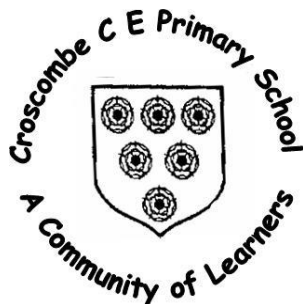


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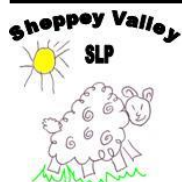
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7th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

FOCS Autumn Disco - Everyone had a great time at the Autumn disco. We had an amazing DJ and lots of dancing and games with hotdogs, sweets and popcorn for sale.

It was great to see so many of you there and there were lots of excellent costumes. The winner of the fancy dress competition was Marnie-Mae! Congratulations to all of the children for dressing up so scarily. A special thank you to all the FOCS helpers. They all worked so hard to get the event off the ground and assist on the night. FOCS raised £200 from this event so a big thank you to all who came.



BagsofHelp Collection – Thank you everyone, we raised £42.40 for FOCS funds.

Acorns Class – What a great start back. I am so excited as I really shouldn't be talking about 'Christmas' but Acorns Class have already read through this year's Nativity, listened and acted out some of the songs. I can't wait! It is going to be amazing. We are also very lucky to have new paint palletes. These have been used to create the 'weeping woman' by Picasso as we have been studying his paintings, developing our own thinking and having our own views and ideas. This links to Amethyst Power and Ruby Power.

In PE this week we sorted out the equipment and had to play with it using our own games. Boom wackers were used in group activities, working together and the hooped nets were used to scoop up a variety of sizes of ball. It was lovely to see the children using their own initiative and building resilience of working together and compromising.

Mrs Chester

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Chestnuts Class - The children have started the new half term with lots of enthusiasm in Chestnuts. They have been introduced to their new science topic - Forces and Magnets - and have been labelling the forces they see around them as a 'push' or a 'pull'; perhaps when you are out an about you could look out for different forces at work. They have also been introduced to their new talk for writing story - The Egyptian Cinderella. They have looked at how it is similar and different to the traditional tale; ask them to tell you this new story to see how much they remember.

A few reminders:-

Please could all children bring in a full PE kit of trainers, t-shirt, shorts/skort, jogging bottoms and hoody/jumper. The weather is changeable so warm layers are a must. PE takes place on a Monday and Thursday.

Could reading books and reading logs be brought to school EACH DAY. A laminated reading bookmark has been sent home to guide you through the discussions you have with your children about the books they are reading - I hope they are useful.

Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom

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

Parking – Please be vigilant and mindful when parking near the school. We have received complaints from our neighbours that their drives have been blocked. Thank you.

Conkers Class - Maz Evans, author of 'Who let the gods out?', entertaining the audience at Wells Literary Festival attended by Conkers class on Thursday 24th October.



Aldi Olympic Stickers –

We reached our target and completed the poster which was sent off this week. Fingers crossed we might be lucky and win the competition for our school.

Yours sincerely

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



Useful Dates

- 11.11.19 - Dragonfly Leisure (formerly Writhlington) Gym Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm (**2 spaces available**)
- 12.11.19 – Swimming for Yrs 3 & 4 am
- 13.11.19 – INSET DAY no school
- 14.11.19 – Forest School Yr 2 (for the one missed before half term)
- 15.11.19 – Child/ren in Need Day – Mufti for a donation in aid of Abraham and Children in Need
- 15.11.19 – Allotment Acorns Class
- 15.11.19 - Celebration Assembly (3.00 pm weekly - parents welcome to attend)
- 18.11.19 – Fizzpop Science Assembly (club starting in the new year)

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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 before half term (week ending 25.10.19):

Acorns

Writer of the week- Ruby for neatly formed cursive letters **Sapphire Power**

Reader of the week- Ivor for fantastic independence and focus with reading **Sapphire Power**

Mathematician of the week- Jessica for completing tens frames independently **Diamond Power**

Chestnuts

Reader of the Week –Jaiden for great work on learning sounds in Guided Reading **Topaz Power.**

Mathematician of the Week – Ben for using **Emerald Power** to keep on going to solve a Maths challenge.

Writer of the week – Lea for writing a great newspaper report about King Tutankhamen's tomb **Emerald Power.**

Conkers

Oscar showed lots of focus in producing a news report with an Ancient Greek myth theme.

Sapphire Power

Breanna received a certificate for supporting others in their Maths learning. **Ruby Power**

Mental Maths Stickers - Jake: Halving even numbers to 20 and Declan: 11x and 12x Multiplication and division facts.



Celebration assembly awards before the half term holiday

Parent Talk – Dear Readers,

Welcome to our Christmas issue! We've enjoyed putting it together and even though my children have now flown the nest, I still love hearing about Father Christmas and all the places he'll be visiting!

Click on the [Parent Talk](http://www.parenttalk.org.uk) link to access the paper directly. www.parenttalk.org.uk <https://twitter.com/parenttalksw>
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Do look out for our great competitions this month which include:

- winning a Gator Watch;
- a puppy (not a real one!);
- a chance to win books for your school. We have some fantastic titles for one lucky school library!

Finally, please contact us if you have some good news stories that you would like to share and we'll try, where possible, to include them in the next edition.

Best wishes

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