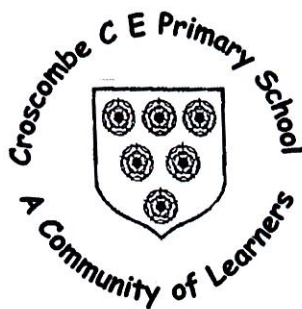


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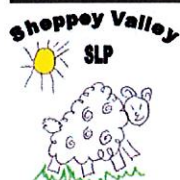
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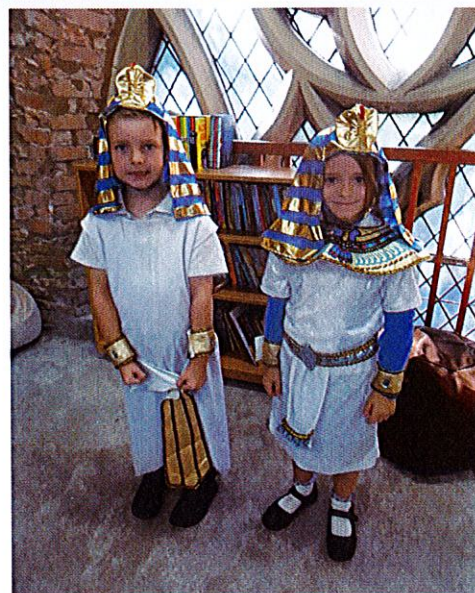
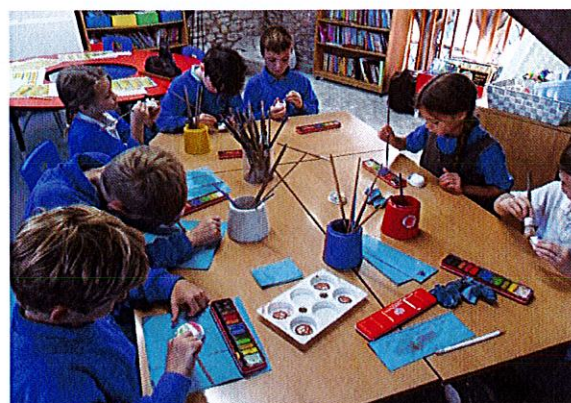
3rd October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Chestnuts Egyptian Workshop – Yesterday Chestnut class enjoyed their Egyptian Adventures Workshop run by the Somerset Heritage trust. Three activities were set up in the classroom for the children to explore. The first was to paint their very own scarab amulet, used by the ancient Egyptians for good luck. Their choice of colours represented different things such as yellow for the sand and sun, blue for the river Nile and red for the god Ra.

The children also got to become archaeologists, searching and categorizing Egyptian artefacts. Finally the children made their own date bread, sculpted into different

shapes such as pyramids. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the workshop leader commented on what a lovely group of children they were.



In other subjects - The children have been learning about how to make a 'buzz the wire game' in science. They had to use their knowledge of how circuits work in order to construct a special circuit for their game. Some managed this straight away using excellent investigative thinking. Others found it a bit more tricky, but over the next few weeks we will be talking more about the science whilst also having a bit of fun playing our games! The children have also been learning how to greet someone in french and ask each other what their names are...perhaps they could share with you their linguistic developments!

Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom

Acorns Class - Happy October. To celebrate this wonderful Autumn month, Acorns are having a Pumpkin PM. Parents/ Carers of Acorns, please join us on Wednesday 23rd October 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm in class, where we are having games and activities based around harvest and pumpkins. It is going to be an afternoon of great fun with apple bobbing, carving pumpkins, stories and games.



Talking of great fun, have you seen our outdoor area developing? We are creating a mud kitchen and a sensory area. Our tactile table is already being used and the children have added their own objects. They have made a course of drainpipes for the conkers to slide down and decorated old CD's making mobiles which we will hang up. We also harvested our beans this week and will be cooking and eating them.

I love seeing the children come back from forest school after being so active and covered in mud! If possible could you please provide waterproof top and bottoms for your child in Acorns (Yr R, 1 and 2). This means we can all participate in forest school and all the activities including mud! Thank you.

Mrs Chester

Conkers Class - During our assemblies, we have been focusing on individual British Values such as: Welcoming refugees, self-reliance, sticking up for the underdog and the rule of law. Can you spot the unique flag in our bunting?
<http://www.doingsmsc.org.uk/british-values?>



As part of Black History Month we have been learning the song 'Three Little Birds', written by Jamaican singing legend Bob Marley. We learnt that a Blue Plaque was very recently unveiled in London to his honour by Birmingham born poet Benjamin Zephaniah. <https://blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/bhm-for-schools/>

Conkers have been finding out what it took to become a Spartan Warrior. The children have written their own set of instructions for budding would be warriors:

*Have you ever dreamed of being a warrior? Can you imagine coming home after every battle glorious (or dead)?
Follow these impossible steps to being a Spartan warrior. Good luck because you will need it. You will die probably.*

*First, be born into a warrior family in Sparta.
Next, be fit or you will be left on a hillside to be eaten by wild animals.
After that, train like your life depends on it because it does.*

Sonny

Mr Moore



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 27.09.19):

Acorns

Mia – for producing good work in maths.

Eliza – for her amazing spellings.

Lilly – for writing a clear and detailed account about Crocombe.

Chestnuts

Reader of the Week – Marnie-Mae for lots of effort with her reading at home – 6 times this week!

Mathematician of the Week – Finley for excellent work on rounding numbers.

Writer of the week – Rohan for excellent story writing and using a thesaurus to find interesting words.



Conkers

Conkers Certificate: Indi for writing a sophisticated narrative - [Sapphire](#)

Josh W for producing a lot of thoughtful maths work - [Diamond](#)

Summer Reading Challenge – The summer reading challenge has now finished. Congratulations and well done to all who completed the challenge and was awarded a certificate and medal last Friday.



Croscombe Tiddlers - who meet every Tuesday morning are very much part of our school community and have produced a lovely display of their art work for all to see in the hall.



FOCS Milk Bottle Tops – Plastic milk bottle tops will **only** be collected, no other plastic tops. Please give to Anne Scott or place in the box in the school office.

Croscombe School Open Afternoon – Prospective parents (pupil entry 2020) are welcome on Wednesday 16th October 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm to have a look around our school. If you know of anyone with pre-school children please let them know.

Head Teacher's Availability - Mr Heath will be available next week in Croscombe on Thursday and Friday morning and will be at Stoke St Michael on Monday and Tuesday. Mr Moore, our senior teacher will be available as usual.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Heath', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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

Useful Dates

- 07.10.19 – Phonics Meeting with Acorn Parents – 9.00 am (school hall)
07.10.19 - Writhlington Leisure Gym Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
08.10.19 – Swimming for Yrs 3 & 4 am
09.10.19 – Forest School am Yr 2 & pm Yr 4
10.10.19 – Acorns to Bowlish 'Plays in the Playground' am
11.10.19 – Allotment Year 4
- Celebration Assembly (3.00 pm weekly - parents welcome to attend)

Message from Parent Talk – now a digital version of the magazine for parents to view.

Dear Parent Talk Reader,

I am delighted to enclose this month's edition of Parent Talk. By clicking on this link [Parent Talk October Edition](#) it will take you to our digital edition which should be readable on all computers, tablets or smart phones. You will still find paper versions in local libraries, cafes, garden centres and some school receptions etc.

In this month's edition:

- Competitions to win: Hippychick waterproof suit, Bluetooth headphones and Family Day Ticket to Longleat
- Halloween
- New apps to tackle bad behaviour and road safety

Happy reading!

Tamsin

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