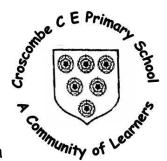
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30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

<u>Bambi The Therapy Dog Visit</u> –Nicola and 'Bambi' visited the school on Tuesday, much to the delight of the children and staff. Nicola noticed therapy dogs in hospital and thought her own dog would be suitable so they joined Pets As Therapy and both underwent training.

Pets As Therapy is a national charity founded in 1983 by Lesley Scott-Ordish. The Charity enhances the health and wellbeing in communities through the visits by trusted volunteers with their behaviourally assessed animals. They provide a visiting service in hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes, schools and a variety of other venues all across the UK. Please see their website for further information regarding this charity <a href="https://petsastherapy.org/about-us/">https://petsastherapy.org/about-us/</a>.

A few quotes from the children – Frankie said "I asked Bambi to sit and she DID". "She was so cute and friendly" said Indi. "Bambi licked my hand when I gave her a treat" said Lily.





<u>Acorns Class</u> – How to build a house with food? Acorns have been finding out! We are looking at the story of the three little pigs in T4W and in Science and DT (expressive Arts and Design). Experimenting with what materials would be good to build a house with and finding out by trying different ways.

**Mrs Chester** 

<u>Chestnuts Class</u> – This week Chestnuts have been creating their own suspense stories based on a story about two boys finding treasure. The children have been busy editing their own adaptations of the story. In Mathematics we have been working on multiplication and division. We have also been covering rainforest habitats, comparing our homes to those in the rainforest.

Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom

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<u>Head Teacher's Availability</u> - Mr Heath will be available next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and then will be at Stoke St Michael on Monday and Tuesday. Mr Moore, our senior teacher will be available as usual.

<u>Conkers Class</u> – Conkers have listened to the narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We explored some unfamiliar historical language and enjoyed the atmosphere and drama of the story within the poem.

In maths, Year 6 have moved onto coordinates and Year 5 are studying perimeter and area. Well done Year 6 for facing the fraction challenge!

Year 5 and 6 have been working with David Reakes, on their first rehearsal for their Theatre in The Playground performance.

**Mr Moore** 



<u>School Lunches</u> – Please remember to send back your lunch order (for after half term) if you require them, **with** payment by next **Wednesday 5**<sup>th</sup> **February**. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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



## <u>Useful Dates</u>

31.01.2020 - Celebration Assembly 3.00 pm (school hall) all welcome

03.02.2020 - Dragonfly Leisure Multi Skills Club 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm (spaces available)

04.02.2020 - Fizzpop Science Club 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm (for those enrolled)

05.02.2020 - Shadow Puppet Film Making in school

11.02.2020 - Safer Internet Day

13.02.2020 - Year 5s to Whitstone - all day

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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 24.01.2020)

## Acorns

Writer of the week - Georgia for amazing phonics and detailed sentences using conjunctions. Sapphire Power

Mia for confidently asking and answering questions about the world and sharing her ideas. Amethyst Power

Mathematician - Elsie for trying and learning from mistakes when subtracting 1 digit number from 2 digit numbers and exchanging. **Emerald Power** 

## Chestnuts

Writer – Clayton for working so hard independently to box up a model story. Sapphire Power Mathematician – Mia for always listening hard and putting her up hand in group work. Amethyst Power

## **Conkers**

Calla for a fantastic retelling of Beowulf. Sapphire Power
Archie actively learning with others in guided reading. Topaz Power

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# This week...

Supporting young people with autism to reach their potential



Have you heard of the Autism Education Trust? The AET helps children and young people with autism to receive an education.

### Autism advice for parents and professionals

Autism Somerset offers training for professionals and a wide variety of support for parents and carers.

## Start booking your half term activities

There are a wealth of affordable activities on offer for children, young people and their families over February Half Term.

Make sure your website carries SEND information

It's really important schools ensure their websites carry the necessary information on SEND - parent carers have an important role to play in this.

### 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.

You can access previous copies of the newsletter here.



A window display can be anything: some fairy lights, using pens to draw on windows, some toys on display, a stained-glass style image using tissue paper, your washing hung up in a fun way! The only rule is it must be family friendly

It's super simple to join in. Register your windows online to receive your info pack full of ideas. Google 'Shepton Mallet Window Wanderland' Or visit: windowwanderland.com/event/shepton-mallet-2020 You can also help by sharing flyers with your neighbours Collect from The Art Bank, Shepton Mallet Library and TIC. Email: sheptonwanderland@gmail.com for more information



















WINDOWS

WED 5TH FEB 9PM ART BANK

or artbank.o

Join Shepton Mallet set-designer Elly Wdowski to
help cut some giant Shepton figures for The Anglo
Trading Estate Windows! All welcome. Don't miss
your chance to be part of lighting up the Anglo.
Plus Window Wanderland social - come discuss
your window ideas! Bar open.

FEB & MARCH

Students at St Paul's school will be working together with residents at Field House Care Home to design and colour the figures displayed in the Anglo windows.

SAT 15TH FEB

Find out more about Window Wanderland by making a stained-glass style snowdrop at Shepton Mallet's amazing Snowdrop Festival with artist Liz Janaway

MON 17TH FEB 11AM-1PM + 2-4PM SHEPTON LIBRARY

Join Shepton artist Mandy McKenna in Half Term to help create a beautiful installation for Shepton Mallet Library. Drop in anytime and join in with this magical creation! Open to all!

WED 26+SAT 29 11AM-1PM 1-3PM









