child(ren) at 4.15pm.
- My child(ren) will walk home. (Applicable to Years 5 and 6 only)
- I enclose £10 (per child) for this term.

Signed: (Parent\Carer)

Miss Foord's Marvellous Maths Club

I\We give permission for to attend Marvellous Maths club.

- I will pick my child(ren) up at 4.15pm.
- My child(ren) will walk home.

Signed: (Parent\Carer)