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10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a fun and restful half term and are ready for Term 6—it's going to be a busy one. We have trips, fun days, performances, sports days, leavers assemblies, and much more so do read the Diary Dates section at the end of the newsletter each week to keep up to date with all of our activities.



Bluebells Early Years

Our Bluebells Early Years Unit at Stoke has been successfully up and running since September. This nurturing Unit is the combination of our Reception and Preschool children who are now taught in a teacher led class environment that is specifically aimed at the Early Years curriculum (Pre-School and Reception).

Having successfully modelled this at Stoke we are delighted to announce that we are recruiting for an Early Years Foundation Stage Teacher at Croscombe (please see our [Federation Vacancy](#) page). The new teacher will be responsible for the learning and development of our Reception children. They will help to ensure that the essential early building blocks for academic progress are securely embedded in an intimate and nurturing classroom to ensure that our pupils have every opportunity to 'let their light shine'.



We are incredibly lucky in our Federation to have such amazing staff/pupil ratios which are proven to improve academic achievement as the ability to spend more time with each child allows teachers to get to know their personal strengths and learning styles, ensuring that their individual needs are met. We are confident that by creating a Bluebell class in Croscombe we will be securing the best outcomes for all of our children from the moment they start at our schools.

Playground Projects

We are sure you will have noticed the new fence that has been put up to screen the playground at Croscombe. It has already significantly reduced the noise pollution from the road and over time we will be adding planting, playground games and display boards to soften and improve the playground experience for the children.



At Stoke our 'build your own bird boxes' have now been delivered and each class will be assembling theirs over the coming weeks. We have also had our wildlife cameras delivered and we are hoping that these will be set up shortly so the children can start studying and learning about the animals we share our school grounds with.

Once again thank you to everyone who walked, fundraised and sponsored last years *40 For The Federation!* walk. All of the money raised is being used to help fund these projects so please do support this years walk so we can continue to fund these fantastic resources. To donate please go to:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022

Free NHS Covid-19 Webinar



The COVID-19 vaccine is available for all children from 5 years-old. To help carers, guardians and parents decide what's best for their children, the DfE are partnering with the NHS in London and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums to answer questions and give expert advice on the COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens.

The [webinar](#) will take place on Friday 10 June from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Simply click the link for more details.

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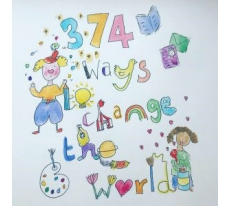
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374 Ways to Change the World Production

The letter has been sent out with more details about an exciting performance that our Conkers and Owl classes are working towards. *374 Ways to Change the World* is a collaborative performance between six local schools and Make the Sunshine CiC, and the performance will feature over 150 children.



The play has been created from workshops with children across the six schools – and nearly all the words are the children's ideas – so we hope this will be a truly unique piece of theatre and a fantastic opportunity for the children in our Federation to 'let their light shine'. The play shares ways in which the children would like to change the world, and features work made with professional dancers, theatre practitioners, puppet makers and artists.

- Dress Rehearsal at St Paul's Tuesday 12th July 3:30-6pm
- Final Event: Friday 15th July Two shows at 5pm and 6:45pm (doors open 6:40pm)

Please ensure that you have read the letter with all the details about the show and signed and returned the consent form by Wednesday the July. Thank you.

Sports Day



This year our sports days will be held on the following dates:

- **Stoke: Wednesday 13th July**
- **Croscombe: Thursday 14th July.**

Further details will be sent out after Half Term. All parents and carers are welcome.

Downside Outdoors Adventure Day

Our Years 5 and 6 children had a fantastic day yesterday taking part in the Downside Outdoors Activity day. Archery, team games, CCF experience and much more were all laid on for the pupils, as well as plentiful amounts of food and refreshments. They children were kept busy all day and had a wonderful time. Our thanks go to Downside School for their generosity in hosting the event.

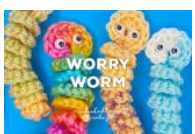


Collett Park Day

This Saturday is Collett Park Day, an annual event celebrating the best of Shepton Mallet and the surrounding area. This year Rev Gill, Pioneer Priest in the Arts, who has worked on art projects with many of the children across the Federation will be in the 'Drawing On' tent. Everyone is welcome to join her to participate in a creative project for Somerset Arts Week. <https://collettparkday.co.uk/>



Worry Worms



Can you crochet? Our ELSAs are asking for anyone who can to make some 'Worry Worms'. Guidance is on the video link here: [Crochet Worry Worm Pattern | Random Acts of Crochet Kindness](#) and we have spare wool if needed. The worms will be given to any children needing additional emotional support across the Federation. Thank you.

Frozen Fridays

Every Friday for the rest of the term Ice Lollies will be on sale at both schools to raise fund for resources. Please do bring along your pennies to support the sale.



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Year 6 Leavers

This year's Leavers Trip will be to the Mendip Activity Centre on Monday 18th July. The children will have a fun filled day doing watersport activities. More details will be sent very soon so watch this space.



Our Leavers Assembly, Service and Parties will be held on:

- Leavers Pizza & Bowling **Croscombe**: Thursday 21st July leaving school at 1:00pm & returning at 6:00pm
- Leavers Service **Croscombe**: Monday 25th July at 10:00am, St Mary The Virgin Church, Croscombe
- Leavers Assembly **Stoke**: Tuesday 26th July at 1.30pm, Stoke St Michael School
- Leavers Party **Stoke**: Details to follow soon.
- Leavers Hoodies will be given out during Celebration Assembly week beginning 27th June.

All parents and carers welcome!

Reuse & Recycle - Cardboard Tubes Needed

Mrs. Amor and Conkers' class are asking for your kitchen roll cardboard tubes (not loo rolls). They need as many as possible please for a class project. Thank you.



40 For The Federation 2022

If you are ready for a challenge that will get you outdoors & help boost your mental health and you would like to help raise money for our Federation and Mind in Somerset, please **REGISTER** at www.mindsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/



Or donate via our JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40fortheFederation2022

And Finally....

This time last week many of us were celebrating and watching the Jubilee Events unfold. It was a wonderful week-end celebrating British Values, selfless leadership and community spirit. We particularly liked watching the Queen and Paddington Bear share afternoon tea in the Palace. It was a heart warming moment that has inspired this weeks final thought from Paddington's very own Aunt Lucy:

"If we're kind and polite, the world will be right."

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



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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Friday 17th June	PTA Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday at 3:15pm	Friday 17th June	Frozen Fridays Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday from 3:00pm
Friday 24th June	Inset Day	Thursday 23rd June	Whitstone School Transition Visit Yr. 6
Friday 1st July	Wrong Trouser day	Friday 24th June	Inset Day
Saturday 2nd July	Stoke Summer Fair	Friday 1st July	Wrong Trouser day
Tuesday 5th July	Owl Class visit to Glastonbury Abbey. More details to be sent out soon.	Wednesday 6th July	Year 6 Induction Day Visit to the Blue School.
Wednesday 6th July	Bluebells visit to the Earth Science Centre 9:45-11:45am. More details to be sent out soon.	Tuesday 12th July	374 Ways To Change the World Production Rehearsal: 3:30-5:00pm St Pauls School, Shepton Mallet
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Monday 18th July	Owl Class Trip to Mendip Activity Centre	Thursday 21st July	Leavers Pizza & Bowling: 1:00pm-6:00pm
Friday 22nd July	Federation Geography Day	Friday 22nd July	Federation Geography Day
Monday 25th July	Owl Class Cops & Robbers Day: Pupils in Yr5&6 to dress up as either a 'cop' or a 'robber' to finish their learning this term. Lots of crime-themed activities will take place!	Monday 25th July	Leavers Service: 10:00am, St Mary's Church Croscombe
Tuesday 26th July	Leavers Assembly: 1:30pm. Parents/Carers welcome.		

Croscombe Activity Calendar Summer Term 2022				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chestnuts - PE	Yrs 1&R - Forest School	Conkers - PE	Acorns - PE

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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