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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has definitely felt as if summer has finally arrived. The weather has been glorious, the children are all training for sports day, and the surrounding areas are bracing themselves for Glastonbury next week.



Please don't forget that we have an INSET day next Friday 24th June therefore the Federation schools will not be open for the children. We use our INSET days to focus on staff training and to further progress Schools Development Plan (SDP). Next week we will be providing additional training on the Read Write Inc., Talk For Writing and Maths Mastery teaching styles.

Sun Safety

The British summer is a fickle thing but whilst the sun shines please do ensure that you follow this helpful advice from the British Skin Foundation:

- Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection
- Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating (children are welcome to bring in to school a named bottle of sunscreen to reapply to themselves at lunch time).
- No sunscreen offers 100% protection so cover up with a wide brimmed hat to protect the neck, ears and face.
- Wear sunglasses, ideally with wrap around lenses or wide arms, which carry CE and British Standard marks.



And of course, please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them everyday as it is vital for health and learning to stay well hydrated.

School Trips

Over the coming weeks we have several trips planned for our pupils across the Federation. Trips are a vital part of our curriculum that we have not been able to offer over the past couple of years due to the Pandemic. We are therefore delighted that these opportunities are back.

Being immersed in information and being involved in visual and practical experiences helps our children remember, learn and understand subjects. They help reinforce classroom materials, bringing lessons to life and they give students the opportunity to visualise, experience and discuss information on a subject. Educational trips also encourage the development of social, personal and study skills and children have the opportunity to be creative and display leadership qualities.

- ◆ **Chestnuts & Oaks: Monday 4th July - Tutankhamun Exhibition**
- ◆ **Owl Class: Tuesday 5th July - Glastonbury Abbey**
- ◆ **Bluebells EY Unit: Wednesday 6th July - Earth Science Centre**
- ◆ **Conkers & Owls: Monday 18th July - Mendip Activity Centre**
- ◆ **Federation Acorns & Bluebell Classes: Aquarium Trip - details to be confirmed**



All of these trips are being generously subsidized by the PTA, FOCs and grants however, in order to run these trips we do need the additional contributions of parents / carers. Please ensure that you check your child's ParentPay account for any outstanding payment items and clear the balances as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or the school office. We are working hard on further details and will send them as soon as possible.

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Sports Day

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

- **Stoke: Wednesday 13th July**
- **Crocombe: Thursday 14th July**



Sports Day is a fun opportunity for the children to come together in their House Teams and showcase their PE skills. We ask that children come into school wearing a t-shirt in their house colours—red, blue, green or yellow. Please feel free to contact the school office if you are not sure which house your child is in. All parents and carers are invited to come and spectate, cheer and celebrate with the children (more details to follow soon).

Downside Outdoors Adventure Day

We hope that the children who attended the Downside Activity Day told you all about the fun activities they got up, but just in case they didn't here are some lovely quotes from the feedback we had in school about what they learnt:

- 'In archery you stood in a very specific way'
- 'In the Navy puzzle you had to communicate'
- 'We did a patrol and RV (rendez vous)'
- 'We learned dye can come from flowers; we got home and tried it and it worked'
- 'The bread was amazing!'



Photos from the day are now up on the website so do have a look at the [Latest News](#) pages.

Stoke PTA Events

There will be a **mufti day** on **Thursday 23rd June** for the children at Stoke. Please can parents bring in 'payment' of a bottle for the Tombola for the Summer Fair; it can contain anything (alcohol, toiletries, sauces, soft drinks etc) but it must be in date and un-opened. The PTA will be at the gates at drop off and pick up to collect all donations. Thank you.

The Stoke **Summer Fair** is back and will be held on **2nd July from 2pm-5pm** on the school playing field. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be lots of fun activities including a bouncy castle, coconut shy, hook a duck, face painting, barbeque and bar, refreshments, games and much more! If you would like to host a stall at the fair (£5 per stall) please contact the PTA on: stokepta@yahoo.com.



Finally, the PTA are asking for volunteers to help on the day. If you are able to offer an hour or two please contact the PTA via email or speak to Lucy at the school gates. All of the PTA events are dependant on volunteers so please do support them to ensure they can continue to raise essential funds for the school. Thank you.

Friends of Crocombe School (FOCS) News

We are sad to announce that Shaun Horan, Chair of the FOCS is standing down from his role. We would like to thank Shaun for all of his time and work over several very tricky years for the FOCS and we hope that he will continue to support our school community. Thank you.



We are therefore urgently looking for a new FOCS committee to take over as soon as possible. If you are interested, please do contact Mr Moore or the school office as soon as possible. **Your school needs 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 sales.



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Leavers Activities

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

- **Crocombe & Stoke** Leavers Trip: Monday 18th July, Mendip Activity Centre
- Leavers Pizza & Bowling **Crocombe**: Thursday 21st July leaving school at 1:00pm & returning at 6:00pm
- Leavers Service **Crocombe**: Monday 25th July at 10:00am, St Mary The Virgin Church, Crocombe
- Leavers Party **Stoke**: 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
- Leavers Assembly **Stoke**: Tuesday 26th July at 1:30pm, Stoke St Michael School
- **Crocombe & Stoke** Leavers Hoodies will be given out during Celebration Assembly week beginning 27th June.



All parents and carers welcome!

Cardboard Needed

Ms. Foord and Owl class need a giant/huge cardboard box and 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

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up and started training for this years 40FTF walk. If you would like to take part please go to www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/ to register. This year there are 3 different walk options available:



- **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 to speak to David or Tamsyn Richardson-Aitken (Tam is available at Crocombe every Friday).

Last year we raised over £6000 for our Federation. If we are going to match that we need everyone's support so please do sign up, fundraise or sponsor our amazing participants! To **donate** via our JustGiving page please go to: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022

And Finally....

This Sunday 19th June is Father's Day. We want to wish all the fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers and father-figures a very happy and blessed day. Thank you for all you do to nurture and inspire us all.

Our Father in heaven, you have invited us to pray to you as our Father, that we may pray boldly and confidently to you. We pray for fathers. Give them wisdom. Give them patience. Give them the ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Bless them in their fatherhood and keep them and all they love and care for safe. Amen.



**Best wishes,
Mel Vincent & Bill Moore**

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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Every Friday	PTA Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday at 3:15pm	Every Friday	Frozen Fridays Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday from 3:00pm
Thursday 23rd June	Mufti Day - bring a bottle for the Tombola	Saturday 18th June	Croscombe Charter Market, School Playing Field
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
Monday 4th July	Oaks Trip to Tutankhamun Exhibition	Monday 4th July	Chestnuts Trip to Tutankhamun Exhibition
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.
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Friday 22nd July	Federation Geography Day	Monday 25th July	Leavers Service: 10:00am, St Mary's Church Croscombe
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!		
Tuesday 26th July	Leavers Assembly: 1:30pm. Parents/ Carers welcome.		