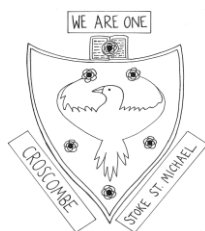




# Stoke St Michael County Primary School Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael

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Dear Parent/carer

## Dates for the diary

Week Commencing Monday 4th November - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December ( <b>Term 1</b> ) (Every Monday)	Gymnastics After School Club Starts (Years 1 - 6) Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December <b>£2 per child, per session to be paid termly in advance</b> (Maximum of 15 children)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November - Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (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
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening – Reception, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Cinema Club 3.15pm – 4.45pm <b>Showing: Madagascar 3 (PG)</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Primary Dance Festival at Whitstone School
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Oaks/Owls trip to Avalon Marshes Centre in Glastonbury

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Bingo! Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	NHS Somerset SAINT Flu Vaccination Reception children – Yr 6
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Foord's Year 6 Marvellous Maths Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Little Roots trip to The Paint Room @ Westfield
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Pantomime 'Cinderella' at Croscombe Village Hall (Further details to follow shortly)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Acoms Nativity with Little Roots as Stars and Oaks and Owls choir. <b>Afternoon performance 2pm</b> <b>Evening performance 6pm</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (Please bring £1 to wear your Christmas Jumper to help support Save the Children)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Children finish at 1.30pm for Christmas Break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to School
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 **Inara** for showing great **Diamond Power** when carrying out your responsibilities. You are on top of your job – even organising the teacher!

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Jessica** for showing amazing **Emerald Power** in persevering with her maths and writing and for staying focused with **Sapphire Power** in the face of distraction.

### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Jack R-A** for using '**Super Sapphire Power**' to show great engagement in our class learning and for showing such sensitivity and '**Kind Ruby Power**' to all of his friends. You're Super Star Jack!

### **Little Roots**

Awarded to **Florence** for amazing listening and concentration when learning all about Road Safety. Well done Florence.

## **Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:**

### **Owls Class**

Awarded to **Ben** for exciting diary writing in the first person. You have included sophisticated vocabulary, fabulous sentence openers and a great plot!

### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Jake** for staying focused with **Super Sapphire Power** to produce some marvellous metaphors, similes and alliteration.

### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Dorothy** for using **Super Sapphire Power** to independently and correctly write cvc words and a Super Power word in a fabulous sentence.

## **Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:**

### **Owls Class**

Awarded to **Billy** for using your **Emerald Power** to have a go with new learning and always asking if you are not sure.

### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Jude** for wonderful **Sapphire** focus in maths and for pushing himself with Emerald power when he is unsure.

### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Jack I** for showing super **Sapphire Power** and now being able to independently work with ordinal numbers to 10.

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

## **SENCO availability for next week**

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

## Little Roots Dates for the diary

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Little Roots trip to The Paint Room @ Westfield
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorns Nativity with Little Roots as ‘Stars’ and Oaks and Owls choir. <b>Afternoon performance 2pm</b> <b>Evening performance 6pm</b> (More information on Little Roots part to follow shortly.)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (Please bring £1 to wear your Christmas Jumper to help support Save the Children)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Little Roots children finish at 1pm for Christmas Break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to Little Roots
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Primary School Application Deadline

## Little Roots News

### Our Topic

Next week our topic is ‘Numbers and Shapes’ – Mathematical Development. We have a range of activities planned alongside the children’s interests.

### Our Story

We will be focusing on ‘Goldilocks and the three bears’ and we will be using props to re-enact this story.

### Funding

If your child receives 30 hours funding please check your codes.

### 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)



# Acorns News

## Moonshill Quarry Trip

Acorns had a great trip to Moonshill quarry on Tuesday. We learned that rock that is quarried in Stoke St Michael is called Basalt which erupted out of the six volcanoes that were here 427 million years ago. We learned that basalt rock is useful when it is crushed into very small pieces and made into roads. We met 'Rory' who worked the crushing machines via a computer and he told us that he left Stoke St Michael Primary School in 2006! After our trip around the quarry we went back to the Earth Science centre where we learned about how quarry rules have changed over time. We spotted a ten year old boy in one photograph from the Victorian times and a horse and cart. The young boys had to hold the drills and push the carts along the tram rails. The workers then did not wear hard hats, high vis or goggles and there were many injuries in comparison to now. In addition we looked at maps to see how the human and physical features of Stoke St Michael have changed over time. Thank you to Mrs O who looked after us so well and thank you to you all for ensuring the children were wrapped up warm and had wellies. It was a very valuable learning experience.





### **I'm Gonna Shine**

We will be having a few run-throughs of our Nativity show next week. Please could you help your children learn their words as it will encourage them and give them confidence to practise the acting side if they already know these. Many thanks for your support, there will be no spelling or maths home learning this week to give you more time at home for this. Many thanks

### **Owls News**

Yet another week has flown by! On the one hand, we are trying not to get too excited, too soon, about the C word yet, on the other hand, rehearsals are under way for the Christmas nativity performance and banners are being painted for the seasonal church display. And this is exciting!

Meanwhile, in Owl class, children are writing up a special copy of their Anglo- Saxon slave diary and planning story boards for a film to be made on location, during the school trip. In maths, we are still buzzing when learning new concepts and relishing our daily calculation challenge to strengthen our accuracy and speed.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who are supporting their children with their learning. This week, we have had some amazing times-table results. Everyone is on board; even the teacher has been tested! Let's get these number patterns cracked!

In addition, we have some children making accelerated progress this week with their reading. Thank you to the wonderful volunteer Mums who are helping us, in school, with the reading. The children really enjoy sharing their books.

Next week, of course, we have our school trip to look forward to. We are hoping to go along, dressed as Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Please don't worry too much about looking authentic! It's just for fun. J Have a great weekend! Owls Class.

## 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.)

## Christingle

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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:

### ***Networking, learning and improving our understanding***

There were two excellent professional development opportunities for SENCOs in Somerset last week.

### ***Inspiring two days for parents carers as membership blossoms***

Around 200 delegates representing thousands of parent carers from across England came together last week to learn from each other and network.

### ***Anti-Bullying Week 2019***

"Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power."

### ***Picking up the signals***

Have you ever thought that behaviour is a way of communicating?

Please click on the following link <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/> if you would like to know more...

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:toconnor@educsomerset.gov.uk).

## PTA News

### Cinema Club

We are holding our next cinema club on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15pm – 4.45pm.

Showing: **Madagascar 3 (PG)**

To get back home and evade capture by Animal Control, Alex, Marty, Gloria and Melman embark on an adventure riot as they join a travelling circus.

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

£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

### 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 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!

Have a fantastic half-term break everyone!

Many thanks

Steve Heath  
Headteacher

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### **Cinema Club**

I\We give permission for ..... to attend Cinema Club on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 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)