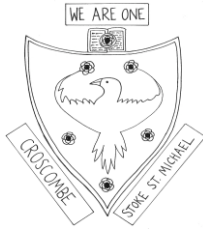


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Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the School Hall.
Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 3.30pm	Mrs Spencer's Homework Club (Oaks class only)
Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Vincent's and Mrs Watts Gardening Club for Year 1 - 6
Thursday 6 th June – Thursday 11 th July (Every Thursday)	Forest School Year 2
Friday 7 th June – Friday 12 th July (Every Friday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Track and Field After School Club with Premier Sport - Whole school (not including Reception children)
Thursday 4 th July	Move Up Morning
Friday 5 th July and Friday 12 th July 9.30am – 11am	New Reception children settling in sessions. (Parents please join us for snack time picnic on Friday 12 th July at 10.30am)
Friday 5 th July	Sports Afternoon 1.30pm – 3pm
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Fair 2pm – 5pm
Monday 8 th July	Acorns and Oaks trip to 'We the Curious'
Tuesday 16 th July	Pre School and Acorns end of year trip to Hartcliff, Hengrove Park.
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly 1:00pm



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 commencing 24th June are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Tegan** for your consistently positive attitude towards your learning and for supporting other people to be successful too – **Great Ruby Power!**

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Hywel** for showing perseverance in his artistic side by producing a stunning ocean waves scene using many tones of blue whilst demonstrating **Super Sapphire Power**

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Awarded to **Mara-Rose** for her beautiful movement to music.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week commencing 24th June are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Inara** for being courageous and trying out new vocabulary and ideas in your hot write plan.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Elsie** for showing **Excellent Emerald Power** in overcoming 'writers block' and writing a wonderful adventurous journey tale in the end.

Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week commencing 24th June are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Ben** for using your **Diamond Power** to ask questions and explain your learning using the equipment.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Theo** for persevering to learn and apply directional language using **Super Sapphire Power** and **Brave Emerald Power**

Once the children reach their initial 100 reads mark, we will then award them certificates for reads in multiples of 50.



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 commencing 1st July are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Dylan** for inspiring us with your enthusiasm for the Explorer's topic. Your Explorer's homework video was brilliant! You used your courageous **Emerald Power** to try something new. We can all see you as a documentary presenter, in the future!

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Reece** for setting a very good example during whole class learning time, demonstrating excellent listening and participation skills. Fabulous Gem Power all round!

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Awarded to **Bethan** for being very kind to her peers and for amazing sharing and caring skills!

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards of the Week commencing 1st July are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Holly** for thoughtful detail, speech and a variety of interesting openers in your weekend recount.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **George** for super oral story telling of 'The Story of Pirate Tom' whilst remembering the actions and supporting others. Super Gem Learning Power all round, George!

Our Magical Maths Magicians of the Week commencing 1st July are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Inara** for using your Amethyst Power in maths when talking through your challenges using the maths equipment.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jessica** for showing good directional language using forwards, backwards, left and right in order to find the pirate treasure.

Once the children reach their initial 100 reads mark, we will then award them certificates for reads in multiples of 50.

Little Roots Dates for the diary

Thursday 4 th July	Move Up Morning for children starting at Stoke St Michael Primary in September
Friday 5 th July and Friday 12 th July 9.30am – 11am	New Reception children settling in sessions at Stoke St Michael Primary School. (Parents please join us for snack time picnic on Friday 12 th July at 10.30am)
Tuesday 16 th July	Teddy Bears Picnic at Hengrove Park
Tuesday 16 th July	Pre School and Acorns end of year trip to Hartcliff, Hengrove Park.
Wednesday 17 th July 9.15am – 10.30am	Little Roots Sports Day and Graduation Ceremony
Thursday 18 th July	Little Roots closing at 1pm for Summer Break.
Wednesday 4 th September and Thursday 5 th September	Home Visits (Times and dates for individual visits TBC.)

Sports Afternoon

Tomorrow we will be holding our Sports Afternoon from 1.30pm – 3pm. Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits with the addition of their 'House' colours t-shirt. Your child/children will know which 'house' they are in but a reminder of the 'house group' colours are below:

If your child is in Manta Ray House they should wear a **Yellow** t-shirt.

If your child is in Dolphin House they should wear a **Blue** t-shirt.

If your child is in Turtle House they should wear a **Green** t-shirt.

If your child is in Seahorse House they should wear a **Red** t-shirt.

The weather looks set to be very warm and sunny tomorrow please ensure children have sun cream on and bring a sun hat and water bottle to school.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Trip to 'We the Curious'

On Monday 8th July we have a whole school trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol. All children will need to be in school uniform and will need to bring a small bag or rucksack to carry their lunch and water bottle.

Acorns News

Acorns are becoming avid story tellers and I've noticed they are beginning to orally tell our Pirate Story to each other at playtimes. Today they are bringing home a copy of this so that they can rehearse and perform with you at home. In addition, Acorns are excited about our whole school Science trip to 'We the Curious' on Monday. Please ensure they bring with them a small back pack in order to carry their lunch and water bottle. Many thanks!

Oaks News

After a lovely, long weekend, some of us have looked a little blurry eyed this week! 😊 Nevertheless, we have maintained our stimulating learning. Fantastic Explorer stories have been acted out in drama lessons when the appreciative audience (each other) were wowed and impressed. The children have gone on by challenging themselves to convert their drama into play scripts back in the class. With accurate layout, some fine scene setting and the correct selection of tense, the scripts are gradually turning into works of art. Meanwhile, (talking of art) most of us have completed our Galapagos Island wildlife paintings and the gallery is looking bright and beautiful. (You can see some examples below.) In Science lessons we have been finding out about more recent discoveries on the islands made famous by Charles Darwin. (Ask your son/daughter) and in maths we have been continuing with geometry and discussing properties of shapes. Today is move-up day, tomorrow is sports day, Saturday is, of course, our school fair, next Monday we have our school trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol and on Thursday we have an exciting visit from Alexia of the Glastonbury Festival team. What a busy time of year! Hope that everyone has fun on Saturday. See you there! 😊

Diary of an Explorer...

I woke up in the dirty, scratched hammock that I fell asleep in ...
(Lda.)

Right below my feet was a huge, cavernous crack, like an attack on the glorious earth. Lily.

Quickly, I grabbed my rucksack and sprinted back to base where I hoped to meet the others.

After what happened yesterday, I have abandoned my courageous crew to explore the volcano with its burning, yellow lava, without me. Josh.C.

"Uh oh." Charlotte stammered.
"I think the mountain is a volcano!"

Weeping for breath, I could smell the coal-black, thick smoke filling the atmosphere whilst the spitting lava was charging at me.
Megan.

...blue flames, like devil's eyes, were crawling across the ground.
(Phoebe.)

When we arrived, the clear water was glimmering in the sun light.
(Libby.)

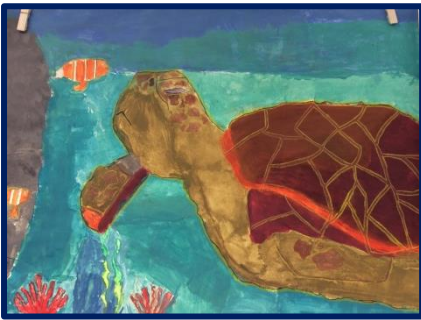
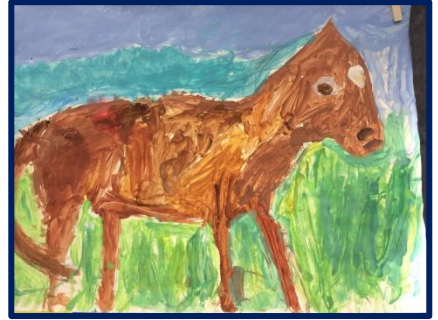
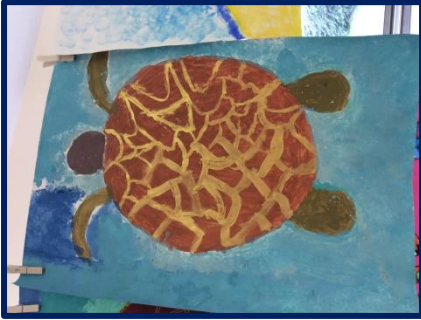
I travelled north towards an ancient chamber, secretly hidden in the middle of the forest.
(Maisie)

I was just doing some sketches of the incredible green coloured turtles when I found a nesting ground where one turtle was rearing its offspring.
Conor.

I was getting scared for Eric and worried. We got him off the boat however, it was still spinning, like a dog, chasing its tail.
(Thomas.)

I was firing with shade and horror old fishing nets entangled the big turtle while a river of plastic flowed rapidly from its mouth. Tegan.

Some of Oaks Artwork of animals from The Galapagos Islands



A message from Mrs Vincent our Senior Teacher

Move Up Morning

We have had a very enjoyable transition morning this morning. Our new Reception children joined us and had a fabulous morning playing and learning with their new class friends. The children took to their new routines very well showing a sense of happy calmness about it all. They are now showing excitement at the prospect of being in their next year group as of September. In addition, Year 2 enjoyed being in their new Oaks classroom as Year 3. They completed their hopes and wishes for the New Year ahead reunited with their New Year 4 class mates. Our new Years 5 and 6 had a fab morning also with Ms Foord writing interesting facts about their own personalities in hope their class mates could guess who they were. Well done children! September here we come! ☺

Congratulations are in order!

Mrs Chander Honess will be moving closer to home to a school that specialises in special needs. Something Chander has always wanted to do! We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your dedication and the super powers that you brought to the children and the team at Stoke St Michael over the past year and a half. You will be greatly missed by everyone!

Power Maths

Two of our teachers in the federation, Mrs Vincent at Stoke and Mr Moore at Croscombe have completed their Power Maths training and have decided to take on the 'Maths Mastery' approach using the 'Power Maths' online resources consistently in both schools. This will provide continuity and consistency in our teaching and learning across the federation from Reception right through to Year 6. All children will have the opportunity in each lesson to either be working at Greater Depth or being supported by 'Same Day Intervention' in order that they ALL achieve their learning objectives for their year groups. This will close any gaps AND provide a challenge for all children. Please see the attached documents for your information.

May Bank Holiday 2020 - Please note

You may already be aware that the Government announced that next year's early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but will be put back to:

Friday 8 May 2020.

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting came to an end in Europe. The holiday will form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events. The children here at Stoke will be celebrating this in school on Thursday 7th May.

Please see attached revised term timetable for 2019/20

PTA News

Fundraising

Refreshments from Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 25th June raised £3.50p

Summer Fair

This year's summer fair is fast approaching we are pleased to announce that the legendary Michael Eavis will be opening our summer fair this year and judging our make an animal out of recyclable materials and grow your own miniature garden in a tray competitions.

We are looking for donations of jars filled (with sweets, toys etc) for our hoopla stall, any unwanted toys or books for our table top sale and any donations of uniform for our 2nd hand uniform stall. All would be gratefully received!

We are also looking for cake donations for the cake stall at the Summer Fair. If you are able to donate it would be very much appreciated!

If you are able to volunteer to help run a stall or setup please let a member of the PTA know. Stalls available £5 per stall + raffle donation.

We have some exciting news to share with you. We have had a last minute booking and Mendip Brass Band will be entertaining you at the Summer Fair.

Wool Donations

The PTA is looking for donations of wool for a little project they have up their sleeves. (All will be revealed – Watch this space!) If anyone has any wool lying around that they would be happy to kindly donate we would be very grateful!

Writhlington Leisure Dance Classes

Writhlington Leisure currently has availability in their Pre-School and Junior & Teenage Dance classes. These classes run at both their Writhlington Site & their Midsomer Norton Site.

If your child is interested in joining in their dance classes, please fill out their sports course enquiry form <https://www.writhlingtonleisure.co.uk/online-forms/sports-course-enquiry-form/> to book a free trial session.

The Dance Timetable is available here <https://www.writhlingtonleisure.co.uk/courses/dance-classes/junior-dance/new-junior-dance-timetable-january-2016/>.

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher