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21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been across the Federation with crisp mornings and glorious sunshine! While temperatures are hovering around the frozen region, we hope that everybody is taking care and getting to school safely. If you are going to be late please make sure that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Don't forget to keep up to date with all our exciting news on the website and by following our Facebook pages. We post regular 'Latest News' updates and photos of the wonderful activities and work the children have been doing throughout the week.

Covid Guidelines Reminder

This is a reminder that we are still following the latest COVID-19 guidance from the Secretary of State for Education and Somerset County Council. All schools in Somerset have been directed to maintain the **Amber** restrictions until the end of next week. We will provide an update with our Federation's approach to the upcoming changes as soon as it becomes available.



Save your cardboard!

Both schools would be very grateful for any big cardboard boxes that you may have. They will be used to build Chinese Dragons to help celebrate Chinese New Year, on 1st February! Oaks class are also in need of cardboard tubes to help make a brilliant Rainforest display! While they are grateful for any donations, they do not need too roll sized tubes but are looking for longer ones, similar to wrapping paper rolls. Thank you!

Flu vaccines

This is a reminder that the children at Stoke St Michael school are having their flu vaccines on Tuesday 25th January at 13:00. Please make sure you have used the link to register whether you consent or not! Please also ensure you let the office know if any of the below applies to your child:

- If your child is wheezy on the day of vaccination, or has been wheezy in the three days prior to this date
- Is asthmatic and has had to increase his or her asthma medication since you returned the consent form
- If there are any other changes in your child's health since you returned the consent form
- If your child has already received the flu vaccine via their GP recently, it is really important that you inform the school otherwise your child may be immunised again because Somerset SAINT may still hold a consent form for them
- Link: <https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east>

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 then be sent to the charity, who raise £20 per kilogram 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



Bluebells' Cake Sale

Bluebells will be having a cake sale to raise funds for their class after school on Friday 18th February, the last day of term. Weather depending the stall will either be in the school hall or under the gazebo in the sensory garden. Please make sure you bring some money to support the sale which will also include a raffle and pre-loved toy sale. Donations of sweet treats to be sold are very welcome!

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PTA and FOCS

Our FOCS and PTA do vital work to support the schools and they run events and activities throughout the year. If you would like to get involved please speak to Shaun Horan (FOCs) or Lucy Stott (PTA) at the school gates or let the office know and we can put them in touch with you! Willing volunteers are always needed!!



The PTA at Stoke have their next meeting on Friday 28th January at 7.30pm at the Chair's (Lucy) house. For more information please speak to Lucy at the gate or contact the school office.

Crocombe Dad's Bath Half

Rich Thatcher, one of our pupil's dad, is running the Bath Half Marathon in March to raise money for a charity called [Action for M.E](http://ActionforME.org) to help raise awareness and vital funds. Good luck Rich! If you would like to donate, we have included the link to Rich's fundraiser www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-thatcher1



Forest School Payments

This is a gentle reminder that there are still some Forest School payments outstanding at both schools. To help make life a little easier, you can now make payments in three installments. Getting money for these sessions is essential for them to be able to continue in the future. Please note however, that if you already receive Pupil Premium support from the school and are struggling to make payments, please get in touch with the office via phone or email. We will do our best to help.



Please also ensure that you send your child to school with warm layer, wellies and waterproofs! Spare socks for afterwards are great for avoiding soggy feet. Thank you.

Holly & Hawthorn Saturday Club

Please find attached information regarding Crocombe's Forest School Lead, Kaye, offering a free monthly Saturday club taking place at St Paul's Junior School. If you are interested please contact smforestschool@yahoo.co.uk

NHS Healthier Swaps

As we all know, eating well is a big part of keeping fit and healthy. The NHS have recently launched a FREE food scanner app designed to help us make swaps for healthier alternatives. All you need to do is [download the app](#) and then start scanning, swiping and swapping!



With this in mind, please remember to send pupils in with a healthy snack for break time such as fruit or vegetables as well as a bottle of water. Thank you.

Half Term Holiday Club

Please find attached information regarding Mr.D's Science Half Term Holiday Club taking place at Bishop Henderson Primary School. If you are interested please contact evosports7@gmail.com



Champion & Rainbow Readers

Across the Federation we know that reading is the 'Golden Key' to learning. To help celebrate our pupils reading progress we have two fantastic reward systems in place; 'Rainbow Readers' at Stoke and 'Reading Champions' at Crocombe. These systems help us to recognise and reward pupils for regular reading at home, whether it be through getting a certificate or a special treat. Please continue to read with your children at home as much as possible as your encouragement makes a huge difference to their learning! Thank you.

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Facebook

This is a reminder that both schools have new Facebook pages. The old public (not private) pages will close at the February half term. We will be posting updates including up coming 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/croscombefprimary
- www.facebook.com/StokeStMichaelPrimary



And Finally...

A prayer that fits well with our 'Let your light shine'....

*Dear God,
 Thank you for days of sunshine even in January,
 Thank you for rays of sunshine in our day to day,
 Help us to know and to reflect your light and warmth,
 That we might fully flourish as individuals and together.
 Amen*



Mel Vincent & Bill Moore
Co-Head Teachers

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Tuesday 25th January	Flu Vaccines at school	Monday 31st January	Jane Taylor Composition Work-
Wednesday 26th January	Mrs Lanfear visiting Bluebells - Real Life Superheroes talk	Tuesday 1st February	Chinese New Year Day
Thursday 27th January	Mr Richardson-Aitken visiting Bluebells—Real Life Superheroes talk	Thursday 10th February	Online ADHD training for parents.
Monday 31st January	Jane Taylor Composition Workshops	Friday 18th February	Last day before half term!
Tuesday 1st February	Chinese New Year Day	Monday 28th February	Start of the new half term!
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