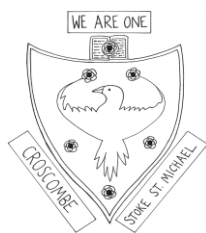




# Stoke St Michael County Primary School Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael

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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
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Bingo! Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Memorial Hall Committee's Christmas Fayre in the Hall from 3pm
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)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Multi Day – Bring a bottle for our Tombola stall at the Church Christmas Craft Fair in the village hall
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Christmas Craft Fair in the village hall.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents Meeting with Mr Heath 2.45pm. All welcome!
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>
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)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch – menu and order forms to follow shortly. Children can wear Christmas jumpers to school if they wish.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Day – Your children's festive creations will be on sale in the school hall at the end of the school day.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Cake Sale – The children will be baking cakes during the day and they will be on sale after school. <b>Cake and festive treat donations very welcome!</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party and Buffet Lunch Children are invited to wear their festive party wear.
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

### 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	Little Roots Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (Please bring £1 to wear your Christmas Jumper to help support Save the Children)
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> (More information on Little Roots part to follow shortly.)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Little Roots and School Christmas Lunch – menu and order form to follow shortly. Children can wear Christmas jumpers if they wish.
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Little Roots children finish at 1pm for Christmas Break</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to Little Roots.
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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 **Libby** for always being so kind to everybody. You are especially sensitive towards to the younger children who look up to you adoringly.

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Jude** for showing amazing **Emerald** and **Sapphire** Power in both maths and English by doing his very best. He should be proud of his achievements in column addition and character writing.

#### **Acoms Class**

Awarded to **Jack L** for showing brave **Emerald Power** this week and being a good **Ruby Powered** friend to all.

### **Little Roots**

Awarded to **Billy B** for growing in confidence, amazing listening skills and following instructions. Well done Billy!

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

#### **Owls Class**

Awarded to **Maddy** and **Phoebe** for an entertaining dialogue that demonstrates the difference between formal and informal language. Fab **Amethyst Power!**

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Olivia H** for staying focused with super **Sapphire Power** to produce an amazing character description. Well done!

#### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Mara-Rose** for using **Super Sapphire Power** to independently write letters using beautiful cursive hand writing.

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

#### **Owls Class**

Awarded to **Jess** for being determined to crack your six times tables. Your attitude is now an inspiration to everyone else. You have shown us how quickly it can be done!

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Lily C** for wonderful **Sapphire** focus in maths working on column addition and subtraction.

#### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Theo** for showing super **Sapphire Power** in being able to use part, part whole models in order to add and subtract.

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 Wednesday and Thursday and will be at Croscombe on Monday, 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 Friday and in Croscombe on Wednesday.

## **Little Roots News**

### **Our Topic**

Our topic throughout December will be Christmas! We have lots of fun learning activities planned. Please bring in any Christmas stories to share with us.

### **Christmas trip to The Paint Room**

We are very much looking forward to our festive trip to The Paint Room with our friends in Reception on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and hope the children are as excited as we are!

### **Little Roots Christmas Party**

Please let us know if your child is attending our Christmas Party on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Little Roots Christmas Jumper Day**

Our Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear their Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1 for 'Save the Children'.

### **Little Roots and School Christmas Nativity Performance**

The festive time of year has come!

We are putting on TWO shows this year:

The **first** is for all of the community of Stoke St Michael and surrounding villages. This is 2pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December! If you have any neighbours or elderly friends in the village please do encourage them to join us. There will be a festive café open from 1.30pm serving drinks and snacks.

The **second** is a special show just for our Little Roots and school families; this will start at 6pm on the same day. We ask that children come back to school between 5.15pm and 5.30pm on the night in order to get changed and have a warm up. The festive café will be open from 5.15pm.

### **Little Roots and School Christmas Lunch**

This year Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. We will send a letter home shortly to include the menu and order slip. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers if they wish.

### **Parent Meetings**

Little Roots parent meetings will be taking place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Please sign up on the lists for one of these dates in Little Roots.

### **30 Hours Funding**

Please check your 30 hour funding codes to ensure you receive your child's funding.

### **Donations**

Any donations of spare clothing e.g. pants, socks, trousers etc would be very gratefully received.

### **Sickness**

Please ensure your child is kept at home for 48 hours as recommended by the NHS following any sickness or tummy bug. Even if you think your child your child is 100% better. This is to help prevent the spread of infection. Many thanks for your support!

### **Medication**

Please note: We are only able to administer your child with medication prescribed by a GP.

## **Lateness**

Please ensure your child is collected on time after their sessions. Children can become very anxious if they are waiting for you to arrive at the end of the day.

## **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)

## **Stoke St Michael School News**

### **Christmas trip to The Paint Room**

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The children have each been given a song book today containing all of the songs for our Nativity show. Please encourage your child to practice these at home and learn them off by heart.

### **Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children**

Our Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear their Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1 for 'Save the Children'.

### **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Craft Day**

This year our Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will send a letter home shortly to include the menu and order slip. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers if they wish.

The children will also be making Christmas Crafts. Their festive creations will be available to purchase in the School Hall after school to help raise money for new resources for your child's classroom. **We ask that parents collect their children from the hall at the end of the school day.**

### **Whole School Festive Cake Sale**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a whole school cake sale. The children will be baking their cakes and festive treats during the school day and these will be on sale at the end of the day in the school hall to help raise money for new resources for your child's classroom. **We ask that you collect your children from the hall after school.** If you would like to donate cakes or festive treats these would be very much appreciated!

### **School Christmas Party and Buffet Lunch**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a 'Christmas Party' Day and 'Party Food Style' buffet lunch. We encourage the children to dress up in their festive party wear for lots of Christmassy fun and games.

For those children who would normally have a hot meal from New Manor Farm Kitchen on a Thursday (Week 1 of the menu) if your child would like a buffet lunch you do not need to do anything we will order this automatically. If you would like to cancel your child's food order and send a packed lunch from home please let us know as soon as possible. However if your child would normally have a packed lunch but would like to have a buffet lunch on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you!

### **Donations for our Christmas Nativity Performance**

If anyone has any white or silvery material/sheets, cardboard/large pieces of card or twinkly lights they would be willing to donate we would be very grateful!

### **Sickness**

Please ensure your child is kept at home for 48 hours as recommended by the NHS following any sickness or tummy bug. Even if you think your child your child is 100% better. This is to help prevent the spread of infection. Many thanks for your support!

## **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:

### **This week...**

#### **You'd better watch out - Accessible Santa is coming to town**

There's a unique festive experience coming up in the heart of Taunton which is perfect for children with SEND and their families.

#### **Somerset's virtual school - supporting children to achieve to the best of their ability**

The service has recently joined up with Somerset's Learning Support Service offering training and advice to schools meeting the needs of pupils with SEND.

#### **Top tips for safe online shopping this Black Friday**

Parent carers may rely on online shopping and they'll be bargains about this week - but be careful as there are plenty of scammers out there.

## **International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2019**

Next Tuesday marks an important day first established by the UN in 1992 which aims to promote the rights and wellbeing of all those with disabilities.

Please click the following link or copy and paste in to your browser

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/> if you would like to know more...

## **Governor News**

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Raffle**

Please note that your children have taken home a sheet of raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle. This will take place on the 18th of December at the Stoke Christmas film night. Tickets cost £1 and there are lots of wonderful prizes (beauty vouchers, jewellery, confectionary, toys, vouchers for take-aways etc, fruit & veg vouchers, gifts etc). All proceeds are for the schools in our federation and will be used to purchase much needed resources and improve the learning environment for our children.

### **Silent Auction**

In addition to the raffle, we are also holding our Christmas **silent auction**. Full details of prizes are listed on the Stoke, Shepton, Croscombe and Wells Facebook (FB) pages where you can access the auction and place your bid. If you don't have access to FB and wish to bid, please contact [nmorris@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:nmorris@educ.somerset.gov.uk), **advising the number, item name, the amount you wish to bid, your name and either a contact phone number or email**) There will be over 16 prizes worth between £40 and £350. The bidding opens on Monday, December 2nd and closes midnight Dec 11th..... Winning bidders will be contacted for payment and handover of their fabulous auction item by 13th December 2019. Items listed so far (including number and name) are:

- #1 Caravan Holiday in Devon (4 people)**
- #2 Christmas Hamper (From Mary Cadogan, BBC Good Food)**
- #3 Starling Murmuration Guided Walk**
- #4 1 Year Pass for Kilver Court Gardens**
- #5 Archery session for 4 people**
- #6 One hours sports massage**
- #7 Bitterns on the Somerset Levels – Guided Walk**
- #8 2 nights' accommodation Parsonage Farm Croscombe**
- #9 Digital Jukebox Hire**
- #10 Creative Writing Workshop**
- #11 Somerset Levels wildlife guided walk**
- #12 3 nights self-catering for 4 people in Croscombe**
- #13 Sunday lunch for 2 at The George, Croscombe**
- #14 Caving Experience (6-8 adults)**

We would appreciate your full support for these events. The child who sells the highest number of raffle tickets will be awarded a prize.

Best regards



Governor Fundraising Committee: Nicola Morris, Charlotte Corbett, Simon Clarke & Tanya Tyreman

## **PTA News**

### **Christmas Bingo**

**Don't forget Christmas Bingo tonight in the school hall.** Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm. Lots of prizes to be won! As usual there will be a raffle, bar and refreshments available. We hope to see you all there!

### **Mufti Day**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December we are holding a 'bring a bottle' mufti day to use on our Tombola stall at the Church Christmas Craft Fair in the village hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If your child/children would like to take part please bring a bottle of 'anything' as long as it is unopened and in date, e.g. squash, water, washing up liquid, wine, beer etc

Many thanks

Steve Heath  
Headteacher