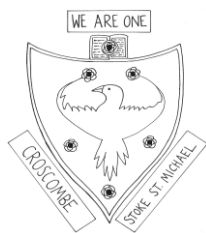




# Stoke St Michael County Primary School Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael

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20 September 2019

Dear Parent/carer

## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September - Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October (Every Tuesday)	Celebration Assembly <b>All welcome! Please join us at 2.45pm</b> (Refreshments available)
<b>Tuesday (DATE TBC)</b>	Green Gait Gardening Club – <b>Start Date TBC</b> 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December (Every Thursday)	Holly and Hawthorn Forest School for Years 1 and 2
Week Commencing Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October ( <b>Term 1</b> ) (Every Monday)	Athletics After School Club Starts (Years 1 - 6) Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October <b>£2 per child, per session to be paid termly in advance</b> (Maximum of 15 children)
Week Commencing Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Reception children stay for lunch <b>9am – 1pm</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Cinema Club – <b>Film TBC</b> Permission slips to follow shortly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Taster Day at Whitstone School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents Meeting with Mr Heath 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 5 and 6 Open Evenings at Whitstone School and Somervale School 6.30pm – 8pm

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Carymoor Environmental Trust - Schools Against Waste Assembly and Workshops
Week Commencing Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception children stay all day <b>9am – 3.15pm</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Festival Assembly 9.30am - 10.30am
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 6 Open Evening at The Blue School 6pm – 8pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	NHS Vision Screening for Reception and Year 1 children at 1.30pm.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Acorns Class and Celebration Assembly. <b>Please join us at 2.30pm.</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco 6pm – 8pm
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Superhero themed Scarecrow Trail around the village – More details to follow shortly
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Oaks and Owls Class and Celebration Assembly. <b>Please join us at 2.30pm.</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Owls class cake sale – Cake donations welcome!
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Back to School</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Pupil Photographs 9am <b>(Sibling Photographs can be taken at 8.30am)</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day (School Only)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	NHS Somerset SAINT Flu Vaccination Reception children – Yr 6



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 **Billy** for being organised with your learning. You are always ready quickly and get on with your tasks straight away - **Great Diamond Power** – well done!

### Oaks Class

Awarded to **Jude** for **Emerald Power** by showing bouncability in his learning, having a go and learning from his mistakes.

### Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jayden** for showing amazing **Diamond** and **Ruby Power** by trying very hard in all that we do whilst supporting his friends with kindness in the younger year groups.

### Little Roots

Awarded to **Evelyn** for growing in confidence and being kind to her friends.

## Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:

### Owls Class

Awarded to **Bertie** for being courageous and brave in maths lessons, you always have a go and volunteer answers enthusiastically. **Great Emerald Power!**

### Oaks Class

Awarded to **Hazel** for great use of adjectives in her letter about Beowulf.

### Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jack R** for showing 'Super Sapphire Stickability' and great confidence in his cursive hand during our 'Flying with Phonics' sessions.

## Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

### Owls Class

Awarded to **Lola** for writing a thoughtful and engaging newspaper report conventions learnt from your reading text.

### Oaks Class

Awarded to **Aeson** for super learning on place value and showing **Emerald Power** in answering class questions.

### Acorns Class

Awarded to **Olivia** for showing brave **Emerald Power** and now being able to INDEPENDENTLY count in 10's and then 1's to represent 2 digit numbers in many different ways including partitioning into multiple tens and ones.

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 next week in Stoke on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will be at Croscombe on Monday. Mrs Vincent, our senior teacher will be available as usual.

## SENCO availability for next week

Emma will be available next week in Stoke on Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon and will be at Croscombe on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning.

## Little Roots Dates for the diary

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Superhero themed Scarecrow trail around the village – More details to follow shortly.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day (Little Roots Only)

## Little Roots News

### Wow Board

We now have our 'WOW' board at Little Roots. Please feel free to fill in a star.

### School Harvest Assembly

Donations welcome for Harvest Assembly in school hall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9.30am – 10.30am. All donations must be in by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9am.

### Scarecrow Trail

The PTA is holding a superhero themed scarecrow trail around the village on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We would be very grateful if you could donate any items to make our Little Roots superhero scarecrow.

### Primary School Admissions 2020

Applications are now open for admissions for Reception children in 2020. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. For more information or to apply please visit: [www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school)

## NHS Somerset SAINT Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

Please return your child's completed flu vaccination form to the school office. Completed forms need to be returned even if you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated. The NHS Somerset SAINT (School Aged Children Immunisation Nursing Team) will be collecting the completed forms from the school office on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Vaccinations will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

## Acorns Class News

In English this week the children have been rehearsing their time connective words: During, first, then, next, after that and finally ready for their 'Recount HOT Write' next week. Any further practise at home with these words would be greatly appreciated, thank you. In addition we have concentrated on hand writing the letters 'a' 'c' 'd' and 'o' pre-cursively as with all four of these letters we need to take off and then reverse around either the 'apple' 'caterpillar' 'dinosaur' or 'orange'. The songs and phrases associated with the sounds that we are learning will be coming home shortly in a 'Flying with Phonics' hand book that we are making for each child.

In Maths the children have continued well with their understanding of place value and are using concrete apparatus well to manipulate and represent in a variety of ways numbers to 5 (Reception) numbers to 10 (Year 1) and numbers to 100 (Year 2). We have also concentrated on hand-writing number formation practise to ensure we write our numbers correctly in order to express our thinking effectively.

Forest school went very smoothly. The children were able to have a full Maths lesson before they went to lunch but they were excused early from the lunch hall to get changed which they did so well. All of the children were able to put their forest school clothes on independently. Marvellous! Well done children!

You may have noticed the children have brought home the words to one of our 'Harvest' songs, please encourage them to practise them at home to give them more confidence during singing sessions and so they can sing well at our harvest assembly. Thank you

C.S. Clifford came into Acorns to share some creative story telling activities and to then orally retell the Ugly Duckling. The children joined in so well with the retelling that Mr Clifford had to elaborate the story further as the children didn't want it to end. The children showed their appreciation so well and without prompt that the author exclaimed that he would never ever forget the children of Stoke

Have a happy weekend everyone!

## Owls Class News

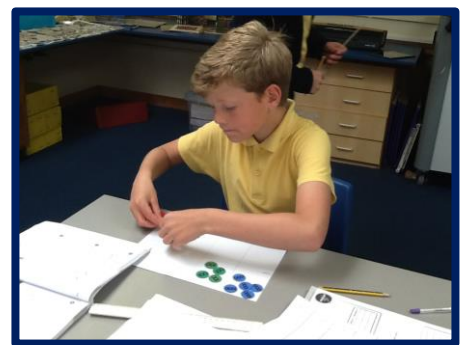
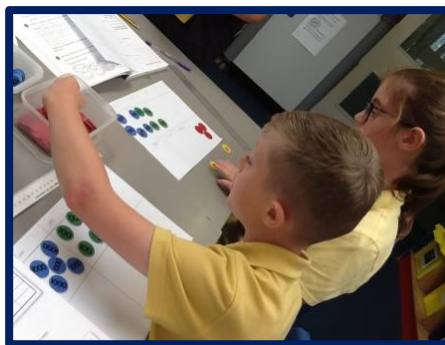
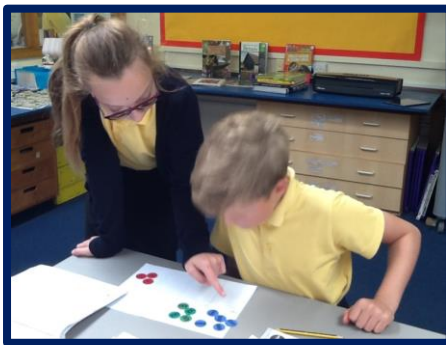
Another exciting week has gone by already. This week, Owl Class have continued to find out about the tremendous discovery made at Sutton Hoo in 1939 and are moving onto designing their own Saxon style buckles and brooches. These thoughtful designs were then turned into three dimensional creations through the medium of clay. The process was really fun and amazingly calming! Next week, we are planning to paint our wonderful artworks – pictures to follow.

In English, we have been continuing to enjoy Michael Morpurgo's version of 'Beowulf' and beginning to learn some excerpts from the epic Anglo-Saxon story in our Talk for Writing lessons.

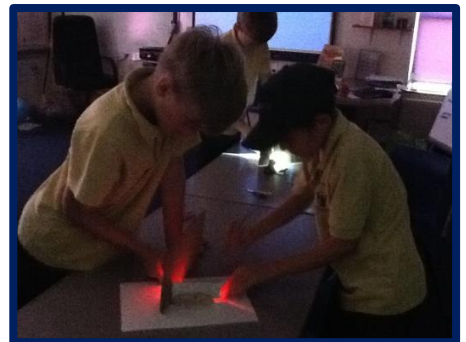
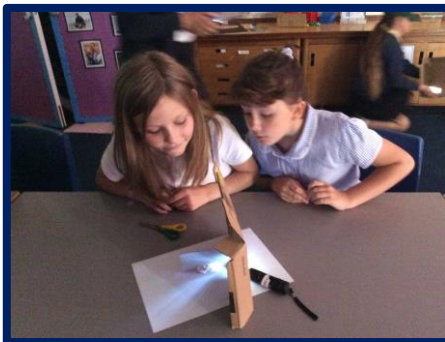
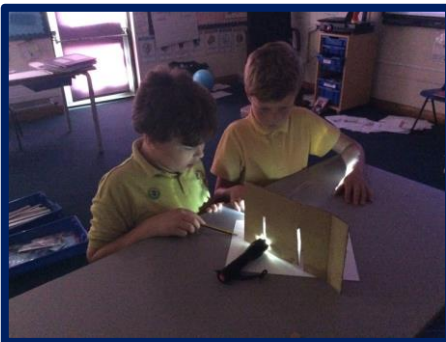
We have also welcomed and enjoyed a whole day visit from the author Steve Clifford.



In Maths, the children have been helping each other understand place value.



Science has also been exciting with children setting up experiments with torches to observe how light and reflection work. Next week, we are hoping to make periscopes.



Have a lovely weekend.

Owl Class

## Secondary School Admissions 2020

Applications are now open for admissions for Year 6 children starting secondary school in 2020. The deadline for applications is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. For more information or to apply please visit: [www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september)

## PTA News

### **Cinema Club**

We are holding our first cinema club of the year on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

3.15pm - 4.45pm

Showing:

£1.50 per child. Includes snack selection and a drink  
(popcorn/crisps, chocolate biscuit/sweets and a drink.)

***Please note: If your child(ren) would like to purchase extra snacks or drinks there will be an additional charge.***

Drink - 50p

Popcorn - 30p

Crisps - 30p

Chocolate Biscuit - 20p

Sweets - 10p

### **Halloween Disco**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October the PTA will be holding their annual Halloween Disco in the school hall from 6pm – 8pm. DJ Pete and his sweeties will be returning to get us all in the party spirit.

As usual there will be a raffle and a fancy dress competition with prizes to be won for the best fancy dress costume! There will also be a bar and refreshments available. The cost of entry is £5 per family or £1.50 per person. (All children must be accompanied by an adult)

### **Superhero Scarecrow Trail**

Our Superhero Themed Scarecrow trail around the village takes place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: 12pm – 4pm. The Knatchbull Arms have very kindly let us have use of a table in the pub where you can come to sign up for the trail on the day for £1 per person. We will also be selling a selection of cakes and sweets. Drinks will be available to purchase from the pub. We hope lots of you can join in and create a 'Super Scarecrow' to be found on our trail. The cost of scarecrow entry is £5. Please contact Lucy Stott – our PTA Chair on [fudgestott@gmail.com](mailto:fudgestott@gmail.com) or Hannah in the school office on 01749 840470 to book your scarecrow in. Please come along and support this fantastic event!

### **Christmas Bingo**

We will be holding our annual Christmas Bingo on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

Many thanks

Steve Heath  
Headteacher

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I\We give permission for ..... to attend Cinema Club on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 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)