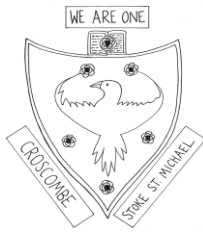


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Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael



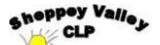
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15 November 2019

Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Week Commencing Monday 4th November - Monday 16 th December (Term 1) (Every Monday)	Dance After School Club Starts (Years 1 - 6) Monday 4 th November – Monday 16 th December £2 per child, per session to be paid termly in advance (Maximum of 15 children)
Tuesday 5 th November - Tuesday 17 th December (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
Wednesday 13 th November	INSET Day (Little Roots, Acorns, Oaks and Owls)
Tuesday 19 th November	Acorns Class trip to Earth Science Centre @ Wainwright & Co Ltd
Wednesday 27 th November	Cinema Club 3.15pm – 4.45pm (Film TBC)
Thursday 28 th November	Year 5 Primary Dance Festival at Whitstone School (Letter to follow shortly)
Friday 29 th November	Oaks/Owls trip to Avalon Marshes Centre in Glastonbury

Friday 29 th November	Christmas Bingo! Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm
Monday 2 nd December	NHS Somerset SAINT Flu Vaccination Reception children – Yr 6
Wednesday 4 th December	Reception and Little Roots trip to The Paint Room @ Westfield
Wednesday 4 th December	Christmas Pantomime at Croscombe Village Hall (Further details to follow shortly)
Thursday 12 th December	Acorns Nativity with Oaks and Owls choir. Afternoon performance 2pm Evening performance 6pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (Please bring £1 to wear your Christmas Jumper to help support Save the Children)
Friday 20 th December	Children finish at 1.30pm for Christmas Break
Monday 6 th January	Back to School
Wednesday 15 th January 2020	Primary School Application Deadline



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 **Thomas** for being so helpful towards everybody and using your **Diamond Power** to help with the classroom organisation.

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Reece** for showing amazing **Sapphire Power** in always doing his very best and trying different strategies to problem solve in maths.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Bethan** for showing **Energetic Emerald Power!** In being able to reflect on own experiences outside of school and confidently retell them clearly to a group of children and adults.

Little Roots

Awarded to **Kit** for growing in confidence and being able to follow instructions.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Libby** for imaginative writing. You are thinking carefully about your sentence openers and challenging yourself by using new vocabulary.

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Lily S** for excellent **Amethyst Power** in her growing confidence to share ideas in class and in her writing.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Hywel** for showing '**Super Sapphire Stickability**' an a great composition achievement in his 'Cold Story Writing'. In addition, independently using super sentence openers and punctuation.

Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Ben** for using your **Emerald Power** to try out new strategies and stick with it even if it doesn't go right the first time.

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Hazel** for consistent **Sapphire** focus in maths and super **Ruby Power** in supporting others with their learning.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Harlowe** for showing brave **Emerald Power** and now being able to independently add and subtract numbers to ten using many different concrete objects.

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 in Stoke on Wednesday and Thursday and will be at Croscombe on Monday and Tuesday. 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.

Little Roots Dates for the diary

Wednesday 4 th December	Reception and Little Roots trip to The Paint Room @ Westfield
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Monday 9 th December	Little Roots Christmas Party (All children welcome – Please let us know if your child will be attending and it is not their usual session.)
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (Please bring £1 to wear your Christmas Jumper to help support Save the Children)
Thursday 19 th December	Little Roots last day of term.
Monday 6 th January	Back to Little Roots
Wednesday 15 th January 2020	Primary School Application Deadline

Little Roots News

Our Topic

Next week we will be looking at World Nursery Rhymes and Road Safety. We will be exploring our story and rhyme books and creating our own rhyme board. As always if your child has a favourite story at home please bring it in to share with us.

We will also be talking about road safety and taking the children out to put in to practice what we have learned.

On Wednesday afternoons we will continue to link with our friends in Reception for shared learning.

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

Children in Need

We had lots of children looking fabulous in their spots on Thursday (Little Roots) and Friday (School) and would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their donations to help raise money for Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £89.07p

Christingle

On Sunday 1st December Stoke St Michael Church will be holding a Christingle Service future at 3pm. Candle Holders and Envelopes are available from the Church, School or Shop. Please go along to help give young people a brighter future.

Headlice

We are writing to inform you that we have had confirmed cases of head lice in school.

Please check your child(ren) as soon as possible. Please follow the simple routine below to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

*Your child's hair once a week

*(Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.

*If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately.

*If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.

TREAT

*Please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment.

*Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect.

*Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment.

*Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.

*Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit

www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice.

After School Club

The after school club activity for this term has been changed from Dance to Gymnastics. We currently have 8 places available on a first come – first served basis for children in Years 1 – 6. If your child/children would like take part please complete pop in to the school office and complete a permission slip. There will be a charge of £2 per child per session. (Sessions must be paid in advance for the entire term.)

Governor News

Dear all, we will be holding our annual silent auction and raffle to raise funds for our schools during November and December. The first prize will be revealed w/c November 11th; the bidding will open on Dec 2nd and end on the evening of December 12th. Winners will be notified on December 13th. There are always great prizes for the auction and you can either bid via Facebook or by directly emailing Nicola Morris (Governor) - details will be provided nearer the time.

We will also be holding a Christmas raffle week commencing December 9th further details to follow.

Support we need from you: Your children will be given tickets to bring home in early November and as usual there will be a prize for the child who has sold the most tickets - please support them with purchasing and persuading relatives and friends to buy! Additionally any raffle or auction item donations would be gratefully received. Raffle items: Cakes, bottles of wine, hampers, chocolates, luxury biscuits, luxury toiletries, cinema tickets, vouchers etc would be marvellous! Auction items: Typically popular items which receive high bids are - Holiday homes/Caravan Holiday's, Objects d'Art, Experiences money can't buy, Memberships (Longleat, Kilver Court, Bishop's Palace etc.) and tickets to events or venues etc. If you have useful contacts please pass them to Tanya Tyreman (Governor) via email: toconnor@educsomerset.gov.uk.

PTA News

Bags 2 School

A big thank you to everyone for their donations to 'Bags 2 School'. We raised an amazing £136 for our school. Thank you again for your support!

Cinema Club

We are holding our next cinema club on Wednesday 27th November from 3.15pm – 4.45pm. Please vote for your favourite film choice on our Facebook page 'Friends of Stoke St Michael School' or speak to a member of the PTA.

Christmas Bingo Donations

The PTA has been busy organising this year's Christmas Bingo, to help fundraise towards essential resources for the school. In keeping with tradition we will be making a luxurious hamper for our Grand prize as well as some smaller hampers for other prizes. We would like to request a donation from parents. To ensure we have a variety of produce and not too many duplicates, we would like to request specific items from each class as shown below. (Please note: If you have more than one child in the school, we do not expect a donation from each child just choose an item from any class category below to donate.)

Little Roots & Acorns Class – Savoury (For example crackers, crisps, cheeses, soups, jams, chutneys etc)

Oaks Class – Chocolatey Goodies (For example chocolate biscuits, chocolate sweets, chocolate cakes etc)

Owls Class – Cards, Wrapping Paper, Gift Tags, Decorations etc

Please bring any donations to the school office by Friday 15th November.

Many thanks for your continued support!

Christmas Bingo

We will be holding our annual Christmas Bingo on Friday 29th November in the school hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm. As usual there will be a raffle, bar and refreshments available. We hope to see you all there!

Have a fantastic half-term break everyone!

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher