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**4th March 2022**

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It is wonderful to see all your happy faces again after a well needed break. We are sorry that the end to last half term was a bit unexpected due to the strong wind causing havoc. However, we are back and now ready to start the 2nd half of term. There is lots planned for this term with school trips, new topics and heaps more fun!



### World Book Day!

Thursday 3rd March was World Book Day. We really loved to see all of the pupils and staff dressed up as their favorite book characters. Croscombe staff all joined together to have a group costume based on Winnie The Pooh, which was great fun! Did you see any Eeyores? The staff at Stoke St Michael went for a variety of characters.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, encouraged the Federation to take part in a fun reading challenge. The challenge was to send in any pictures of them reading in an unusual place. There was then a vote for the most unusual reading location. Congratulations! Caroline at Croscombe who won a book voucher. Stoke are still waiting on their judging.

### The Beginning of Lent

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, was on 1st March. On this day, traditionally, people would eat pancakes on this day to get rid of any fatty foods before the 40-day fasting season of Lent. It happens the day prior to Ash Wednesday, which is the 1st day of Lent. Christians often give up a food for 40 days as a Lent allows them to remember Jesus's fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline.

To celebrate this holy time of year, Stoke St Michael's PTA hosted an after school pancake day. All of the attending children went into the school hall to enjoy some tasty pancakes for a donation, the donations will then go back to the PTA to support the school. Towards the end of Lent, the PTA are celebrating by having an Easter Disco with crazy Pete planned for Friday 1st April, 6pm - 8pm. All children who are accompanied by an adult are invited with an Easter bonnet competition being held on the night.

### Personal Belongings

As a polite notice, pupils should not be bringing small personal items to school. Items which should not be brought to school includes but is not limited to: toys, special stationary, jewelry, makeup etc. Often if any of these items are misplaced it can cause the pupil great upset, something that we would like to prevent.

During the cold months we know that lip balm is popular to prevent chapped lips. These are considered as medical treatments, therefore they should be handed in to the school office and treated like all other medication. For example, the school will need written instructions administration rules even if it is to be applied as and when needed.

### Cake Sales

On Friday Bluebells had their cake sale and raffle, which was a success. A big thank you goes to all of those that supported the event. This includes those who made a delicious treat or donated a raffle prize to be sold and all of those who bought them.

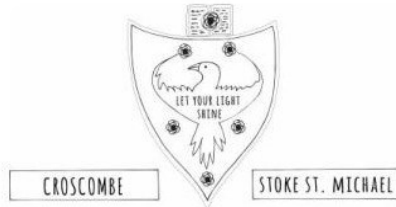
All of the money raised is going back into funding the class' resources and trips.



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## World News Updates

As we are all aware, the world news at the moment is focused on the conflict between the Ukraine and Russia. It is a deeply saddening and worrying situation, our hearts go out to all of those affected by the circumstance. We have collected some tips from below to deal with stressful news.

- Limit news intake—while it is important to stay informed, it can also increase our anxiety and fears.
- Think about the source of the news—try to stick to reliable, trusted news sources that don't engage with the 'what ifs' and spreading incorrect information.
- Tailor social media accounts— we often see lots of news developments and sharing of opinions on social media which can leave you feeling vulnerable. Maybe it is time to unfollow that account or limit the time spent on social media platforms.
- Talk to someone—people often say 'a problem shared is a problem halved'.
- Take action—Activism can be a great antidote to feelings of helplessness. It may be worth supporting charities and causes that matter to you.

Please remember that if you are struggling and we can help, get in touch with the school. We will provide support where we can. Also there are main other places you can get mental help support such as Mindline Somerset.

As a Federation today, we supported Ukraine by wearing yellow and blue which are the same colours as their flag. We also asked for donations to be made to [The Red Cross' Ukraine Appeal](#).

## Croscombe Parking

Whilst we appreciate that parking at school pickup and drop off can be difficult, we would like to remind parents / carers to be considerate of others. We have had complaints from locals about the current situation. The yellow zigzags outside the school are there to keep us all safe, as cars coming from Wells cannot see to get round if they are obstructed. Also please be mindful of blocking entries into people's property. Thank you for your understanding!



## Bambi The Therapy Dog

This week Croscombe pupils were fortunate enough to spend time with Bambi, a gorgeous therapy dog, and her handler Nicki. It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to access the benefits dog therapy is known to have. Don't worry Stoke St Michael families, you have not missed out, Bambi is scheduled to visit the school Wednesday 16th March.

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**Red Nose Day**

On Friday 18th March it is Red Nose Day. We are inviting all pupils to wear a red themed mufti to school to celebrate. If you are in a position to donate to Comic Relief, please donate using the voluntary payment items on ParentPay.

**Save Your Stamps!**

This is a final call for any stamps to be given to Mrs. Amor to help raise money for RNIB. The charity raise £20 per kilogram of stamps received. All stamps will be sent off at the end of next week, after which Mrs Amor will no longer be collecting stamps. Thank you to all of those who have already bought some in.

**Diary Dates**

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
<b>Tuesday 8th March</b>	Jackdaws Drama Workshop - Acorns Morning	<b>Tuesday 8th March</b>	Jackdaws Drama Workshop— Acorns Afternoon
<b>Tuesday 8th March</b>	RIC (Retrieve , Interpret and Choice) training session for <b>KS2</b> parents / carers with Mrs Foord	<b>Tuesday 8th March</b>	RIC (Retrieve , Interpret and Choice) training session for <b>KS2</b> parents / carers with Mrs Hooper
<b>Tuesday 8th March</b>	International Women's Day!	<b>Tuesday 8th March</b>	International women's day!
<b>Friday 18th March</b>	Red Nose Day! Red themed mufti	<b>Thursday 17th March</b>	Acorns class trip to the Rural Life Museum
<b>Monday 21st March</b>	World Poetry Day!	<b>Friday 18th March</b>	Red Nose Day! Red themed mufti
<b>Friday 1st April</b>	PTA Easter Disco with crazy Pete. 6pm - 8pm. Adult to accompany pupils.	<b>Monday 21st March</b>	World Poetry Day!



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