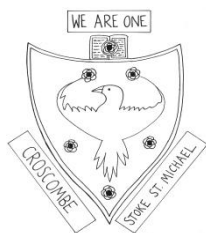




# Stoke St Michael County Primary School Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael

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Dear Parent/carer

## Dates for the diary

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	PTA Pancake Decorating in the school hall from 3.15pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 <b>(Every Tuesday)</b>	Miss Foord's Year 6 Marvellous Maths Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 <b>(Every Tuesday)</b>	Mrs Rice's Recorder Club for Years 2 - 6. 3.15pm - 4.15pm <b>(Maximum of 8 children)</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April <b>(Every Wednesday)</b>	Reception and Little Roots children Music with Mummy (Term 1) 9.30am (45 minutes)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 <b>(Every Wednesday)</b>	Green Gait Gardening Club for Years 1-6 with Paul Green and Gordon Gait 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020 <b>(Every Thursday)</b>	Holly and Hawthorn Forest School for Years 3 and Year 4
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Acorns Trip to Radstock Museum for a Victorian school child experience.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020 - Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 <b>(Every Monday)</b> <b>Club Activity TBC - Permission slips to follow shortly</b>	After School Club <b>(Activity TBC)</b> (Years 1 - 6) Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March <b>£2 per child, per session to be paid termly in advance</b> (Maximum of 15 children)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020 - Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 <b>(Every Tuesday)</b>	Celebration Assembly <b>All welcome! Please join us at 2.45pm</b>

	(Refreshments available)
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Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Bank Holiday

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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:**

#### **Owls Class**

Awarded to **Lola** for using your **Emerald Power** to be brave and use your initiative to do things that need doing without being told. You are proactive and very helpful towards everyone in the class. Thank you!

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Hazel** for always showing helpful **Amethyst Power** to enable Oaks Class to run smoothly and for trying her very best with **Sapphire** focus in all areas of her school work.

#### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Jessica** for using **Brave Emerald Power** to make sure her voice is loud and that everyone can hear her thoughts and opinions.

#### **Little Roots**

Awarded to **Mason** for his involvement and amazing listening skills to listen to the instructions to use the musical instruments. Well done Mason!

### **Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:**

#### **Owls Class**

Awarded to **Phoebe** for using your **Emerald Power** to experiment with new vocabulary in your persuasive writing. Your argumentative speech is beginning to sound amazing.

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Lily C** for an amazing Warning Tale with great use of punctuation in her writing of dialogue! **Super Sapphire focus!**

#### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Olivia** for using **Super Sapphire Power** to write and compose the whole of 'Monkey See, Monkey Do!' using excellent grammatical structure.

## Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

### Owls Class

Awarded to **Ben** for using your **Ruby Power** to support your friends in maths. You have been using your great knowledge of times tables to solve fraction problems.

### Oaks Class

Awarded to **Jude** for excellent **Sapphire** focus in multiplication of 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers! Well done!

### Acorns Class

Awarded to **Dorothy** for using **Excellent Emerald Power** when using a tens frame to represent quantities of objects and number.

## Thank you from Mr Heath

I would like to say a big thank you to parents and staff for your kind words, lovely cards and gifts yesterday. I would especially like to thank the children for giving me some wonderful memories to take with me.

## SENCO availability for next week

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

## Little Roots News

### Our Topic

When we return after half term we will be having a settling in week, looking at the children's new interests and planning our learning around this. We will also be learning about PancaKE Day.

### Our Story

When we return after half term we will be focusing on *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler. Which is about a mouse who takes a stroll through the deep dark woods, discover what happens when the quick thinking mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake and a hungry gruffalo. We will then be acting out this story in our wild area, as well as making puppets and going on a Gruffalo hunt.

### World Book Day

This year World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. To celebrate World Book Day and to help raise money, we would like to encourage the children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book for a £1 donation towards the World Book Day charity. Please bring along your favourite book to share with everyone!

## Acorns News

Acorns have spent the majority of this week preparing their farewell assembly for Mr Heath. The children wrote a whole class acrostic poem about Mr Heath, which they read out clearly and enthusiastically mentioning many of the times and sentiments they will remember him by. In addition, they used their portraiture skills to sketch portraits of him for his class card - there were many many likenesses Acorns also contributed to the whole school song which all

of the children and teachers wrote to wish Mr Heath a fond farewell and to give him thanks for everything. The sensory garden, chicken run and funny jokes were just some of the things mentioned by the children. The children left the assembly feeling proud of their performances and contributions.

Thank you Mr Heath - you will be missed!

Thanks to all of the children who shared old and new toys throughout the week with everyone. There is still a chance in the first two weeks of next term to do this whilst we continue this area of learning and look forward to our class trip as Victorians to Radstock museum.

There is a voluntary Maths challenge for the half term in the children's book bags. Any children showing effort with this will receive a prize from the prize box next assembly. Extra reading books have been sent home as children are nearing their 100 certificates and are eager to make it to the Easter Rainbow Treat afternoon.

Have a super half everyone!



## Oaks News

Our final week of this half term has been as busy as ever! The children have worked so hard to finish their Warning Tale in English and to continue to get to grips with multiplication. Naturally, we have been preparing for Mr Heath's assembly and I hope you'll agree that they did a super job of presenting their memories on Wednesday afternoon.

Oak Class had our second workshop of the Make the Sunshine Project yesterday and under Clare Barr's expert guidance they have produced an amazing tiger puppet! She was very pleased with their focus, enthusiasm and creativity and we now have an incredible puppet for our performance on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March! We have allocated parts and the children have been rehearsing their lines in school. Please can you help them to practice their lines over the half term holiday – this would be much appreciated and will ensure that they are confident in time for the dress rehearsal. As always, thank you for your support and I hope that you all enjoy the half term holiday.



## Owls News

Can you believe that it's the end of term already?!

This week, we have been busy preparing goodbye songs, pictures (lots of guitars and even Mr Heath on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury!) rhymes, RAPs, memories and cards for Mr Heath's final assembly. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along, I am sure you will agree that the children gave him a lovely farewell.

Apart from this, children have also been beginning to learn how to put forward their argumentative points with regard to deforestation. We will continue with this after half term.

In maths, Year 6 have been using the skills that they have learnt to decide which operation to use when solving fraction problems and then solving them! As ever, I am so impressed with their gusto approach to learning maths – they love it! Year 5 pupils meanwhile, have been measuring and calculating perimeter and area, making sure that they know the difference and scaling up their drawings with chalk, outside.

All of Owl Class have welcomed home learning which can be handed in one week after we return. (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.) Year 6 have optional extra which, again, was welcomed.

Most importantly, I hope that the children can continue with their reading over the half term. Curling up on the sofa with a book might be just the thing when Dennis arrives!

Finally, GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK to Mr Heath. Hopefully, we will see him again soon. (Although it may not be on the pyramid stage!)  
Have a great half term. From Owl Class.



## Stoke St Michael School News

### After School Club

When we return to school on Monday 24th February, Dragonfly Leisure, formerly Writhlington Leisure will be holding an assembly for the children to discuss their ideas about what they would like the after school club activity to be for next term. Once decided, we will let parents and carers know which after school club activity will be running; and send permission slips home. After school club will then start on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### Celebration Assembly

Our first Celebration Assembly after half term will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.45pm.

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## SEND News

The latest edition of the SEND Newsletter has been uploaded to the school website. The Newsletter shares some information about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Some of the highlights are listed below:

### This week...

#### Somerset schools plug in to robot support

Dozens of schools and colleges across Somerset are plugging in to the County Council's trail-blazing use of robot technology to help children back into the classroom.

### **Children's Mental Health Week 3-7 February - get on board!**

We're using this week to celebrate some of the great new initiatives taking place in Somerset to support children and young people.

### **Inclusion Audit will help improve service and support**

All schools in Somerset are encouraged to assess their setting and provision for children and young people with SEND.

### **It's not too late to go Fizz Free this February**

Why not get Sugar Smart and ditch fizzy drinks for the month?

Please click the following link or copy and paste in to your browser

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/> If you would like to know more...

## **Governor News**

Following the announcement that Mr. Heath will be leaving the Federation as Head Teacher, and the subsequent re-structuring of the leadership of the schools we appreciate there may be some questions you would like to ask and feedback you would like to give. Please read the attached letter for more information.

## **PTA News**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Pancake Day** – after school, stay and take part in pancake decorating. More details to follow soon!

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March Bags 2 School Collection** - The children have each been given a bags 2 school collection bag today. Please have a rummage and if you have any unwanted items that you wish to donate please return to school ready for collection on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. (We do have some spare bags in school if you need them, however, other bag types will be accepted and there is no limit on how many bags we can donate)

Bags 2 School **accept** the following good quality items:

- \* Adult's and Children's Clothing
- \* Paired Shoes
- \* Hats
- \* Belts
- \* Handbags
- \* Soft Toys
- \* Bedding
- \* Curtains
- \* Towels

Bags 2 School **do not accept** the following:

- \* Duvets
- \* Pillows



- \* Cushions
- \* School Uniform (with school logo)

**Please ensure all bags for donation are in school for collection at 9am.**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mother's Day** – Inviting all mums, aunts and grandmas to join us for Afternoon Tea.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Easter Bingo** – A fun night for all the family! Fabulous prizes! With the best caller in the West!



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Easter Egg Hunt** – After school, start your Easter holiday in style with our fabulous Easter Egg hunt.

## Vacancy

We are currently advertising for an administrative assistant at Stoke St Michael Primary School for maternity cover until 1st April 2021. If you are interested in applying for this role, please see the attached advert, job description and application form Closing date 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 You will also find details on our website. <http://stokestmichaelprimary.org.uk/>

Many thanks

Steve Heath  
Headteacher