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1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The glorious warm weather of last weekend may have past for the time being but we have had another busy and creative week across the Federation. With only one week until the end of the Spring term and the beginning of the Easter Holiday, we are continuing to keep up the wonderful learning momentum that has been so evident over the last six weeks.

We also wanted to thank all the Crocombe parents/carers and the wider village community who attended the open meeting at the school on Tuesday afternoon to raise awareness of the possibility of Ukrainian children joining the school over the coming weeks. The support and encouragement you all showed was such a wonderful example of our community helping others to Let Their Light Shine!

Buddy Benches

This week Stoke St Michael received two Buddy Benches made by the Midsomer Norton [Men's Shed](#) Charity. The charity encourages men to connect, converse and create within the community. One of their activities is to create colourful Buddy Benches for school playgrounds.



These benches are intended to provide a safe place in the playground where any child who feels lonely or bullied can sit on the bench. All children and staff are encouraged to befriend and if required console any child sitting there alone. It is a wonderful way for the children to recognise the needs of their friends and to promote empathy and compassion.

Thank you to the PTA who very kindly purchased the benches!

Easter Celebration at Crocombe

This is a reminder that next Wednesday 6th April, Crocombe School has planned a number of fun Easter celebrations that they hope the children will get involved with.

Easter Bonnet Competition

We would love the children to create their own Easter bonnet/hat. This could be completely home-made or involve attaching items to an existing hat. Please could the children bring their creations in on that Wednesday morning with a 50p entry fee. There will be a first place prize and a runner up prize for each class. All children entering will receive a small chocolate egg (or alternative).



Celebration Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade (and prize giving) 2:45pm in the school hall

Our usual celebration assembly will be moved to the afternoon on this day. As well as our usual certificates we will also be presenting the prizes for the Easter Bonnet Competition and be singing some Easter songs. Please join us if you can.

Easter Themed Cake Sale (3:15pm)



Chestnuts Class will be hosting an Easter Cake Sale (to raise funds for class resources). Please bring all edible donations to the school office on Wednesday morning and come and grab yourself an Easter treat at the end of the day in the playground. We can't wait to see what the children will create and hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

Acorns @Stoke Easter Cake Sale



There will also be an Easter themed cake sale at Stoke St Michael on **Friday 8th April, from 3:00pm** to raise money for Acorns class. Edible donations would be most appreciated!

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Art Bytes

We are excited to let you know about an art project and national competition that the children in Owl Class at Stoke have taken part in this term. Art Bytes is a NEW, national programme for primary, secondary and SEN schools, combining an inter-school art competition with a virtual gallery and augmented reality technology.



Three of our pupils have been shortlisted and now need your vote! The winning artwork from each school with the most public votes will win a place in the Art Bytes virtual exhibition. To view our virtual gallery and to place your vote please visit the Art Bytes: website www.artbytes.co.uk

Stoke St Michael Swimming Sessions & Bluebells PE

When we return after the Easter Holiday years 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Stoke school will be going to the Dragonfly Leisure Centre in Midsomer Norton **every Thursday morning** for weekly swimming lessons. The children will travel via coach to the pool and will need to come with their named swimming gear ready for the session. Please can you ensure payments for these sessions are made via ParentPay on your child's account as soon as possible.



We are also looking for a male parent/carer volunteer to accompany the children to their swimming lessons every Thursday morning and to supervise the boys. If you are able to help please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can complete all the necessary safeguarding checks. You will not need to get into the water! Thank you.

As years 1 – 4 will be swimming next term, they will not be doing PE on Fridays so should come to school in their school uniform. Our Bluebells Reception and pre-school children will continue to have PE every Friday morning for the whole of the summer term.

Forest School

Next term years 1 and Reception at Croscombe and Bluebells Reception and pre-school at Stoke will be attending Forest School. We should now have received more information and consent forms next week so please do complete and return them as soon as possible.



Bluebells Stay and Play Session

On Wednesday 27th April at 9.30am, Bluebells are inviting **all families** with young children to a Stay & Play session in Bluebells class. For more information please contact the school office and do feel free to share the date with friends and family who might be looking for a fantastic preschool in a lovely rural setting!

Head Lice & Nits

We have had a case of nits reported in both schools and are therefore asking that all parents be vigilant with checking and treating your children's hair. Please note that head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please treat head lice as soon as you spot them! For more advice on how to get rid of head lice go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

New Governors

We wanted to say a warm welcome to all of our new Governors who have recently joined our Federation; Wendy Bower, Rupert Page and Anna Hay (Parent Governor for Croscombe School), as well as Kathryn Strik the new Clerk to Governors. If you would like to contact any of our Governing body please just let the office know and we can facilitate this for you.

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Spring Challenge

Between the 1st and 30th of April, Doodle are running two exciting Spring Challenges — the Doodle-Maths Challenge and DoodleEnglish Challenge! For more information please see the attached poster.



Outstanding Payments

This is a polite reminder that for many of our activities including Forest School, trips and Wraparound Care we rely on parent/carers to pay promptly any associated costs. If you have any outstanding payment items on ParentPay we would be grateful if you could ensure these are paid as soon as possible.



We would also ask that all outstanding fees for Bluebells Nursery children are paid by then end of this term at the latest. If you are unsure about whether you have any outstanding fees please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Easter Activities



Mr D's Holiday Club

Mr D's Easter Holiday club is running again! If you are interested and would like further information or would like to book please contact evosports7@gmail.com

Holly & Hawthorn Club

If you are interested and would like further information about the Holly & Hawthorn Easter Holiday Club, please contact Kaye on smforestschoo@yahoo.co.uk or via text on 0748476834

Inclusive Activities

Please see the attached **Easter Inclusion Calendar** of fun activities for children and young people who have a disability or additional need.

And Finally....

With only a week left before the well earned Easter break, we would encourage you all to take a moment to think about all those who are in a less fortunate position than us. The war in the Ukraine and the possible arrival of refugees to our school and village communities is a sobering thought and reminds us of how much we have to be grateful for; home, family, safety and freedom!



*Dear God,
We bring before you our cares and concerns,
for our world, for our community, for our friends, our family, ourselves,
we pray for wisdom to guide our actions, calm to still our minds, peace to fill our hearts,
that we may be people of peace, reflecting your love and light into the cares and concerns of our world
even amidst the chaos of conflict – internal or external, may peace, light and love fill hearts and minds today.
Amen*

**Best wishes,
Mel Vincent & Bill Moore
Co Head Teachers**

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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Tuesday 5th April	Celebration Assembly	Wednesday 6th April	Easter Bonnet Competition
Friday 8th April	Acorns Class Easter Cake Sale. 3:00pm	Wednesday 6th April	Celebration Assembly & Easter Bonnet Parade. 2:45pm
Friday 8th April	Last Day of Term! 3:15pm Finish	Wednesday 6th April	Chestnuts Class Easter Cake Sale. 3:15pm
Friday 15th April	Good Friday	Friday 8th April	Last Day of Term! 3:15pm Finish
Sunday 17th April	Easter Sunday	Friday 15th April	Good Friday
Monday 25th April	First Day of Term!	Sunday 17th April	Easter Sunday
Wednesday 27th April	Stay and Play Session at Bluebells.	Monday 25th April	First Day of Term! 3:15pm Finish
Thursday 28th April	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 swimming lessons start!	Wednesday 27th April	Reception & Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 28th April	Bluebells Reception & Preschool Forest School starts.	Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday
Friday 29th April	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6	Wednesday 18th May	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday		

Croscombe Activity Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chestnuts - PE	Yrs 1&R - Forest School	Conkers - PE	Acorns - PE

Stoke St Michael Activity Calendar Summer Term 2022				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Acorns & Bluebells - PE Owls - PE		Oaks - PE Owls - PE	Yrs 1-4 - Swimming Bluebells Reception & Nursery - Forest School	Bluebells Reception & Nursery - PE

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