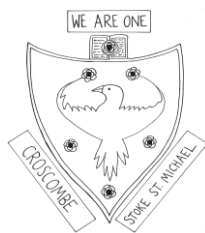




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Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 10 th September - Tuesday 22 nd October (Every Tuesday)	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
Thursday 19 th September	Norton Hill Yr 5 and 6 Open Evening 4.45pm onwards
Week Commencing Monday 23 rd September	Reception children stay for lunch 9am - 1pm
Thursday 26 th September	Year 6 Open Day at Whitstone School

Thursday 26 th September	Parents Meeting with Mr Heath 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 26 th September	Yr 5 and 6 Open Evenings at Whitstone School and Somervale 6.30pm – 8pm
Week Commencing Monday 30 th September	Reception children stay all day 9am – 3.15pm
Thursday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival Assembly 9.30am - 10.30am
Thursday 3 rd October	Year 6 Open Evening 6pm – 8pm
Monday 7 th October	NHS Vision Screening for Reception and Year 1 children at 1.30pm.
Friday 18 th October	Halloween Disco 6pm – 8pm
Sunday 20 th October	PTA Scarecrow Trail – More details to follow shortly
Friday 25 th October	Owls class cake sale – Cake donations welcome!



In each class we celebrate children for showing progress in their learning and for shining in a particular area.

Our Super Stars of the Week:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Bertie** for always working so well in pairs and groups. You are very good at using your **Topaz Power**. A great start to the new year in every way and a super Year 6 role model.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Harlowe** for showing brave **Emerald Power** by settling into school life so well and making lots of new friends.

Little Roots

Awarded to **Everyone at Little Roots** for settling in to pre-school so well.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Jess C** for including interesting conjunctions in your personal recount.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jack I** for showing great confidence in telling us and writing about his lovely holiday using a good pencil grip and remembering his hand writing.

Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Phoebe** for spotting your own mistake and correcting it during your positive and negative numbers lesson.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Hywel** for being able to independently count in 10's and then in 1's to represent 2 digit numbers in many different ways.

Once the children reach their initial 100 reads mark, we will then award them certificates for reads in multiples of 50.

Head teacher availability for next week

Mr Heath will be available next week in Stoke on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and will be at Croscombe on Tuesday 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 morning and Friday afternoon and will be at Croscombe on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning.

Athletics After School Club

We have decided to open up after school to Years 1 – 6 for this term as we still have places available. If your child/children would like to start after school athletics club on Monday 16th September please return their permission slips to school on Monday along with payment of £12 per child for the term. If you need a permission slip or have any queries please contact the school office. Many thanks!

Celebration Assembly

Last year we decided to alternate between Monday and Tuesday afternoons for celebration assembly following a poll sent out to parents. However, this year we have P.E on Monday and Friday afternoons and Forest School for Years 1 and 2 on Thursday afternoons. Therefore, we will need to hold our celebration assembly on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon or we can alternate between a Tuesday and a Wednesday each half term. Please contact the school office to let us know if you would prefer celebration assembly to be held on the same day every week or alternating between a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon.

Forest School – Appropriate clothing

Long sleeved tops and long trousers are preferred, as well as sensible clothing for the time of year. E.g. woolly hats and showerproof coat in winter.
Suitable Footwear – wellies, walking boots/shoes or old trainers (depending on the weather).
Scarves and items such as hats with dangling parts are not advisable as these can be a hazard when working around the fire. Below is a good visual guide for dressing for colder weather.



Harvest Assembly

We will be holding our Harvest Assembly at 9.30am on Thursday 3rd of October. Please join us and listen to the children sing songs and recite poems as we celebrate Harvest Festival and give thanks for the food we receive. We ask that the children each bring a donation of food produce which will be auctioned after the Harvest Supper which takes place at the village hall on Sunday 6th October following the Harvest Service at the Church. Everyone Welcome!
In an effort to be more environmentally friendly we would like to send newsletters and other correspondence by email where possible. If you would like to receive future communications in this way please complete the email consent form and return to Little Roots. Many thanks

Little Roots

Welcome back everyone!

Our topic this term is 'All about me'. Please send in pictures of family members if you have them to help us learn more about the children and their families.

Acorns Class

Acorns have enjoyed welcoming our new 'Awesome Foursome' Reception children this week. We are so pleased to see the children coming together as a class and showing Ruby Red kindness Power to each other. This week has been about settling into our routine and deciding

between us our FIVE golden class rules which tie in with our Gem Power learning. The children have spoken and would like the following rules adhered to in their Acorns classroom:

We are safe and we walk inside
We are always kind and truthful
We are tidy and organised
We listen to each other by looking with our eyes
We always do our best learning using our Gem powers

In addition the children are responding well to their Power Maths lessons. This week Year 1 have been learning to represent numbers to 10 using tens frames and other concrete apparatus. Year 2 have been representing numbers to 100 and learning how to count quantities of objects by grouping into tens and then ones.

In English we are recapping our single sounds and pre-cursive hand-writing and learning about the features of a recount in order to edit and improve the lovely recounts that the children wrote of their favourite summer holiday event. We look forward to sharing them with you. Please can all parents and carers make sure that their child or children have a P.E. kit to change into on Monday and Friday. Thank you.

Oaks Class

It's been an exciting couple of weeks in our new Oaks Class for Year 3/4 with a new classroom layout and the start of our Anglo Saxon topic! In English we have been thinking creatively to design our own monsters, describing how they move and sound, using powerful verbs, and getting to grips with Beowulf, discussing descriptions and acting out parts of the story.

In maths we have begun our Power Maths programme and the children have enjoyed the software resources and worked well in their practice books on partitioning 3- and 4- digit numbers and learning about place value.

Oak Class loved our joint cooking session with Owls and the super shortbread tasting afterwards!

We are delighted to have our very own Oak tree sapling given to us for our Class Mascot by Lily C and I was so pleased with the children's effort that was put into their homework on Oak trees. Thank you so much for your support with home learning! Please do continue to read daily with your child and help them to remember their PE kits on Mondays and Fridays. We look forward to another week in Oak Class!

Owls Class

What a fantastic start to the term! Everybody is looking fresh and smart in their school uniforms and ready to re-commence the new school leaning journey.

As for the home learning – wow! It has been truly delightful to see and hear so much wonderful work about firstly, the Anglo-Saxons and then, all kinds of owls. Power-point presentations have been really informative, videos have been educational and entertaining (who stole the cookies, Mrs McEntee?!?...) pictures – elaborate and skilful, writing- well researched and so interesting. As for the 3D models – wow! What talent we have in the school. Well done everybody! After enjoying all of these inspirational creations, both Oak and Owl class met in the hall to make their own Anglo-Saxon short bread (thanks for the

lesson Lola!) Happily, unlike King Alfred the Great, we did not burn them! (See photos below.) A fun beginning to a new term and a new topic. Next week, we hope to bring you a breaking news report of an incredible discovery made at Sutton Hoo. Who will have their work published in the newsletter? Let's see...

Please can all parents and carers make sure that their child or children have a P.E. kit to change into on Monday and Friday. Thank you.

Note for the diary.

After all of the exciting cake baking, we have decided to cook again on the last day of term and sell our goods. Friday 25th October will be 'Cake Sale' day when we are inviting families to do the same and bring their baking creations in for us to sell and help raise money for our pupils. We hope that you can join in! Thank you.

Anglo-Saxon Shortbread



PTA News

Dates for the diary!

On Friday 18th October we will be holding our Halloween Disco from 6pm – 8pm in the school hall.

On Sunday 20th October we will be holding a Scarecrow Trail around the village. More details to follow shortly.

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher