

Dear Parents/Carers

5th September 2019

Welcome back to another busy year at Croscombe. As you will now have seen, we finally had the playground equipment removed and the area re-surfaced at the end of the holidays. The playground suddenly seems huge and the children have been enjoying greater freedom that it will allow. We welcome Mrs Chester and Mrs Bloom to Croscombe and hope that they will greatly enjoy their time at our beautiful school. All is set fair for a fantastic year!

<u>School Gate</u> –The school gate will automatically open at **3.25 pm** for the end of the school day pick up. We request that parents wait until then, as the children are sometimes in the playground. For their safety the gate must be closed.

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

Friends Of Croscombe School – FOCS



FOCS Chairperson Role - As you all know, Craig will be stepping down as FOCS Chair at the start of October and FOCS needs a new Chair. Sadly, as yet, no one has come forward for this role. Being part of FOCS is a rewarding role and all those involved do it because our children deserve it. If we do not gain a Chair by October, the PTA will no longer function. This will sadly put a pause to the fundraising events that FOCS organise. For example, this term, the Frost Fair would not take place. Without a PTA, there will no longer be subsidised coach travel for trips which will ultimately make these hugely expensive for all parents. In addition, the classroom funding we give to each class each year (last year it was £500) would no longer be available. As well as a fundraising team, FOCS is also a vital communication link between the school and parents. If any of you would like to be considered for Chair, please come and speak to Craig, Anne or Tracey.

FOCS Quiz and Curry Night - FOCs presents its first ever quiz night. Tickets are £15 each which covers entry into the quiz, an evening meal of curry and rice and 1 drink from the bar. A grand prize of £100 for the winning team. Maximum number for team is 6 people. *Please note... This is an adult only event.* Tickets can be purchased using the attached form, or from the school office or just ask Chuck Mcgrew, Anne Scott or Tracy Jane Mogg.

FOCS Date for the diary! FOCS Autumn Disco - Thursday 24th October 5-7pm, Village Hall.

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<u>Coats</u> - As we are heading into autumn please remember to send your child into school with a coat.

Conkers News - Conkers have made a really positive start to this term. It's early days but the class has produced some impressive creative writing written from the point of view of a horse living through episodes in history. The children are becoming familiar with our new 'Power Maths' numeracy scheme; everyone can succeed as a mathematician.

The class have been getting their teeth into our Ancient Greeks topic. This week they have been demonstrating Diamond Power by being organized for the new term. Great start Conkers.

Mr Moore

<u>New Sports Club/PPA Provider</u> – Our Federation now has Writhlington Leisure Centre providing our PPA cover and Monday after school sports club. This will be open to Years 3/4/5 & 6 and the clubs will change termly. Further information will be sent out early next week regarding the after school club.

Unfortunately, Julie from SchoolFit is no longer able to run our clubs on Tuesdays.

<u>Acorns</u> - Year 1 and 2 have had a great start back at school embracing changes and enjoying our new addition to class, 'Inky ', a Black Moor fish who will be looked after by the class and will travel home with Mrs Chester in the holidays. Acorns have also been making play dough ready for when Year R join them next week and have been painting self-portraits to put on the art display. They have been writing stories about ' finding something' that will link to our Talk 4 Writing project and enjoyed joining all the Unifix cubes into rows of ten, ready for counting. **Mrs Chester**

Yours sincerely

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

Future Useful Dates

- 07.09.19 Croscombe Charter Market 10.00 am 2.00 pm
- 09.09.19 Reception start 9.15 am 12.00 pm all week
- 11.09.19 Forest School starts for Y2 am & Y4 pm
- 13.09.19 Allotment am Y6
- 16.09.19 Reception 9.15 am 1.00 pm (stay for lunch)
- 16.09.19 Writhlington Leisure After School Club 3.30 pm 4.30 pm starts (Gymnastics)
- 17.09.19 Author Visiting Croscombe
- 20.09.19 Genes for Jeans Day