

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 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
Tuesday 25 th February 2020 (Every Tuesday)	Green Gait Gardening Club with Paul Green and Gordon Gait 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday 25 th February 2020 (Every Tuesday)	After School Recorder Club with Mrs Rice Further details and permission slip to follow shortly.
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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 21st February 2020	Half Term Break
Monday 24 th February 2020	Back to 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

Awarded to **Thomas** for brilliant social skills. You always learn together with your friends with great style and ease. Fantastic **Topaz** and **Amethyst** Power

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Lily S** for showing amazing **Sapphire**, **Emerald** and **Ruby** power this week by focusing on her work, being willing to share her ideas in class and being a supportive friend.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Olivia** for showing that she really cares about her learning and using **Sapphire Power** and **Emerald Power** to question and ensure that she achieves her lesson objectives.

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Awarded to **Luke** for always being confident, friendly and helpful to everyone in the setting. Well done Luke!

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Inara** for innovating a text with imagination and flair. You are using your **Emerald Power** by choosing adventurous vocabulary and taking a risk with your writing that pays off.

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Aeson** for staying focused with super **Sapphire Power** to write a wonderful recall of the Manchester Ridgeback. Well done!

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Harlowe** for showing '**Engaged Emerald Power**' in using beautiful cursive handwriting to offer ideas and spell words correctly during phonics.

Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Jess** for using your **Sapphire Power** to stay focused and stick with some challenging learning. You found out the missing fractions in a sequence by starting with what you already know and then using your gem powers to reach the answers.

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Livvy** for wonderful **Sapphire** focus in maths on multiplication and division with 8 times tables. Well done!

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Logan** for **Super Sapphire Power** and being able to independently subtract ones from 2-digit numbers using exchanging.

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 Thursday and will be at Croscombe on Tuesday and Friday. 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 Tuesday and in Croscombe on Wednesday.

Little Roots News

Our Topic

Our focus next week will be developing our physical, fine and gross motor skills. We will practising on our control using pencils and scissors. In PE will learning to move our bodies in different ways and doing some yoga activities in the school hall. As well as engaging in lots of sensory play.

Our Story

Next week we will be looking at the story of *The Three Little Pigs* by Heather Amery and Stephen Cartwright. We will be constructing our own houses using different materials to see how strong they are just like the pigs did to try to keep the 'Big Bad Wolf' out in the story. We will also be recreating the story using our story sacks and puppets.

Acorns News

Acorns have had a fun week learning their oral story telling by heart and have also had a big push in Maths. Year 2 have been persevering to understand exchanging a whole ten for ten ones when subtracting. They have used a variety of methods using apparatus and are all now able to subtract using the abstract column method of exchanging. Year 1 have been learning the meaning of subtraction in more depth and have been solving word problems such as balloons popping and carrots being eaten in order to relate subtraction to every day life. Reception are zooming on ahead with their understanding of number bonds.

Next week we will be beginning our design and technology project - our brief is to 'Design and Make a toy for a poor Victorian child'. We have an exciting trip being organised to the museum in Radstock where we will be able to dress up in Victorian costume and learn about the differences between life then and now especially for school children. More to follow on this next week.

Finally Acorns have had a SUPER day as Super heroes focusing on using their 'Super Sight'. Super heroes need to use their super sight when words can not be sounded and blended phonetically. Please find the 'Super Power' words your child is currently working on inside their 'Flying with Phonics' flash card books. Please do encourage practise of reading and writing these at home. Many thanks for your continued support and thank you Mrs o'Brien for organising such a fun day!





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Gardening Club

We are very lucky to have Paul Green and Gordon Gait from GreenGait running our gardening club from Tuesday 25th February. They will share their expertise and knowledge with the children to help them to learn how to grow and care for lots of lovely trees, plants and produce. Initially gardening club will be open to Years 1 - 6 but may be open to Reception children in the future. If your child/children would like to take part in gardening club please complete the permission slip attached to this letter and return to the school office by Tuesday 11th February.

Recorder Club with Mrs Rice

Mrs Lizzy Rice (who most of you will know, both as a parent of our school and secretary of our PTA) has very kindly offered to run a recorder club for the children after school on a Tuesday afternoon starting on Tuesday 25th February. Further details and permission slip to follow shortly.

PTA News

Cinema Club

Our next cinema club takes place on Wednesday 29th January 3.15pm - 4.45pm. We will be showing **Early Man (PG)**: *A caveman, Dug and his sidekick, Hognob, try to gather people to fight against Lord Nooth who wishes to transform their land into a mine for his selfish gains.*

£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

If your child/children would like to attend please complete the permission slip at the bottom of this letter and return to the school office asap.

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



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Keeping Your Connected Home Safe for your Children

More and more families now regularly use a range of devices that connect to the internet, such as smart speakers, smart meters, fitness trackers, and even toys.

Alongside the excitement and convenience of these devices, we also need to be aware of the risks associated with any device that connects to the internet.

ThinkUKnow say that these risks include:

- Concerns have been raised about whether these devices are collecting **too much personal information** from children.
- Some children (either accidentally or on purpose) are able to search for and access **age-inappropriate material** via a connected device such as a smart speaker.
- Children may make **'in-app purchases'** and spend money, which is often taken from their parents' bank account without their knowledge or consent.
- Some of these devices may be more vulnerable to hacking and monitoring, as there are currently no security standards in place for connected devices.

Luckily, they have also released guidance to support us in keeping their connected homes safe for children. These tips, as well as further details can be found at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot>

Cinema Club

I\We give permission for to attend Cinema Club on Wednesday 29th January 2020 from 3.15pm - 4.45pm.

- 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)

Gardening Club for Years 1 - 6

I\We give permission for to attend Gardening club from Tuesday 25th February -Tuesday 31st March. **(Years 1 - 6 only)**

- I will pick my child(ren) up at 4.15.
- My child(ren) will walk home. (Applicable to Year 5 & 6 only)

Signed:
(Parent\Carer)