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**16th December 2021**

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

We made it! The end of term has arrived, bringing a well deserved break after a hectic term building up to the festive period. Thank you to everyone, pupils, parents and staff alike for all their hard work; it is very much appreciated!



A special shout out has to go to FOCS and the PTA for all their support this term! They have helped to fund trips, crackers and resources that have all gone to benefitting the children's development and learning. Thank you!

We would like to remind you that we continue to follow Somerset County Council's **Amber** Covid-19 guidance for schools. All schools in Somerset have been directed to maintain the current restrictions until the end of term. We are very disappointed that we have not been able to allow parents in school for our festivities, however given the high number of cases in our area we know that this is the safest arrangement for the time being. We will let you know as soon as we can, of any restrictions that may be in place for the new year.

### **Croscombe Church Service**

On Tuesday this week, Croscombe School made the short walk over to St Mary the Virgin Church for a small service with Reverend Chris. The children sang carols such as 'Away in a Manger', 'Hark the Herald Angels sing' and 'We wish you a merry Christmas'. It was a lovely festive experience of collective worship!



### **Stoke St Michael Class Parties**

On the last day of term, each of the classes had a class bubble Christmas party. A big thank you has to go to the PTA for generously giving each class at Stoke St Michael a Christmas Party Pack. This was an alternative to not being able to have the usual Christmas Disco due to rising Covid cases. The bubble parties were filled with fun, festive treats and friends!



### **Croscombe Christmas Carols**

On Wednesday this week, Croscombe parents and carers were invited to a socially distanced carol service. This outdoor performance took place at the school playing field. It was well attended and Covid guidelines were followed—thank you!

### **School Application Deadlines**

Please remember that if your child is starting primary school next year the application deadline for school places is the 15th January 2022.

For more information please visit the Somerset County Council website [www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/#starting-school](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/#starting-school) or the Somerset School Admissions Facebook page [@Somersetschooladmission](https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmission)

### **School Dinners**

For those who want their child(ren) to have school dinners for the new term, please remember that the deadline to book is **Midnight Wednesday 29th December**. If there are any problems booking hot dinners, please email [croscombe@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:croscombe@educ.somerset.gov.uk) before this date.

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### Save Your Stamps!

Mrs Amor is collecting stamps, both new and used, to help raise money for RNIB. Over the next term we will be accepting stamps at both schools, which will be sent to the charity who raise £20 per kilogramme of stamps received. New, old, British or foreign; they want them all.



For more information on how it works, see their website: [www.rnib.org.uk/donations-and-fundraising/fundraising-your-community/stamps-appeal](http://www.rnib.org.uk/donations-and-fundraising/fundraising-your-community/stamps-appeal)

### Croscombe Forest School

Please note that from the new term starting in January, Forest school will be on a Friday afternoon and not on a Wednesday.

### Christmas Holiday Club

Please find attached information regarding Mr.D's Christmas holiday club taking place at Stoke St Michael Primary School! If you are interested please contact [evosports7@gmail.com](mailto:evosports7@gmail.com)

### Facebook

This is a reminder that both schools have recently started new Facebook pages! We are planning to phase out the old public pages by the February half term. We will be posting updates including upcoming events at the schools, children's learning, pictures of their activities and any relevant information such as the weekly newsletters. Links to the new pages are below so make sure you 'like' us!



- [www.facebook.com/croscombecofeprimary](https://www.facebook.com/croscombecofeprimary)
- [www.facebook.com/StokeStMichaelPrimary](https://www.facebook.com/StokeStMichaelPrimary)

### Start of Term Date

The new term will start on **Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 8.45am**. We look forward to seeing everyone bright eyed and bushy tailed after the Christmas break.

### Finally...

Please take care of yourselves over this festive period and try to have some rest, even if it seems impossibly busy. There are many useful tools out there with advice on how to be kind to yourselves. This includes [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk), mental health app such as Calm or NHS' distract and the attached flyer.



If you need some support over the holiday you can always reach out to Mindline Somerset. Please also remember that you can always reach out to us at the school either via the school email or through the class teachers or school office.

*Dear God,  
Thank you for sending Jesus to be the light of the world and to shine your light to the world.  
Amen*

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Mel Vincent & Bill Moore**  
Co- Head Teachers

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**Dates for the Diary**

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Friday 17th December	<b>School Closed for Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday.</b>	Friday 17th December	<b>School Closed for Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday.</b>
Friday 24th December	St Michael & All Angels Crib Service, 4pm	Sunday 19th December	St Mary the Virgin, Croscombe, Carol Service 4pm
Saturday 25th December	St Michael & All Angels Family Christmas Communion Service, 10am	Saturday 25th December	St Mary the Virgin, Croscombe, Christmas Family Communion 11am
Wednesday 29th December	Deadline for booking school dinners for the 1st week of term.	Wednesday 29th December	Deadline for booking school dinners for the 1st week of term.
Monday 3rd January	New Year's Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd January	New Year's Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th January	INSET Day	Tuesday 4th January	INSET Day
Wednesday 5th January	<b>Start of the Spring term!</b>	Wednesday 5th January	<b>Start of the Spring term!</b>
Thursday 13th January	Year 5 & 6 start Forest School!	Friday 14th January	Year 3 & 4 start Forest School!
Friday 18th February	Last day before half term!	Friday 18th February	Last day before half term!

**Dates for the Diary: Please note that we will do everything we can to ensure that the dates above are correct however, with rising cases of COVID-19 in our area, they may be subject to change. Thank you for your understanding.**



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