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19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting end of week in both schools with Odd Sock Day on Thursday and Children in Need on Friday. They each had great fun in showing off their bright and spotty clothes, while celebrating everyone's uniqueness and individuality. For more information about the days as well as photos please visit the Latest News pages of our school website: www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk



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COVID-19 Updates

As you know, Somerset County Council asked all schools to put in place additional measures from 1st November - 12th November, to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. We have now been informed that whilst infection rates are declining in some parts of the county, overall rates remain high and our local rates remain significantly higher than the England rate.

Based on Somerset County Council's risk assessment, they have asked all schools to keep in place the previously recommended measures until the end of November. These measures include:

- Masks to be worn at drop off and collection points by staff and parents
- Social distancing between adults at all times
- Ventilation at all times please ensure children are wearing layers, thank you!
- Parents to phone or email into the office please do not come inside
- Assemblies to continue (outdoors or on TEAMS), however without a parent audience until week beginning:
 6th December
- Staff and household members of pupils to please continue undertaking twice weekly LFD testing
- Any close contacts of confirmed cases of Covid-19 identified by NHS Test & Trace to book a PCR test and
 whilst awaiting test results, undertake a daily LFD test and only attend school if this is negative. The daily
 LFD testing is at the parent or guardian's discretion for primary age children
- Symptoms of cough, fever of over 37 degrees, or loss to taste or sense of smell please isolate and book a PCR immediately

We are extremely disappointed that we are not able to welcome parents back into school until the beginning of December but we hope that you will continue to support us with this additional measures. *Thank you*.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be taking place during the week beginning 29th November. We hoped that we would be able to have parents on site for these however, Covid-19 restrictions are still in place in the schools, therefore they will need to be conducted via the telephone. More details will be sent out via ParentPay next week.









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Flu Vaccination Programme

This is a reminder that you will all have received an email regarding the upcoming Flu Vaccinations planned for all primary school children. Please ensure that you have completed the online form which can be found using the following link https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east before the following dates:

- Croscombe = 6th December
- Stoke St Michael = 10th December

School Photos

Please note that the individual and sibling school photos, that were taken on Tuesday this week, are only available for ordering online. Instructions on how to order can be found on the proofs of your child's photo, sent home in their book bags earlier on this week. Once orders are placed, they will be delivered to the school in due course. Remember, if you order within 10 days then there will be no delivery charges.



School Application Deadlines

Please remember that if your child has any younger siblings starting primary school next year that the application deadlines for new primary school places is the 15th January 2022. For more information please visit the Somerset County Council website: www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/#starting-school



Whitstone Experience

Parents of pupils in year 5 and 6 will have received a letter about the upcoming Whitestone subject open afternoons taking place afterschool. This is a reminder for all parents wishing for their child to attend the event follow the instructions set out on the letter received as places are limited. Future subject experience dates include:

- 1st Dec 2021—World Studies
- 13th Jan 2022—Science
- 3rd Feb 2022—English
- 24th Mar 2022— Technology
- 28th Apr 2022—Mathematics
- 22nd June—Health and Performance

Last Day of Term—December 2021

As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Department for Education has provided guidance that schools take this day earlier on in the academic year. Our schools will celebrate this bank holiday and therefore be **closed on Friday 17th December**, meaning that the **last day of term will be Thursday 16th December**. The day will end at the usual time of 3.15pm.

And finally...

There is so much happening over the coming weeks leading up to the festive period so please do read the list of events at the end of each newsletter. These are updated weekly and will keep you informed of what's going on in our school communities. The website is also regularly updated with information and photos so don't forget to look online to see what's going on in school: www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk

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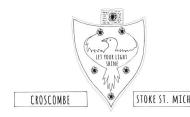




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Dates for the Diary

Stoke St Michael	
Thursday 25th November	Owl Class - Whitstone School Primary Dance Festival
Friday 26th November	Bags2School: Please bring in unwanted clothes, etc at morning drop off, by 9am.
Friday 26th November	Owl & Oaks Class Anglo-Saxon Feast
Friday 26th November	Reception & Acorns Trip to Bris- tol Zoo - Please see ParentPay for payment & details
Week Beginning: 29th November	Remote Parent Consultations - more details to follow.
Sunday 5th December at 3.00pm	Carols & Cakes Concert, St Michael & All Angels Church, SSM: Carol Concert with The Swan Singers - more details to follow!
Wednesday 8th December	The Tale of the Charming Rat: Playground panto from for the school (parents not invited)
Thursday 9th December	School Nativity - More details to follow!
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16th December	Last day of term! 3.15pm finish
Friday 17th December	School Closed for Queen's Plati- num Jubilee bank holiday.
Wednesday 29th December	Deadline for booking school din- ners for the 1st week of term.
Monday 3rd January	New Year's Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th January	INSET Day
Wednesday 5th January	Start of the new term!
Thursday 6th January	Year 5 & 6 start Forest School!

Croscombe	
Thursday 25th November	Yr 5 - Whitstone School Primary Dance Festival
Week Beginning: 29th November	Parent Consultations - more details to follow.
Wednesday 1st December	The Tale of the Charming Rat: Playground panto from for the school (parents not invited)
Friday 3rd December	Conkers Trip to Wells Cathedral School's musical production of A Christmas Carol—more details to follow.
Wednesday 8th December	Acorns Class Nativity: 2pm in Croscombe Village Hall
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16th December	Years 1, 2, 3 and 4's last swimming session
Thursday 16th December	Last day of term! 3.15pm finish
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