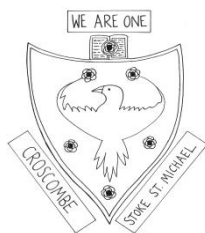




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20 December 2019

Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Tuesday (DATE TBC)	Green Gait Gardening Club – Start Date TBC 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 3 rd December – Tuesday 17 th December	Miss Foord's Year 6 Marvellous Maths Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Monday 6 th January 2020	Back to School
Week Commencing Monday 13 th January - Monday 10 th February (Every Monday) (Club activity TBA - Permission slips to follow)	After School Club Starts (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 7 th January 2020	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check and Healthy Eating and Oral Health Talks.
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)
Tuesday 14 th January 2020 – Tuesday 11 th February 2020 (Every Tuesday)	Celebration Assembly All welcome! Please join us at 2.45pm (Refreshments available)
Wednesday 15 th January 2020	Primary School Application Deadline

Little Roots Dates for the diary

Monday 6 th January 2020	Back to Little Roots
Wednesday 15 th January 2020	Primary School Application Deadline
Monday 20 th January 2020 and Monday 27 th January	Little Roots Parent Meetings Please sign up for a slot in Little Roots



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 – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Emily** for an enthusiastic approach to all of your learning and spreading your positivity among your friends. Great **Topaz Power**.

Owls Class – Tuesday 17th December

Awarded to **All the children in Owls Class** for their amazing singing performance in our Christmas Nativity Show - I'm Gonna' Shine!

Oaks Class – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **George** for showing special **Ruby Power** in taking care of others, especially at the start of the day.

Oaks Class – Tuesday 17th December

Awarded to **All the children in Oaks Class** for their amazing singing performance in our Christmas Nativity Show - I'm Gonna' Shine!

Acorns Class – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Charlie-Rose** for shining with perseverance and **Sapphire Stickability** in learning so many words for the Nativity and using brave **Emerald Power** for a big loud voice.

Acorns Class – Tuesday 17th December

Awarded to **All the children in Acorns Class** for their fantastic performances in our Christmas Nativity Show - I'm Gonna' Shine! Well done everyone!

Little Roots – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Billy H** for his amazing confidence and singing in our school Nativity. Well done Billy!

Little Roots – Tuesday 17th December

Awarded to **All the children at Little Roots** for their amazing learning over the last few weeks. Well done everyone!

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:

Owls Class – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Thomas** for an entertaining and organised recount. Great **Emerald Power** when trying out new conjunctions successfully.

Oaks Class – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Jessica** for super **Sapphire Power** in English to write a wonderful descriptive start to her story.

Acorns Class – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Olivia** for showing great **Sapphire Stickability** and **Diamond Independence** in using writing to help her learn her lines off by heart.

Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

Owls Class – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Maddy** for making great advances in your mental maths and in the speed and accuracy of your calculations.

Oaks Class – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Hazel** for wonderful **Sapphire Power** in Maths to stay focused on estimation in addition and subtraction.

Acorns Class – Tuesday 10th December

Awarded to **Emilee** for persevering and showing great **Sapphire Stickability** in being able to accurately count objects and form her numbers correctly.

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 Monday and Friday and will be at Croscombe on Tuesday, Wednesday 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 Croscombe on Friday.

Little Roots News

Interest Sheets

We have new interest sheets home for all the children this week. Please complete them and return to us in January. This is to help us enhance our individual planning for each child.

Our Topic

When we return we will be having a settling in week and learning all about the children's new interests.

We will be learning all about The Very Hungry Caterpillar Story by Eric Carle.

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

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stoke St Michael School News

A Christmas Nativity Show

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children for their performances in our Christmas Nativity Show - 'I'm Gonna' Shine' and a big thank you to everyone who came to watch their performance. We thought they were all fantastic and we are sure you will agree!

Donations from our performances and our Christmas Café raised an amazing £180 which we to everyone for their support!





Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see the children arrive last Friday in their Christmas Jumpers to help raise money for Save the Children. We raised £33. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Lunch and Craft Day

On Tuesday 17th December we all enjoyed a lovely Christmas Lunch with our friends at Little Roots. The children really got into the Christmas spirit in their Christmas Jumpers and were also wearing the Christmas hats and masks that they had made during our Christmas craft activities. At the end of the day the children held a Christmas Craft sale in the school hall, selling the decorations and cards they had also made to help raise money for resources for their classrooms. Thank you to all parents who came and purchased their children's decorations; with your help we raised a fantastic £44!

Christmas Cake Sale

The children donned their aprons last Wednesday to prepare some delicious cakes and festive treats for their cake sale after school. Thank you to all parents who donated goodies and purchased cakes from the children they raised £25.65p!

Christmas Party and Buffet Day

On Thursday 19th December the children had a day filled with fun, laughter and lots of games as they enjoyed their Christmas Party. This was topped off by a surprise visit and a present from Father Christmas himself!

School Lunches

The menu for next term will be the same as the current menu. Therefore we will continue to order your child/children's lunches based on your current menu choices for the entire term on a 3 week rolling basis. If you wish to change/cancel your child/children's menu choices or if you wish to start ordering school lunches for your child/children please contact the school office.

As normal we will start back on week 1 when we return. Please see attached menu as a reminder of the options for next term.

After School Club

When we return to school on Monday 6th January. 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 13th January.

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.

Governor News

Dear all,

Many thanks to you all, your friends, relatives, work colleagues! who bought raffle tickets and bid in the Christmas auction. We managed to raise a best ever amount of **£1326**. This is great news and has raised much needed funds for our schools. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and awesome New Year.

Governor Fundraising Committee: Charlotte Corbette, Simon Clarke, Nicola Morris, Rachel Summerhayes & Tanya Tyreman.

PTA News

Fundraising Events

Our recent fundraising events have raised a fantastic £316.50p Christmas Bingo raised £272.48p and our Stall at the Church Christmas Craft Fair raised £44.02p. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all parents and carers for their support! We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Watch this space for news of exciting upcoming events in the new year...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Stoke St Michael Primary School!

Steve Heath
Headteacher