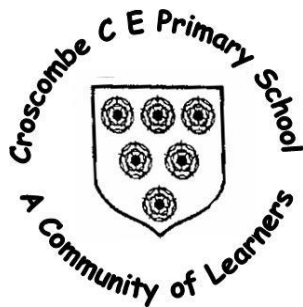


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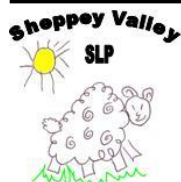
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HEAD TEACHER Steve Heath



9<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**FOCS Breakfast with Santa** – On the last day of term, the children all thoroughly enjoyed their Breakfast with Santa. As well as eating breakfast together as a school group, each class also had some time sitting with Santa and receiving gifts from him. FOCS would like to thank all the parents who helped serve, wash up and tidy the hall. We couldn't have put on this event without you. It was wonderful to seeing the children enjoying themselves!

**FOCS Team**



**Acorns Class** – Acorns class are back to rehearsing! This time for a school assembly and they have all been working really hard, acting and learning their lines. The whole class will be taking the Collective Worship on the subject of 'Peace' in the school Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15 am. All children are playing an active role, so please attend and support them all. You are welcome to drop children off at school at 8.45 am as usual and go straight to the hall.

**Mrs Chester**

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

Following up on the offer of a post-OFSTED meeting, we are pleased to be able to confirm that there will be two sessions on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January in the School Hall. One will be at 3.00 pm and one at 6.00 pm to allow for those with childcare or work commitments to be able to attend. These will be attended by representatives from the Local Authority (both) and the Diocese (at least one). If you have questions that you would like to raise at the meeting, please submit them to the office in a sealed envelope by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. You are free to send these questions anonymously or not as you wish, but it might sometimes be useful to know which year group your child is in if more specific answers are required. These questions will be addressed at both meetings so that all attendees hear the same information.

**Bambi comes to School** - We are pleased to be able to announce that Bambi the therapy dog will start visiting the school fairly regularly from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Bambi and her owner, Debbie, came to the school for a brief visit last term and are now ready to come and work in class. It is amazing to see the change in atmosphere that is brought by having a trained therapy dog in the classroom. The children are visibly calmer and happier when the dog is in school and we look forward to seeing what impact she has on all of our children at Croscombe.

**Chestnuts Class** - If you have any kitchen roll tubes please send them in, so we can make instruments to create rain music. Thank you.

**Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom**

**Severe Weather Arrangements** - With the winter months upon us, here is a reminder of our severe weather arrangements. We will always try to remain open during inclement weather. Our priority is to provide a safe environment for children and staff, but we must also take into account journeys, road conditions and provision of lunches. You must make the final decision whether it is safe for you to bring your child to school or collect them early. In case of severe weather conditions which may lead to the closure of the school, in the first instance please listen to broadcasts by the following radio station: **BBC Radio Somerset** (95.5FM/1566AM) who will broadcast a list of school closures at regular intervals. Check the school closures on the Somerset County Council website <https://www.somerset.org.uk> this will be updated before 8.00 am. We will endeavour to keep the website up to date or via FOCS Facebook page.

Yours sincerely

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

### **Useful Dates**

13.01.20 - Dragonfly Leisure Yrs 4-6 Multi Skills Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm (**spaces available**)  
14.01.20 – Acorns Assembly 9.15 am (parents welcome)  
14.01.20 – Fizzpop Science Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm (for those enrolled)  
17.01.20 – Allotment Year 1s

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Dear Readers,

### **IMPORTANT: Parent Talk January, for all families and carers in Somerset**

Happy New Year and welcome to our January issue of Parent Talk. <https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid=79f54e6f-8ded-4a4d-a153-592e7c18ff2b>

This month's edition has some great stories, news and competitions from new courses for the new year, how to manage career related stress to winning some eco-friendly lunchbox wraps.

Plus

- The WICKED young writers awards – stories will be judged by award winning author Cressida Cowell, of 'How to Train your Dragon' fame.
- Great book suggestions – Romans, Dragons, Volcanoes, we've got it covered!
- Surviving and thriving through January and the winter blues.
- Spring Season at The McMillan theatre – get booking those tickets now!



- Anxiety in children – do you know what's really making them worry?
- Reasons for non-attendance in Somerset schools 100 years ago - flooding and whortleberry picking!

Congratulations to Manor Court Community, Norton Fitzwarren and Ruishton schools on your winning entries for our books to schools competition. We'll be running it again soon so look out for when we next announce it!

Finally, keep sending in your good news stories and **follow us on facebook and twitter for exclusive news and further competitions and discounts**. There's something for everyone in Parent Talk so please **share this email and why not share on your social media accounts too**.

We'll be back next month with great ideas for PTAs and fundraising. Share your fundraising events with us and we'll spread the word far and wide!

Best wishes

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