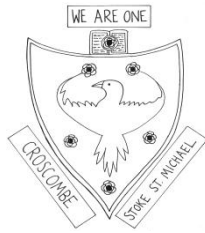


Stoke St Michael County Primary School

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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)
Tuesday 14 th January 2020 – Tuesday 11 th February 2020 (Every Tuesday)	Celebration Assembly All welcome! Please join us at 2.45pm (Refreshments available)
Tuesday 14 th January 2020 - Tuesday 11 th February 2020 (Every Tuesday)	Miss Foord's Year 6 Marvellous Maths Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
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)
Wednesday 29 th January 2020	Cinema Club 3.15pm - 4.45pm Film TBC Permission slips to follow shortly
Friday 14 th February 2020	INSET Day
Monday 17 th February 2020 - Friday 21 st February 2020	Half Term Break
Monday 24 th February 2020	Back to School

Little Roots Dates for the diary

Monday 20 th January 2020 and Monday 27 th January	Little Roots Parent Meetings Please sign up for a slot in Little Roots
Thursday 13 th February 2020	INSET day
Monday 17 th February 2020 - Friday 21 st February 2020	Half Term Break
Monday 24 th February 2020	Back to Little Roots



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:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Inara** for showing amazing caring **Ruby Power** to her friends and for working helpfully and very well in a team to learn our Talk for Writing.

Oaks Class Awarded to **Hope** for showing amazing **Emerald** and **Sapphire** power in both Maths and English by doing her best despite some changes to routine this week.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Dorothy** for being very responsible and grown up and for showing '**Dazzling Diamond Power!**'

Little Roots

Awarded to **Bobby** for his amazing settling in skills at Little Roots.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Lola** for showing '**Super Sapphire Stickability**' to increase her expression during Talk for Writing sessions.

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Lily C** for staying focused with super **Sapphire power** to produce some super writing this week on parrots. Well done!

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Mara-Rose** for using '**Super Sapphire Power**' perseverance during phonics sessions and improving her cursive writing.

Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Phoebe** for being able to independently write her own word problems and for using '**Super Sapphire Power**' to check that they work correctly.

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Hazel** for wonderful **Sapphire** focus working on multiplication and division with 3 and 4 times tables.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Charlie-Rose** for showing '**Stickability Sapphire Power**' and now being able to independently count on to find the total.

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 the first week back in January

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

SENCO availability for the first week back in January

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

Little Roots News

Our Topic

Our topic 'All around the world' which includes learning all about Chinese New Year, continues next week. We have lots of activities planned around this topic. We will be learning some words from different countries, looking at flags and maps as well as tasting a range of foods from all around the world.

Our Story focus will be *Handa's Surprise* by author Eileen Browne.

*Handa is a young girl who lives in a village in Kenya. She decides to take seven different fruits in a basket to her friend Akeyo who lives in a nearby village. **Handa** walks to Akeyo's village with the basket of fruit balanced on her head. On her journey, each fruit is taken by a different animal until no fruit is left.*

As usual if any of the children have a favourite story from home around this topic which they would like to share with everyone they are welcome to bring it in.

Stoke St Michael School News

Attendance and Term Time Leave

We hope the following information is helpful to our families at Stoke:

- If your child is ill, please contact the school on the first day of your child's illness.
- If your child is absent at any time, please let the school know why.
- If your child needs to miss school for any exceptional circumstances, please ask for permission well in advance and give details.

It is important to note that the school is unable to authorise any holidays which are taken during term time. You can find out more about the Somerset policies on attendance on their websites.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-attendance-and-childrenmissing-education/>

Thank you for working with us to support learning at Stoke St Michael Primary School with good attendance and punctuality.

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.

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...

Super furry therapy is just the ticket

They say dogs are 'man's best friend' and one little pooch looks set to put a smile on pupils' faces in one Yeovil school.

Name change for a familiar team - it's all about inclusion and activities

After feedback from families the Short Breaks Team is changing its name to something that better describes its role.

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

Dear Parent or Carer

The Board of Governors at the Croscombe & Stoke St Michael Primary Schools Federation has a vacancy for a Parent Governor with effect from 29th February 2020. As a parent/carer of a pupil attending our schools we would like to invite you to put your name forward for consideration.

Parent Governors are parents/carers of a pupil attending the schools and are elected by the parents/carers to give a parental perspective in discussions and decisions. In addition, it would be expected that Parent Governors bring a range of skills that will help them to contribute effectively to the work of the Board of Governors.

A letter of invitation to apply was sent home yesterday along with the qualification and disqualification statement. You will also find a copy of each of these documents attached to this newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor for our schools please have a look at the attached letter and qualification and disqualification statements to ensure you are eligible to apply before completing the nomination form and returning it to Jayne Sims, Clerk to Governors, c/o one of the school offices or by email to: jsims5@educ.somerset.gov.uk to arrive no later than noon on Thursday 30th January 2020.

Yours sincerely

Nick Cramp
Chair of Governors
Croscombe & Stoke St Michael Primary Schools Federation

PTA News

Cinema Club

We will be holding our next cinema club on Wednesday 29th January 3.15pm - 4.45pm.
Film choices are:

Early Man (PG) *A tribe of primitive hunters are displaced from their homes by emissaries from a distant empire that has mastered bronze-making. However, a tribesman named Dug tries to win his home back by challenging the invaders to a game of soccer.*

Maya the Bee (U) *When an overenthusiastic Maya accidentally embarrasses the Empress of Buzztropolis, she is forced to unite with a team of misfit bugs and compete in the Honey Games for a chance to save her hive.*

To vote for your favourite please visit the poll on 'The Friends of Stoke St Michael Primary and Pre School' Facebook page or speak to a member of the PTA.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at our PTA Chair; Lucy Stott's house on Friday 31st January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome!

We would love to see some new faces and hear some new fundraising ideas for the year ahead. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have ideas you would like to share please contact a member of the PTA.

Upcoming Events

We are busy behind the scenes planning lots of exciting fundraising events for this year. Watch this space! More details to follow shortly.

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher