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8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been with our first sports days since the beginning of the pandemic that parents and carers have been able to attend. It was a delight to be able to welcome so many of you to our schools to watch and support the children. We particularly enjoyed our leavers races which were great fun to watch!



As you may have noticed, we have also been experiencing some unusually hot weather and we wanted to thank you all for your continued vigilance in keeping your children sun-safe. Please do read the section further on in the letter that gives some useful advice and tips on how to keep safe in extreme heat.

Thank you

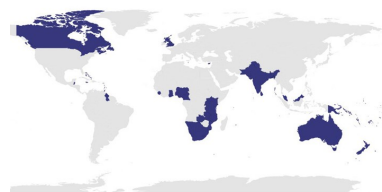
We want to say a special thank you to Mr. D for all of his hard work over the this term planning, preparing and organising our sports days. We also wanted to mention and thank all of the sports captains who did a fantastic job helping and supporting all of the children and events. It was a fantastic experience and we are very grateful for all of your hard work.



Geography Day

This summer Birmingham is set to host the Commonwealth Games from 28th July to 8th August. With this in mind, we will be holding a **Federation Geography Day on Friday 22nd July**.

Each class will focus on a different **Commonwealth country** to research on the day and they will be taking a virtual trip to their Commonwealth country, experiencing the physical and human geography and then creating a wonderful display. Please can all children come to school in mufti with an empty wheelee suitcase, rucksack or overnight bag, their hat and their sunglasses as if they were going on holiday.



The commonwealth countries that each class will be focussing on are:

Crocombe		Stoke St Michael	
◇	Acorns: Scotland	◇	Bluebells: India
◇	Chestnuts: India	◇	Acorns: Australia
◇	Conkers: France (with a link to Canada)	◇	Oaks: Namibia
		◇	Owls: Canada (with a link to France)

Leavers Activities

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

- **Crocombe & Stoke Trip: Monday 18th July**, Mendip Activity Centre
- **Crocombe Pizza & Bowling: Thursday 21st July** leaving school at 1:00pm & returning at 6:00pm
- **Crocombe Service: Monday 25th July at 10:00am**, St Mary The Virgin Church, Crocombe
- **Crocombe Assembly: Tuesday 26th July at 9.15am** in the school hall - everyone is invited
- **Stoke Party: Wednesday 20th July at 3:15pm**, the whole school is invited (all children to be accompanied by an adult), hotdogs and refreshments available (free to Yr 6), Mr D. will be organizing a cricket match
- **Stoke Assembly: Tuesday 26th July at 1:30pm**, Stoke St Michael School



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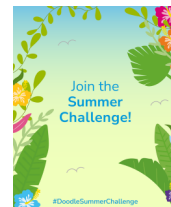


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Doodle Summer Challenge

Between the 1st of July and the 31st of August, Doodle are running two exciting Summer Challenges — **the DoodleMaths Challenge and DoodleEnglish Challenge!** Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, helping to top up your child's learning and prepare them for the next school year. Best of all, they can earn a FREE pin badge and certificate by taking part!



For more information please see the attached leaflet or visit:

www.doodlelearning.com/challenge.

Bluebells Beach Day

Bluebells class will be having a **'Beach Day' at school on Monday 18th July** to celebrate the end of our 'Under the Salty Sea' theme as well as a celebration of our year together as a class. Please can all children come to school in cool beach clothes as well as the following:

- hat
- sunglasses
- several changes of clothes
- sun cream for re-application
- beach towel
- an additional named carrier bag for wet clothes
- beach bucket if possible
- photo of themselves on the beach



They will be exploring water play in an attempt to keep cool during the morning activities so please ensure your child has several changes of clothes in a named bag. They will also have a picnic and ice lollies! Children will be able to engage in the ice-cream shop role play and pretend to go camping. It will be fun day for all the children.

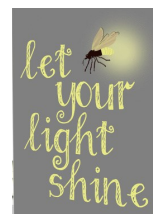
Crocombe Acorns Teddy Bears Picnic



On Thursday 21st July the children in **Acorns Class at Crocombe** are invited to bring in a favourite teddy or cuddly toy as they will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic from 1.15-3.00pm at the school playing field. Parents and carers are welcome to join the class at **2.30pm** at the field to share this event and walk back to school with the children ready for 3.15pm departure. If the weather is not suitable for a picnic outside it will be held in school and you will be very welcome to join the class there.

374 Ways To Change The World

We want to wish all of the children who are taking part in tonight's performance of *374 Ways to Change the World* all the very best of luck! You have all worked so hard and we are extremely proud of your efforts over the past week. We know you will all **'let your light shine'** tonight and represent our schools beautifully.



Cardboard Requests

Conkers Class are still in need of cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) and cereal boxes. If you have any of these items for the exciting class projects please drop them into the school office and we will make sure they make it to the right place. 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. On Friday 15th July Stoke will also be holding an office stationary sale to raise funds for ELSA resources.



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40 For The Federation 2022

It is not too late to register for this fantastic challenge! This year we are partnering with Mind in Somerset helping to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health as well as our physical health. If you would like to support our Federation schools and this excellent local charity please do sign up for one of the walks:

- **14 Mile Live Route 24th September** - starting and ending at Stoke School (age 16+)
- **26 Mile Live Route 24th September** - starting and ending at Stoke School but also passing through Crocombe School (age 16+)
- **26 Mile Virtual Route 1st-26th September** - Walk 26 miles over 26 days (open to all ages)



The Live events are £40 per person to enter. The Virtual event is £20 for an individual adult or £40 for a family (1 adult & 2 children). If you are unsure or would like more information please, do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to David or Tamsyn Richardson-Aitken (Tam is available at Crocombe every Friday). Thank you for your support.

To register go to www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/ or to donate please visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022

Hot Weather Warning

With predictions of record breaking hot weather next week and warnings in place across the country we wanted to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to keep the children cool and sun-safe whilst they are at school. We will be allowing children to play outside at breaktime but restricting it to shady areas and 'quiet play' activities such as colouring, reading and playing with toys. We also ask that you continue to ensure your child has a hat, sun cream and water bottle with them at school.



Here are also some excellent tips for staying safe when the hot weather arrives. These include:

- look out for those who may struggle to keep themselves cool and hydrated – older people, those with underlying conditions and those who live alone are particularly at risk
- stay cool indoors by closing curtains on rooms that face the sun – and remember that it may be cooler outdoors than indoors
- drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol
- never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle, especially infants, young children or animals
- check that fridges, freezers and fans are working properly
- try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm, when the UV rays are strongest
- walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a wide-brimmed hat if you have to go out in the heat
- avoid physical exertion in the hottest parts of the day
- make sure you take water with you if you are travelling
- take care and make sure to [follow local safety advice](#) if you are going into water to cool down
- check medicines can be stored according to the instructions on the packaging

And for more advice please visit: www.gov.uk/government/news/heat-health-alert-issued-by-the-uk-health-security-agency

Parent Thank You

We wanted to say thank you to the kind Ukrainian family at Crocombe who paid for all the children to have an ice lolly. This generous gesture was in remembrance of their grandmother who passed away 40 days previously and marks a lovely tradition that celebrates the life and passing of a loved one.



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And Finally....

With just over a week left until the end of term and with still so much to cram in, we wanted to encourage you all to 'keep going' and to thank you for all of your help and support in motivating your children. We know how draining the heat is and that it can be hard in these last days to stay focused, but we are extremely proud of all the children and their perseverance. Please do stay safe in the sun over the weekend and we look forward to seeing you for our last full week on Monday.

Dear Lord, grant me the energy to complete all that lies ahead. Refresh my body, my mind and my spirit.

Grant me enthusiasm, determination and energy for all that needs to be done.

*And help me to be kind and gentle to those around me, even when I am tired and weary,
 so that I can always let my light shine. Amen*

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

Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Crocombe	
Every Friday	PTA Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday at 3:15pm	Every Friday	Frozen Fridays Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday from 3:00pm
Friday 15th July	374 Ways To Change the World Production: 5:00pm & 6:45pm	Friday 15th July	374 Ways To Change the World Production Performance: 5:00 & 6:45pm
Sunday 17th July	Sunday Stokers 10.30am-12.00pm	Monday 18th July	Yr. 6 Trip to Mendip Activity Centre
Monday 18th July	Owl Class Trip to Mendip Activity Centre	Thursday 21st July	Acorns Class Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday 20th July	Leavers Party: 3:15pm	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 Crocombe
Tuesday 26th July	Leavers Assembly: 1:30pm. Parents/Carers welcome.	Tuesday 26th July	Last day of term - School closes at 3.15pm
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[Academic School Calendar.](#)

