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Dear Parents/Carers

Snowdrop Festival – This weekend in Shepton Mallet (15th & 16th February). Tread in the footsteps of James Allen, the renowned C19th Snowdrop King. Everything you wanted to know and see about snowdrops – history, heritage, snowdrop bulb and plant sales, winter gardening advice, workshops, art and crafts, poetry, photography, snowdrop walks and more. Please see their website for further information: <https://www.sheptonssnowdropfestival.org.uk/>.



Well done to Josh G and Jon for their poetry commendations and Conkers who produced some collages which will be displayed in some of the town centre shops.

Vision Screening Programme – Reception only pupils were sent home a letter this week regarding the vision screening programme. If you do not consent to your child's vision being tested please return the slip on the letter to the office. They will be visiting the school on Friday 28th February at 1.30 pm.

World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) – Your child(ren) are welcome to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Please can we leave 'superheroes' at home. Thank you.

After School Club – This will take place on Mondays after half-term for Years 1-3. Please complete the letter sent home this week and return to the office as soon as possible. Limited to 15 spaces.

Acorns Class – In Science we have been looking at materials and this week we have been looking at different fabrics and their properties. We are enjoying singing with Mrs Turner on Mondays and in DT we are planning our Dioramas as we have enough cereal boxes. What fantastic ideas we have for the scenes and animals. **Mrs Chester**



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Chestnuts Class – This week in Chestnuts the children have been writing poetry. They thought about what they could see from the window and used some excellent adjectives to add detail and description. They have also been using their knowledge of magnetism to create some games. They had to think about not only making their game fun but also how it taught someone about magnetism.

Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom

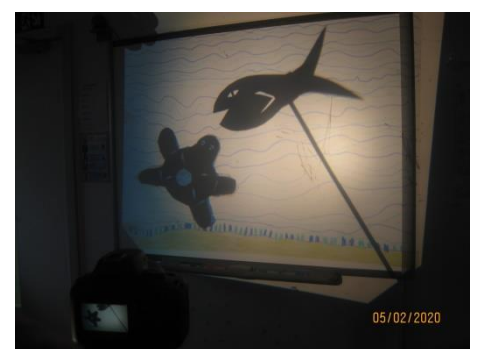


Conkers Class – Conkers had the exciting opportunity to create shadow puppet film sequences that will be incorporated into their final performance. Each scene looked amazing and were enhanced by the children's clever innovations and creative twists. Martha, the puppeteer, has taken the footage away for editing and we can't wait to see the end result.

Year 5s have been working on factors and prime numbers and Year 6s have been exploring decimals.

The whole class have been putting poetic devices of: repetition, metaphor and rhyme to good use as they compose their own 'Highwayman' inspired poems.

Mr Moore



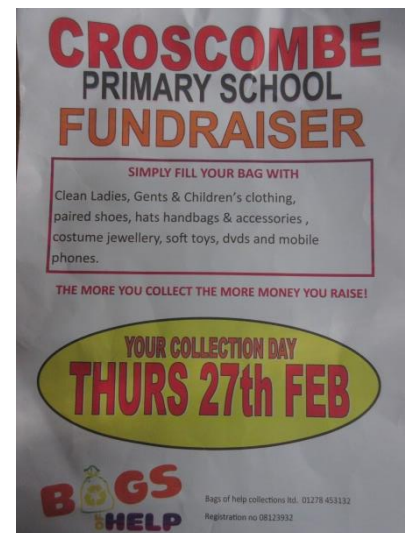
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Bags of Help Collection – Any donations will be collected at 9.15 am on Thursday 27th February (under the shelter in the playground). Please deliver filled bags on the day, as we do not wish the bags to become wet.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Heath
Executive Head Teacher
Croscombe and Stoke St Michael Primary Federation



Useful Dates

- 13.02.2020 – Farewell to Mr Heath Assembly 3.00 pm (school hall) all welcome
- 14.02.2020 – Inset Day – no school
- 17.02.2020 – 21.02.2020 Half Term holiday
- 24.02.2020 – School starts
- 25.02.2020 - Yrs 1 -3 Dragonfly Leisure Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm (**spaces available**)
- 27.02.2020 – BagsofHelp Collection (school playground shelter 9.15 am)
- 28.02.2020 – Vision Screening (Reception pupils)
- 03.03.2020 – Acorns Class Visit to Bristol Aquarium
- 05.03.2020 – World Book Day (Dress up as your favourite book character)

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Celebration News

In each class we celebrate children for showing progress in their learning and for shining in a particular area. Celebrations for last week (week ending 07.02.2020)

Acorns

Reader of the Week - Jessica for enthusiastic reading in school. **Topaz Power**

Star of the Week - Herbie for an amazing building of Titanic out of 'Kapla'. **Diamond Power**

Acorns got 100% for Reading Champions. This is fantastic. Thank you to all parents who help their child achieve this.

Chestnuts

Writer of the week – Ollie for independently planning and writing a 'finding' tale, making good use of the writers toolkit. **Sapphire Power**

Mathematician of the week – Ellie-Mae for being confident to work independently and have a go at tricky problems. **Emerald Power**

Reader of the week – Marina for making excellent contributions to our guided reading discussion about poetry. **Topaz Power**

Swimming Award Certificates presented to Mia and Boheme.

Merit Award presented to Ben for collecting 20 merit stickers.

Conkers

Josh G received a certificate for a really thoughtful Snowdrop acrostic poem.

Jon was awarded a certificate for his Snowdrop poem that featured some highly effective imagery



Celebration assembly awards last week



[This week...](#)

What is LAIN and how is it supporting children and young people?

You may not have heard of the Local Area Improvement Network – its focus is on trying to improve SEND services for children, young people and their families.

Do you need some extra help? Check out our SEND Effective Support Document

We aim to get you the right support, in the right place, at the right time and the SEND Effective Support Document is there to guide families and professionals.

Please tell us about your Unsung Heroes

The Unsung Heroes Awards is back this March and your nominations are needed now!

Valentine's Day is coming up - no need to feel pressured

It's Valentine's Day tomorrow - here's our guide on taking things easy and making sure nobody feels under pressure to go further than they want.

Have your say on music in Somerset schools

The Government is refreshing its guidelines for music in schools and it has launched a survey to get people's opinions.

Help us fight climate change - please take the young people's survey

Calling all young people in Somerset! We need your help to shape our plans to tackle one of the biggest issues facing us today.

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