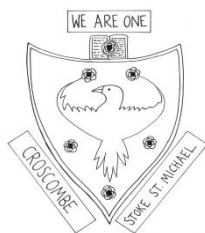




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Dear Parent/carer

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)
Thursday 13 th February 2020	Year 5 Tater Day at Whitstone School. (Transport and lunch provided)
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 - Tuesday 31 st March 2020 (Every Tuesday)	Mrs Rice's Recorder Club for Years 2 - 6. 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Maximum of 8 children)

Wednesday 26 th February 2020 - Wednesday 1 st April 2020 (Every Wednesday)	Green Gait Gardening Club for Years 1-6 with Paul Green and Gordon Gait 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 27 th February 2020 - Thursday 2 nd April 2020 (Every Thursday)	Holly and Hawthorn Forest School for Years 3 and two Year 4 children (Year 4 Parents/Carers will be contacted directly)
Friday 28 th February 2020	Acoms Trip to Radstock Museum for a Victorian school child experience.
Thursday 5 th March 2020	World Book Day - Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book for a £1 donation towards World Book Day!

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Celebration News

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 **Phoebe** for employing your **Diamond Power** to support the class when organising resources and being responsible. Well done for using your initiative.

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Jake** for much improved **Super Sapphire** focus with his writing and Maths since last term. Well done Jake! Keep it up!

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Mayci** for shining with perseverance and **Sapphire Stickability** in all of her lessons especially subtraction in Maths and for sharing her lovely 'Talk for Writing' ideas with the class.

Little Roots

Awarded to **Louis** for fantastic singing at rhyme time and performing actions to the music.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Emily** for using your **Sapphire Power** and staying focused when researching some great rainforest facts. Your plan is looking fab!

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Levi** for great perseverance with **Super Sapphire Power** in his first attempt at writing a Warning Tale. Well done!

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Emilee** for using amazing **Sapphire** and **Emerald** Powers to persevere using digraphs in her beautiful writing.

Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week:

Owls Class

Awarded to **Dylan** for using your **Sapphire Power** to stay focused and stick with some challenging learning. You are now really good at adding and subtracting fractions

Oaks Class

Awarded to **George** for wonderful **Sapphire** focus in Maths on related multiplication facts with ones and tens. Well done!

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jack R-A** for shining with perseverance and **Sapphire Stickability** when mentally and pictorially solving subtraction word problems.

Head teacher availability for next week

Mr Heath will be available in Stoke on Monday and Tuesday and will be at Croscombe on Wednesday, Thursday 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

Next week we will be exploring colours. We plan to do a wide range of activities for this topic including talking about our favourite colour, looking at the different colours all around us,

matching colours, learning to 'sign' some of the colours, finding out what happens when we mix different colours together, looking at rainbows and talking about what different colours might mean in the world around us. For example Red for Danger/Stop, Green for Safe/Go etc. Plus lots more fun activities!

Our Story

Next week we will be focusing on *The Mixed Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle. - *The Chameleon has a pleasant life catching flies and changing colour as he changes mood, but it is not a very exciting life. Until, that is, he goes to the zoo and sees all the other animals! He wishes he could be like the polar bear, the flamingo, the fox - and suddenly he is changing more than just his colour...*

World Book Day

This year World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March. To celebrate World Book Day and to help raise money, we would like to encourage the children to come to Little Roots dressed as a character from their favourite book from Monday 2nd March to Thursday 5th March for a £1 donation towards the World Book Day charity. Please bring along your favourite book to share with everyone!

Oaks News

Oaks have been very focused over the past few weeks on our rainforest topic, creating their models in school and learning about the different layers of the rainforest.

In English, Oaks have been developing their information writing techniques and, as we gather more facts about rainforest creatures, they will be able to produce a final piece for display by half term to demonstrate their newly acquired skills.

In maths, the children have been discovering new ways to approach multiplication problems including using single digit multiplication facts and applying them to multiplications that are 10x more eg If we know that $2 \times 3 = 6$ then we can use that to help us work out 20×3 . Do keep going with times table practice at home. It makes a real difference to your child's confidence!

In science, we are looking at electricity and hope to have some hands -on activity with circuits next week! Safely, of course!

Finally, Oaks have been asked to take part in an exciting local community schools' project. The Make the Sunshine project who visited us in the Autumn term are coordinating the development of a play which will be performed by children from several local schools including Stoke St Michael. Each school will act out one scene within the overall play which will be performed **on Friday, 6th March 5-6 and 6.30 -7.30pm at St Paul's Primary School.**

Oaks Class will be having a performance rehearsal once a week in school starting this week! We will also be taking part in two all day workshops in school on Wed 5th Feb and Wed 12 Feb to create a giant Tiger puppet that will be used in our performance! If for any reason your child is not able to take part in the performance on Fri 6th March - please let us know as soon as possible. A letter and permission slip will be sent out in due course. The children are very excited about this wonderful opportunity! We will tell you more next week!

Owls News

This week Owl Class have been inventing their own holiday brochure advertisements to go to the Amazon Rainforest. While they are writing to persuade other readers, it turns out that many of the children have actually convinced themselves that this could be an amazing place to go. Sorry if your son/daughter is requesting an extortionately expensive holiday this year!!

As usual, Owl Class are loving their maths. I am so impressed with all of the learning that is going on – children sticking with their challenges even when it, initially looks tricky.

In French, this week, we have been starting to read and write as well as say and hear questions and answers. Children have been reviewing salutations in this way as well as interviewing each other, playing games and singing songs.

The Henri Rousseau style art that is a back drop for the children's topic questions is nearly finished. As time goes by, we plan to answer more and more of these questions. Perhaps you might even continue research at home with your child though reading books or watching documentaries together.

Thank you for your continued support.
Owl Class.

Stoke St Michael School News

School Lunches

We are a healthy school and encourage our parents and pupils to think about the benefits of a healthy, balanced diet. Children are encouraged to bring a snack to eat at break time and we ask that parents provide healthy snacks such as fruit, bread sticks, cereal bars etc.

Children in Reception and KS1 (Acorns) receive free fruit and free milk at school which they eat and drink each day at break time. Milk is also available at lunch time to all pupils who order a hot meal.

All of our Reception and KS1 children are also entitled to a free school meal. However we encourage all of our parents to take up the option of a hot meal provided by New Manor Farm Kitchen. If your child/children prefers to bring a packed lunch from home, please ensure this a healthy, balanced lunch.

Please find attached New Manor Farm Kitchen's New Spring Term Menu, which will start when we return after half term break on Monday 24th February. If your child/children would like a hot meal, please complete the attached menu and return to the school office by Tuesday 4th February.

This is a three week rolling menu which will last for the rest of the term. Therefore we will continue to order your child/children's lunches based on your current menu choices for the entire term on a 3 week rolling basis. If you wish to change/cancel your child/children's menu choices or if you wish to start ordering school lunches for your child/children please contact the school office.

Please note: We are no longer able to order additional lunches on the day. We have to order lunches from New Manor Farm Kitchen one week in advance and will need to receive payment at least one week in advance. If we do not receive payment for your child's lunches will have to cancel their order until any outstanding balance is settled in full.

Please enquire at the school office if you think your child/children are eligible for free school meals whichever Key Stage they are in as this entitles them to additional funding known as Pupil Premium.

Make the Sunshine - 'All the World's our Playground' FREE Festival

As you know Oaks have been asked to take part in an exciting local community schools' project. The Make the Sunshine project.

On Saturday 7th March The Make the Sunshine project have also organised a free festival alongside children in Shepton Mallet called 'All the World's Our Playground'. Please see attached poster for further details.

However they are looking for volunteers, please see attached document for details. If you are able to volunteer please complete the attached form and return to the school office Wednesday 5th February.

Full programme for Saturday 7th March is attached.

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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...

Supporting young people with autism to reach their potential

Have you heard of the Autism Education Trust? The AET helps children and young people with autism to receive an education.

Autism advice for parents and professionals

Autism Somerset offers training for professionals and a wide variety of support for parents and carers.

Start booking your half term activities

There are a wealth of affordable activities on offer for children, young people and their families over February Half Term.

Help us fight climate change - please take the young people's survey

Calling all young people in Somerset! We need your help to shape our plans to tackle one of the biggest issues facing us today.

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...

PTA News

Next Meeting

Don't forget **next meeting tonight** at our PTA Chair; Lucy Stott's house 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.

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher

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 Wednesday 26th February -Wednesday 1st April. 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(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)

Recorder Club for Years 2 - 6

I\We give permission for to attend Recorder club from Tuesday 25th February -Tuesday 31st March. 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(Years 2 - 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)