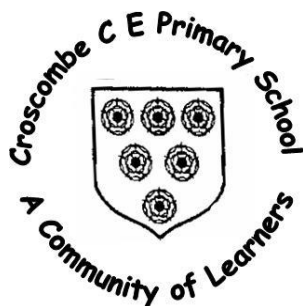


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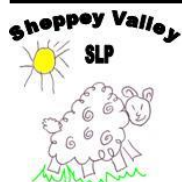
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5th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Croscombe OAP Music and Mince Pies - WOW!....so proud of all our children. The Music and Mince Pies afternoon which was a great success. A great time singing a variety of traditional and fun Christmas songs. Twenty two local residents thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and joined in with the children's singing. Thank you to Mrs Chester for organising.



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

Acorns Class – Look at our flying Angels! Acorns Class have been trying our costumes for a photo shoot and the angels certainly have been practising their skills. Acorns Nativity on Thursday 12th December at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall for Acorn parents and families. Acorns Christmas craft afternoon tomorrow (Friday 6th December) 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm) parents welcome to join in. **Mrs Chester**



Chestnuts Class – This week Chestnuts had their last swimming lesson at Wells Leisure Centre. It is clear how much they have enjoyed the sessions over that last 10 weeks and they have all made great progress. Parents will be contacted in due course with regard to swimming badges and certificates. Also this week the children have been learning their new Talk for Writing text, a report about Aliens! They have been given a copy of the text and the text map to bring home and learn as I have challenged them to perform it in Friday's assembly! Next week they will use this model to write their own report on a mythical creature. We have already practiced the types of sentences we will include in our reports and have created some interesting 'facts' about dragons, mermaids and unicorns.

Mrs Hooper / Mrs Bloom

Conkers Class – Each member of Conkers has created their own Christmas themed acrostic poem in their book. They then wrote their poem on a sparkling leaf which has been hung on our

school tree, made from recycled materials. The tree is on display in the hall and will be taken to Shepton Mallet Baptist Church for display over the Christmas period.

Mr Moore

Year 5 Primary Dance Festival – Last week our Year 5s went to Whitstone for the Primary Schools Dance Festival. The day was spent practising dance moves to music choreographed by the Whitstone dance students, and then performing to parents at the end of the day. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. A few quotes from our pupils :

“I liked performing the dance on stage in front of the parents” Roxy

“It was a fun day, practising the dance and then performing it – the teachers were kind” Declan

Lost Property/Uniform - A few children have misplaced jumpers/cardigans. Please can we ask that parents check their child's uniform is their own. Hopefully all uniform is named – if not please remember to name all items. Please ensure the correct uniform is worn to school.

Pantomime - Pupils from Croscombe and Stoke federated schools thoroughly enjoyed the performance of the Cinderella pantomime. This was a great opportunity for the children, to all meet up from both schools. Lots of cheering and laughter was heard from the village hall as they participated in the Pantomime.

Riley's Tree –Today, Conkers, Chestnuts and Acorns walked up to the school field and Riley's Retreat area to hang a ribbon on Riley's tree. We were able to sing, say a prayer and especially remember our friend Riley as we celebrate his life and have a quiet moment to reflect. It also gave an opportunity for anyone to remember someone important to them. Our children were a credit to the school.



Allotment Fund - This term we have raised £136.85 selling cakes/vegetables on Fridays. We have stopped now until the new year as the school has lots of other fundraising events up until Christmas. Thanks you for your continued support and we will see you in January with more treats.

Gemma & Craig

Reminders

- ❖ **Additional Christmas raffle tickets** - are available in the office, if you require extra. Please bring them back into the office with monies by Wednesday 11th December.
- ❖ Please prebook **Breakfast with Santa**, FOCS need to know numbers by tomorrow.

Sickness - Please ensure your child is kept at home for 48 hours as recommended by the NHS following any sickness or tummy bug. This is to help prevent the spread of infection. A few cases of Chickenpox has been reported.

Primary School Admissions 2020 – Please note applications for admissions for Reception children in 2020 - the deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2020. For more

information or to apply please visit: www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school.

School Christmas Party and Buffet Lunch On Thursday 19th December - we will be having a 'Christmas Party' Day and 'Party Food Style' buffet lunch. We encourage the children to dress up in their festive party wear for lots of Christmassy fun and games.

We sent out a Christmas menu this week for Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December & a Party Buffet - Thursday 19th December. If your child would normally have a packed lunch but would like to join in on either day please contact the school office as soon as possible (cut-off date for ordering is **tomorrow – Friday 6th December**).

The **menu** for after Christmas will be sent out today. Please return orders for the New Year by next **Wednesday 11th December** as we have to place an order with the kitchen before the Christmas holidays. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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

Useful Dates

09.12.19 - Dragonfly Leisure (formerly Writhlington) Gym Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
10.12.19 – Head Teacher Parents Meeting – 2.45 pm
11.12.19 – Forest School Yr 2 (am) & Yr 6 (pm) (last session)
12.12.19 – Acorn Nativity **2.00 pm – 3.00 pm** (Village Hall) (Acorn parents & families welcome)
13.12.19 – Christmas Jumper Day (a donation for charity)
13.12.19 – Allotment – Acorns Class
13.12.19 – FOCS Christmas Frost Fair 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm (in school)



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 28.11.19):

Acorns

Mathematician – Herbie for working out 2 groups of 3. **Diamond Power**
Reader - TJ for trying really hard with learning new phonics. **Emerald Power**.
Writer – Henri for trying really hard and having a go at writing an acrostic poem on the lines. **Emerald Power**.

Chestnuts

Reader – Mayah for making thoughtful contributions during guided reading and consistently reading at home. **Topaz Power**.
Mathematician – Clayton for his perseverance and showing his improvement with column addition. **Emerald Power**.
Writer – Charlotte for working hard on character description when writing a wishing tale. She thought about appearance and emotions, even managing to use a simile effectively. **Emerald Power**.

Conkers

Lily was awarded a certificate for her biographical introduction using questions to hook the reader. She showed **Diamond** power by facing a challenge. Roxy won her certificate for working hard on reading information from tables in Maths. She demonstrated **Sapphire** power by staying focused. Congratulation to Oakley for his outstanding result coming 4th out of 81 riders competing in dressage for RDA. **Emerald Power**.

We are creating opportunities for awards across the school, not just writers, spellers and Mathematicians, so please join us in our Celebration Assembly on Fridays at 3.00 pm to celebrate the children's achievements and view work they have done in class.



Celebration assembly awards
last week



You'd better watch out - Accessible Santa is coming to town

There's a unique festive experience coming up in the heart of Taunton which is perfect for children with SEND and their families.

Somerset's virtual school - supporting children to achieve to the best of their ability

The service has recently joined up with Somerset's Learning Support Service offering training and advice to schools meeting the needs of pupils with SEND.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2019

This marks an important day first established by the UN in 1992 which aims to promote the rights and wellbeing of all those with disabilities.

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