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## Federation Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to witness the happiness and joy with which the children have approached their return to school. The classrooms are buzzing with positivity and focused learning and the playgrounds are ringing with laughter and the chatter of old and new friends. The children have been demonstrating a real willingness to try new ideas and skills in their learning as well as exercising some slightly stiff learning muscles. We are so proud of the children's resilience and enthusiasm after their prolonged absence from school. The well-being of the children, staff and wider school communities remains our highest priority and we thank you for your diligence and continued support in ensuring our schools remain places of calm and safety in these challenging times.

### **Next Week**

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception cohorts into school on Monday morning. The settling in sessions went so well this week that we feel confident that our Reception children will make a smooth transition into school life! Here is a reminder of the session times for Reception over the coming weeks:

School starts for Reception class on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Week 1	9am – 11.45am	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Week 2	9am – 11.45am	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>
Week 3	9am – 1pm	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> (With Lunch)

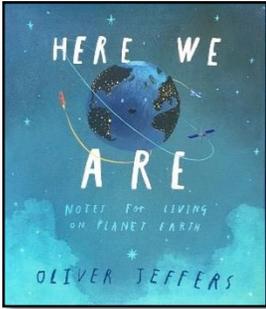
We suggest children bring lunch for week 3, as sometimes familiar foods & home comforts help them to settle in more easily. However, if you would like your child to have a school meal this can be arranged. We encourage you to order our healthy and child friendly school lunches from Week 4.

At this point teachers and parents can assess each child based on their individual readiness to start school full time in week 4.

Week 4	8.45am – 3.05pm	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
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## Here We Are

Our Transition topic across the Federation 'Here We Are' has been a great success. Based on the book *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers the children have loved learning about our planet and our solar system and have had great fun exploring and creating artwork around this topic.



## P.E. Time Table Reminder

Please remember that children need to arrive at school dressed for P.E. on their allocated days. Reception children at Stoke St Michael will also need to come dressed in their PE kits on Friday mornings.

Stoke	Monday PM	Wednesday PM	Friday AM
Lesson 1	Acorns	Oaks	Oaks
Lesson 2	Owls	Owls	Acorns

Croscombe	Tuesday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM
Lesson 1	Conkers	Acorns	Acorns
Lesson 2	Chestnuts	Chestnuts	Conkers

## Forest School

Thank you for sending the children prepared and dressed for Forest School. As the weather becomes wetter, **please could you provide a pair of NAMED wellies and waterproofs in a NAMED plastic bag** for your child to keep in school for the term. Please also make sure that the children are dressed warmly with several layers that they can easily take off/put on as needed.

Finally, can we remind parents that all Forest School payments must be made via your child's account on ParentPay. Please can you ensure these payments are made as soon as possible. Many thanks!

## **Lunches**

We are pleased to let you know that school meals are now available to be booked via ParentPay for all children. The menu for this half term is in your child's account so, as long as you have set up your ParentPay account, you can now order and pay for school meals. All school meal bookings must be made via ParentPay.

## **Office Forms**

You will all have received various forms this week for you to read, update and sign. These forms are extremely important so please can you return the checked and signed forms to the office as soon as possible so that we can ensure our records are up to date.

Many thanks for your continued cooperation!

Best wishes for the coming week,

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