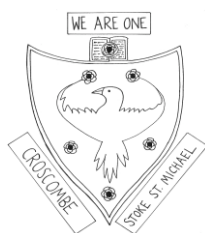




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Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the School Hall.
Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Foord's Marvellous Maths Club – Year 5 only.
Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 3.30pm	Mrs Spencer's Homework Club (Oaks class only)
Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Vincent's and Mrs Watts Gardening Club for Year 1 - 6
Thursday 6 th June – Thursday 11 th July (Every Thursday)	Forest School Year 2
Friday 7 th June – Friday 12 th July (Every Friday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Track and Field After School Club with Premier Sport - Whole school (not including Reception children)
Wednesday 19 th June	Cinema Club The Jungle Book
Thursday 20 th June	Year 6 Festival of Sport at Whitstone
Friday 28 th June	INSET DAY
Friday 5 th July and Friday 12 th July 9.30am – 11am	New Reception children settling in sessions. (Parents please join us for snack time picnic on Friday 12 th July at 10.30am)
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Fair 2pm – 5pm
Friday 19 th July	School closing at 1.30pm for Summer Break.



Celebration News

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 are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Hope** for your wonderful spelling and shape work this week as well as your cheery smile. Thank you for bringing your happy attitude to us all in the class.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jessica** for settling into school so well and showing '**Dazzling Diamond Power**' when looking, listening and joining in well in small groups.

Little Roots

Awarded to **Billy** for fantastic participation, concentration and perseverance in letters and sounds.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Billy** for using your **Sapphire Power** to stay focused when writing your thoughtful postcard to Ben.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Reggie** for **Super Sapphire Power** and effort in writing in clear sentences, remembering finger spaces, cursive letters and full stops.

Our Magical Maths Magicians are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Libby** for using **Emerald Power** to correct your mistakes when plotting points on your Treasure Island map.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Corey** for being able to count coins accurately to find their value and use X2, X5 and X10 tables to help.

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

Little Roots Dates for the diary

Thursday 27 th June	INSET DAY
Friday 5 th July and Friday 12 th July 9.30am – 11am	New Reception children settling in sessions at Stoke St Michael Primary School. (Parents please join us for snack time picnic on Friday 12 th July at 10.30am)
W/C 1 ST July	Parents Meetings (Time TBC)
Tuesday 16 th July 11.30am – 12.45pm	Teddy Bears Picnic (New Little Roots children starting in September welcome to attend)
Wednesday 17 th July 9.15am – 10.30am	Little Roots Sports Day and Graduation Ceremony
Thursday 18 th July	Little Roots closing at 1pm for Summer Break.
Wednesday 4 th September and Thursday 5 th September	Home Visits (Times and dates for individual visits TBC.)

Little Roots News

Welcome back to all our Little Roots children!

Our topic this term will be focusing on Sun, Sand and Spades. We will be incorporating these things into each week over the summer term.

In letters and sounds will be focusing on two new sounds next week; these will be the letters T and C. Staff will update you during the sessions of the sounds for the following week.

It is with great sadness I will be leaving Little Roots on Wednesday 17th July, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, children and staff for all of their support since 2017.

Acorns News

Acorns have been working hard at their understanding of counting money and finding change this week. Reception have been learning to recognise the different coins using their Sea Side Café and learning to add 1p coins together to exchange them for 5 pence and 10 pence pieces. Year 1 have been using comparison language to compare different amounts of money that they have added together using 'greater than', 'equal to' and 'less than' and Y2 have focused on problem solving using bar modelling to help them find the difference. We have progressed further with our Talk for Writing unit using 'The Story of Pirate Tom'. We now know and have actions and props for the first three paragraphs, the children are excited to perform it to you during celebration assembly in the last week of term where there will be an earlier start time of 2:30pm. Christopher Columbus has become an interest and children are reading up and finding out about him in their own time coming up with lots of new interesting historical facts. We have progressed further with our Talk for Writing unit using 'The Story of Pirate Tom'. We now know and have actions and props for the first three paragraphs, the children

are excited to perform it to you during celebration assembly in the last week of term where there will be an earlier start time of 2:30pm. Exciting news our remaining tadpoles have legs! AND unfortunately our butterflies came out of their cocoons on Saturday 27th May, the day after the end of last term. Better luck with timing next time but here are some photos to enjoy with your children



Oaks News

What a lot of rain! It seemed like the three wettest days of the year coincided with our Year 5 and 6 on their school camp. However, they coped! Though exhausted, our young adventurers returned to school on Thursday (all mud washed off!) and enjoyed relaying some funny anecdotes to the rest of the children in assembly. I am sure that our younger children can't wait until it is their turn one day! 😊

Meanwhile, (back at the ranch) the rest of Oak Class pretended that they were exploring new locations when they made and wrote their own postcards. These were addressed to the Year 5 and 6 pupils, popped into the post and have subsequently turned up this morning. 😊

Some of the other activities this week have been Classification Keys in Science, designing a geometry maths trail and drawing and painting wildlife. Some of our clever Year 5 mathematicians also went off to Whitstone School on Thursday to take part in a competition along with six other schools. The children were a great team and came back with third place. Well done Year 5!

Finally, the children are beginning a unit of 'Talk for Writing' and so are currently learning a fiction text off by heart. Good luck to them; you may hear them practising over the weekend!

Thank you for your support.

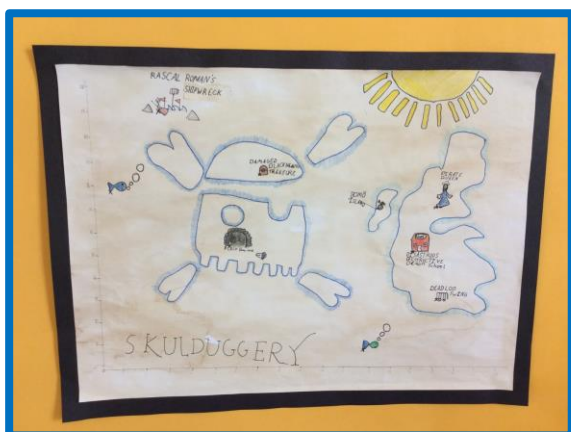
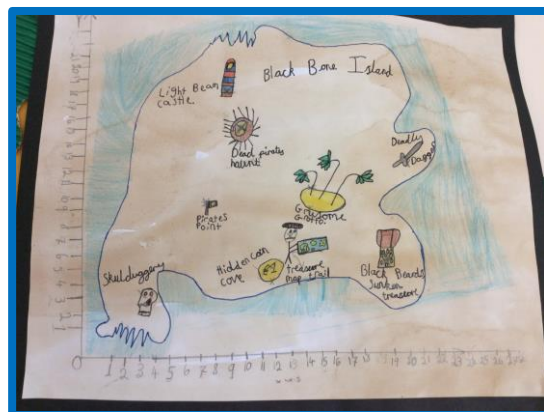
Jacqui Foord.

Some of Oaks Class Children doing their 'Talk for Writing'





Oaks Class Treasure Island maps



Year 6 Festival of Sport at Whitstone School

The Year 6 Festival of Sport takes place on Thursday 20th June, 1:10pm-2:30pm with pupils taking part in multi-sports events led by our PE department and BTEC students.

Whitstone School will provide transport to and from this event and activities will take place up on the astro-turf/leisure centre area.

Children will be collected from Stoke St Michael Primary School after lunch at approximately 12.30pm and will be returned to school for collection at the normal time of 3.15pm. They will be accompanied by a member of staff from Stoke.

Pupils will need to bring their PE Kit, trainers, a coat and a bottle of water.

If your child/children would like to attend please complete the permission slip below and return to the school office.

A message from our Senior Teacher Mrs Vincent

Gardening Club

EXCITING NEWS: During gardening club the children decided to make a comfortable area at the end of the poly tunnel for children to be able to sit, draw, write or reflect using the hay bales. Whilst moving the hay bales we found the most delightful HEDGEHOG nestled in-between two bales of straw. So much excitement ensued as more than half of the children belonging to gardening club had never seen a hedgehog before. Gardening club has got off to a roaring success thanks to the children who are looking after their growing plants with care and attentiveness. They have planted and filled the poly tunnel with what will be fresh produce for them to sell to you. Runner beans; French beans; courgettes; baby tomatoes; yellow tomatoes and beef tomatoes.



Gem Learning

As you are aware already, our Gem Learning Power focus this term is Topaz Power. Children will focus on group learning and collaborative skills using the objectives below to help.

Topaz

I can actively learn with others in a group

I can work in a group of three or more and take turns to share ideas during class talk time

I can help someone in my group by giving them an idea during learning time

I can ask questions in my group.

However, we have also been continuing with our 'Kindness Ruby Power' project to encourage recognition of acts of kindness throughout the school.



A message from our Headteacher Mr Heath

It is the time of year where we have to say goodbye to some members of staff and we are sorry to have to say that two of our trusted colleagues will be leaving us this Summer.

Debbie Spencer is retiring after working in schools for many years. As someone who knows our school inside out, we have always relied upon Mrs Spencer to tell us where to find everything – who knows who we will be able to ask in future. Generations of pupils have flourished in her care, and we are very sorry to see her go. She leaves with all of our best wishes for a long and relaxing retirement. She has certainly earned it!

As we are maintaining the three class structure next year by welcoming Mrs Dymond back to the school, we will not be replacing Mrs Spencer at present – as if we could!

Mrs Kelly Murphy will also be leaving at the end of term. She has had a major Impact upon our early years teaching and has transformed the Pre-school. There are now more children on roll than ever before and the setting is held up as an exemplar to others. She will be sorely

missed by parents, children and colleagues. We wish her well in the two other roles that she is currently balancing with commitments with us.

Adverts will be placed today to try to replace the irreplaceable!

PTA News

Cinema Club

The next cinema club will be held on Wednesday 19th June 3.15pm – 4.45pm. **The Jungle Book**
In this classic Walt Disney animation based on Rudyard Kipling's book, Mowgli, an abandoned child raised by wolves, has his peaceful existence threatened by the return of the man-eating tiger Shere Khan (George Sanders). Facing certain death, Mowgli must overcome his reluctance to leave his wolf family and return to the "man village." But he is not alone on his quest: Aided by Bagheera the panther, and later by the carefree bear Balloo (Phil Harris), he braves the jungle's many perils.

If your child/children would like to attend please sign the permission slip below and return to the school office.

Summer Fair

This year's summer fair is fast approaching we are pleased to announce that the legendary Michael Eavis will be opening our summer fair this year and judging our make an animal out of recyclable materials and grow your own miniature garden in a tray competitions.

We are looking for donations of jars filled (with sweets, toys etc) for our hoopla stall, any unwanted toys or books for our table top sale and any donations of uniform for our 2nd hand uniform stall. All would be gratefully received!

We are also looking for cake donations for the cake stall at the Summer Fair. If you are able to donate it would be very much appreciated!

If you are able to volunteer to help run a stall or setup please let a member of the PTA know. Stalls available £5 per stall + raffle donation.

We have some exciting news to share with you. We have had a last minute booking and Mendip Brass Band will be entertaining you at the Summer Fair.

Wool Donations

The PTA is looking for donations of wool for a little project they have up their sleeves. (All will be revealed – Watch this space!) If anyone has any wool lying around that they would be happy to kindly donate we would be very grateful!

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher

Cinema Club Permission Slip

I\We give permission for to attend Cinema Club on Wednesday 19th June 2019.

- I will pick my child(ren) up at 4.45pm.
- My child(ren) will walk home at 4.45pm. (Applicable to years 5 & 6 only)

Signed:
(Parent\Carer)

Year 6 Festival of Sport Permission Slip

I\We give permission for to attend the Festival of Sport at Whitstone School on Thursday 20th June 2019.

Signed:
(Parent\Carer)