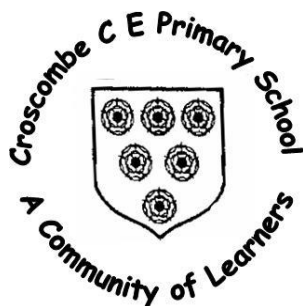


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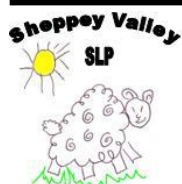
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12th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Jumper Day – Tomorrow (Friday 13th December), please wear your Christmas Jumper for a donation to charity (school uniform required with your Christmas jumper).

Acorns Class – Christmas decorations were in abundance and all hand made by children and parent/ carers when we had another successful and fun Acorns afternoon on Friday 6th December. All were kept busy and look at our tree, decorated by the children. Can you see our naughty elf called 'pudding' climbing up the tree?



Acorns class showed their talents again today in their nativity 'Prickly Hay'. All KS1 have lines which they had to learn and 6 songs to practise. A very talented class and they did so well in the vast space of the village hall. Well done, Acorns, we are so proud of you all.

Mrs Chester

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

Chestnuts Class - This week, in maths, Chestnuts have started their Power Maths unit on multiplication and division; applying the facts they learn to problem solving. This unit is strongly linked to knowledge of times tables facts therefore the children's homework through to end of the term to is practice these. They can simply chant them or go online and use Times Tables Rock Stars (www.ttrockstars.com). Simply knowing the facts is the first hurdle, the next is to be able to recall them rapidly!

In Science the children conducted another magnetic investigation. This time they were looking at the strength of magnets. Surprisingly, they concluded that it had nothing to do with the size of the magnet but rather the amount of magnetic force it possessed. Finally, in literacy, the children have been writing their own non-chronological reports about mythical creatures. This has allowed them to practice the skill of report writing without worrying about the real facts they should include. These reports have proved very interesting reading!!

Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom

Conkers Class – Conkers have had their Design Technology hats on this week as they planned and then built games for The Christmas Frost Fair. The class will be hosting the Games Room up in Conkers classroom. They have devised lots of challenging games.



(Conkers Games for FOCS Christmas Fair)



Conkers have written a news report on the theme of Mog's Christmas Calamity using their journalistic writing skills that they developed earlier in the term. The class are practising poems on the theme of the Christmas story. They will recite the poems at the Christmas service in the church.

Mr Moore

Christmas Craft Afternoon – Tuesday 17th December 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm in the Church Rooms. Come and join Rev Chris and team after school to make decorations and crafts for Christmas and decorate the Church Christmas Tree. Snacks provided.

Croscombe Church Christmas Carol Service – Sunday 22nd December at 4.00 pm
Christmas Day Communion – Wednesday 25th December at 11.00 am

Yours sincerely

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

Useful Dates

16.12.19 - Dragonfly Leisure - Gym Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
17.12.19 – Christmas Service 9.30 am – Church (all welcome to attend)
17.12.19 – Christmas Craft Afternoon (Church Room) 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
18.12.19 – Christmas Lunch

19.12.19 – Christmas Party Buffet Lunch & Class Parties (Christmas party wear and please bring a Christmas hat)

20.12.19 – FOCS Breakfast with Santa – 8.15 am (please wear school uniform)

20.12.19 – Finish for Christmas holidays **1.30 pm**

06.01.20 – School starts

06.01.20 – 10.02.20 - Dragonfly Leisure - Yrs 4-6 Multi Skills Club 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm (letters went home yesterday)



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 06.12.19):

Acorns

Reader – Ivor, **Sapphire Power** staying in control whilst reading a story to the whole class.

Writer – Taylor, **Diamond Power** for independently writing a story that included 5 of her spellings.

Mathematician – Matthew, **Sapphire Power** for staying focused on part, part whole models.

Chestnuts

Reader – Mason H-M for showing such enjoyment and enthusiasm for reading. **Sapphire Power**

Mathematician – Charlotte for working confidently through multiplication problems and sharing her ideas. **Topaz Power**.

Writer – Mayah for creating some clear sentences using a variety of sentence starters. **Emerald Power**.

Caroline received a certificate for competing in an Orienteering competition.

Conkers

Calla for a really well structured biography of author and illustrator Chris Riddell. **Sapphire Power**

Bruno for working hard on his fractions and maths homework. **Diamond Power**

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.

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This week...

Early Years Conference - making a difference

Speech and language were the central themes in this year's Somerset Early Years Conference, entitled 'Free to Talk and Something to Say'.

Get booking your Christmas holiday short breaks

The festive season is fast approaching and that means it will soon be the Christmas holidays - so it's time to start booking some great activities!

Pop-up shop makes headlines

Have you visited Bridgwater's Sense-sational shop? It's had some wonderful coverage on both BBC Somerset and ITV West Country.

International Human Rights Day 2019 - celebrating the power of youth

It's time to acknowledge the UN Convention on The Rights of the Child.

SEND Space - a place for parent carers

There's a new drop-in group for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND - share experiences and find a sympathetic ear.

[You can access previous copies of the newsletter here.](#)



Celebration assembly awards last week



Croscombe School's Generositi-tree on display to view this weekend at the Baptist Church in Shepton Mallet.