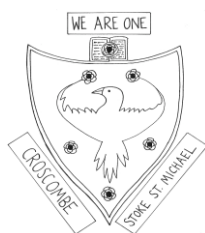




# Stoke St Michael County Primary School Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael

Moonshill Road  
Stoke St Michael  
Radstock  
BA3 5LG



School Office: 01749 840470

Little Roots @ Stoke: 07565 931718

E-mail: [stoke-st-michael@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:stoke-st-michael@educ.somerset.gov.uk)



Headteacher: Mr Stephen Heath

25 October 2019

Dear Parent/carer

## Dates for the diary

Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Secondary School Application Deadline
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Back to School</b>
Week Commencing Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December ( <b>Term 1</b> ) (Every Monday)	Dance 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)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Phonics Talk for Parents at 2.45pm (This talk is pre-dominantly aimed at Acorns class parents but Little Roots, Oaks and Owls parents are more than welcome to attend.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Pupil Photographs 9am ( <b>Sibling Photographs can be taken at 8.30am in the School Hall</b> )
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
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Meeting with Mr Heath at 2.30pm

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December (Every Thursday)	Holly and Hawthorn Forest School for Years 1 and 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	BAGS 2 SCHOOL Collections. <b>(Please ensure all bags for donation are at school for collection by 9am)</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day <b>(Little Roots, Acorns, Oaks and Owls)</b>
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
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorns Nativity with Oaks and Owls choir. <b>Afternoon performance 2pm</b> <b>Evening performance 6pm</b>
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 **Emily** for showing brave **Emerald Power** in persevering to learn her words for this afternoon's assembly.

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Kaden** for showing amazing **Ruby Power** in working well with others and always having a smile on his face!

#### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Emilee** for settling into school, learning so well and for making many new **Ruby** friends.

#### **Little Roots**

Awarded **Bertie** for his positive attitude to his learning and always being willing to have a go and explore new activities.

## Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:

### Owls Class

Awarded to **Libby** for showing 'Super Sapphire Power' in researching the history behind Canterbury Cathedral and then writing a super informative leaflet for tourists.

### Oaks Class

Awarded to **Elsie** for showing super Emerald Power in finishing an amazing set of instructions this week.

### Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jack L** for showing Brave Emerald Power in writing a super Cold Write about Goldilocks and The Three Bears.

## Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

### Owls Class

Awarded to **Lola** for being to INDEPENDENTLY and SYSTEMATICALLY investigate how many permutations a kite has using three colours.

### Oaks Class

Awarded to **Florrie** excellent Sapphire approach to her work and super Ruby Power by supporting others with their learning.

### Acorns Class

Awarded to **Maggie** for being able to INDEPENDANTLY compare any 2 digit number using Charlie Crocodile Comparison signs.

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

## SENCO availability for next week

Emma will be available the first week back in

## Little Roots Dates for the diary

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Back to Pre-School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Pupil Photographs 9am <b>(Sibling Photographs can be taken at 8.30am in the School Hall)</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day <b>(Little Roots, Acorns, Oaks and Owls)</b>

## Stoke School and Little Roots Photographs

Just to remind parents our School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. These will be individual photographs of each child. However, if you would like photographs taken of siblings together these can be taken at 8.30am in the school hall. Otherwise children should arrive in school as normal and will be collecting from their classrooms for their photograph to be taken.

## Phonics Talk

On the first day of next term, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2:45pm, Mrs Vincent will be holding a 'Phonics, Reading and Hand-Writing' talk for parents in the school hall. All parents of Little Roots, Acorns, Oaks and Owls are very welcome to attend but the main focus is for the Acorns age group. Please do come along to support and see how your children learn and to also gain and share ideas on how to support your children at home. Hope to see as many of you there as possible. Many thanks.

## After school club and PE lessons

Writhlington Leisure will continue to provide our PE lessons and After School Club following half-term. The after school club will be Dance. The club will start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 3.15pm – 4.15pm and will be open to Years 1-6. As before there will be a charge of £2 per child per session. (Sessions must be paid in advance for the entire term.) There are 15 spaces available on a first come first served basis. If your child/children would like to take part please complete the permission slip below. (If you require a paper copy of the permission slip please contact the school office.) In PE lessons they will deliver lessons in Gymnastics and Multi-Skills.

## Farewell

We are saying farewell to one of our pupil's today. We would like to say a big thank you to Émile for being a wonderful pupil and a lovely friend to all during his time with us. We wish him every success for the future as he and his family make a big move away and hope he settles into his new school well and makes lots of new friends! Good luck Émile!

## Naming PE kits and School Uniform

We seem to have lots of unnamed PE kits and school uniform in school at the moment which is proving very time consuming for teachers and staff to monitor at changing times. This is eating up valuable learning time for the children when they are trying to locate their clothing. PLEASE, PLEASE label your children's school clothing, especially yellow polo's and jumpers and P.E. kits in a suitable and permanent way. Biro washes out! Laundry pens are available from most supermarkets. Many thanks!

## Wellies

Please ensure all children have a NAMED pair of wellies in a NAMED bag to be left on their peg in school after half term. We like to allow the children to explore the playground and field

at break times as much as possible but unfortunately we are unable to let them on the field at this time of year without suitable footwear to change into. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Little Roots News

### Our Topic

Next term our topic is Fireworks and Diwali Festival of Lights. We have lots of exciting activities planned, including making tea light holders to celebrate Diwali. We will also be talking about colours and sounds as well as reading and learning about the story 'What Colour is Love?' by Linda Strachan and David Wojtowycz.

Please continue to bring in any of your child's favourite stories to share with us.

### Change of INSET date

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Little Roots INSET day has now been changed to co-inside with the main schools INSET day. This will now take place on the Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of November instead of the Monday – please see dates above!

### 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)

## 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)

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>; the bidding will open on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on the evening of December 12<sup>th</sup>. 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

### **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



# The Mells Winter Concert



Sunday 15th December

**CALLING ALL families, friends, residents,  
neighbours and visitors of the Parish Of Mells.**

We are having a VERY special Winter Concert this year. Firstly, it's going to be held in our beautiful St Andrews church (by candlelight), which I have learned has fabulous acoustics. Secondly, we're putting together a very exciting programme featuring some of the superb talent of some truly gifted individuals that live right here on our doorstep (most of which you won't even be aware of!)

Expect professional session musicians, award winning actors, songwriters (I am not the only songwriter in the village to have featured on the BBC, you know 😊), singers that will lift your spirits and some extraordinarily talented children. We shall have the Mells Choir (of course) AND this year, a pop-up children's choir (please let me know if your child would like to join in).

**AND it's just £5 a ticket!**

Expect a magical, heart-warming and truly festive evening.

**Tickets from [www.janetaylor.co.uk/mellschristmas](http://www.janetaylor.co.uk/mellschristmas) or reserve 07855 135233.**

STARTS 6PM till 8PM

Everyone is welcome!