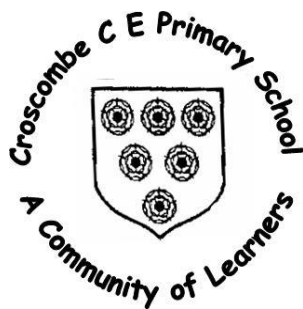


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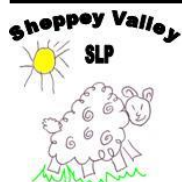
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17th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Acorns Class - Acorns were so excited about going on the mini-bus to Bowlish School last Thursday. They watched the Paddleboat production of Clare Hollingworth - 'The Scoop of the Century' and learnt how she was the first journalist to report the outbreak of World War 2. A fun and interactive performance, which included Lily in the show.



Rice has been enjoyed this week. Not for eating but for making Rangoli patterns as we learn about Diwali and Hinduism. We have also been enjoying our extended outside area where conkers have been sent down the drainpipes. Wheeze!

Mrs Chester



Open Afternoon – We had lots of prospective parents visit yesterday regarding admissions for next September 2020.

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

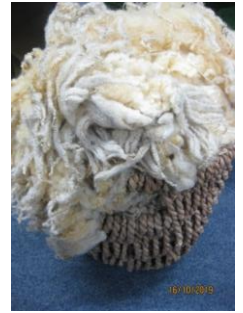
Harvest Festival – Reverend Butler and Reverend Shellard-James led our harvest celebration this morning and it was themed around fruits of the spirit. Thank you to all who attended and to parents who kindly sent in harvest produce. I delivered the produce to The Salvation Army who will use for community lunches and also donated to the local food bank. One of our pupils Jacob W suggested we should collect food for the food bank and not just at harvest time. We will set this up as a regular occurrence. We will put a box in the middle entrance for donations of dried and tinned goods for after half term.



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Conkers/Chestnuts Class – Yesterday our years 3-6 participated in **“The Story of Sheppey Cloth”** project run by members of Darshill & Bowlsh Heritage Project (A local history topic showing change over time through the development of the woollen industry along the River Sheppey, and subsequent silk industry.)

During the course of the day the children explored the history of their local area through four hands-on activities:



The impact of the river and water, fulling and dyeing

The children experimented with different water wheel models. They were told about the fulling process and use of urine! (A paddling pool was filled with wool, Fullers Earth and coloured smelly cabbage water in which children could reproduce the process in bare feet.) They also got to dye small strips of fabric using non-toxic dyes in a bucket.



Stages of producing woollen cloth - dressing up and acting

Each child got to dress up and act out different roles in a story about a farmer wanting a special wool hat. The story illustrated the different stages and people involved in producing a wool item locally.

Weaving

A basic explanation of weaving including warp and weft. The difference between weaving looms used circa 1600 and handheld looms. Children were able to try weaving on a small handheld loom.



The working lives of Croscombe children

Children explored working conditions, punishments and gruesome accidents of children. They heard Thomas Pratt's boyhood account of working at Lower Silk Mill (now the sewage works) where Croscombe children were employed, and of the great fire there in 1843.

'I liked stamping on the cloth because it felt really nice and finding out how they made the cloth in the old days.' Joe

'It was really fun because we saw through all the stages of the wool'

'You got to see how quickly they changed colour.' (Dyeing) Josh G



We would like to thank all the volunteers from the Darshill & Bowlsh Heritage Project for such an engaging and informative day. The volunteers remarked on how well-behaved and engaging our pupils were and how enthusiastic they were. Well done everyone.



Mr Moore/Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom

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Sebastian (diversity persona doll) - Have you heard about Sebastian? He is 5 years old and was born in Taunton. His great granddad was raised in Kingston, Jamaica. In 1948, he arrived in Britain aboard a ship called the MV Empire Windrush. He was amongst many people from Jamaica who would help rebuild the country after World War II (1939 – 1945). He got a job working for London Transport on the Underground

Sebastian's Grandad lives in London and manages a restaurant serving traditional Caribbean food, including Sebastian's favourite ackee (a fruit related to lychee) and saltfish.

Sebastian's Dad has a job working for the BBC and was transferred to the Bristol studios where he is a director of the local news programs. On a visit to Wells, he found an old thatched cottage that he fell in love with it and decided to move there.

The children have been helping Sebastian attend the school assemblies where he particularly likes the celebration assembly every Friday, when parents are welcome to join us.



BagsofHelp Collection - If you are having a clear out over half term, we would welcome items as listed and raise funds for our school. We will send home a collection bag next week. Thanks.

Bookshare – In response to a request at the parents meeting a little while ago, we will be holding an informal bookshare event on **Thursday 24th October**. This is an opportunity for children to invite parents to have a look at the work they have been doing in class this half term. The teachers will be present for informal chats. Full consultations will be taking place later in November to discuss your child's progress. This is very much designed so that parents can talk about work with their children and see the classroom setting in which they are working. Parents are invited to arrive any time between 3.10 pm and 3.45 pm.



Yours sincerely

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Croscombe and Stoke St Michael Primary Federation

Useful Dates

21.10.19 - Writhlington Leisure Gym Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
22.10.19 – Swimming for Yrs 3 & 4 am
23.10.19 – Forest School am Yr 2 & pm first session for Yr 6s
 - Acorns Pumpkin Afternoon (Acorns parents welcome to attend)
24.10.19 – Wells Literary Festival – Conkers Class am
24.10.19 – Bookshare – 3.10 pm – 3.45 pm (in classes)
24.10.19 – FOCS Autumn Disco – 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
25.10.19 – Allotment Yr 3 am
25.10.19 - Celebration Assembly (3.00 pm weekly - parents welcome to attend)
25.10.19 – Finish for Half Term Holiday

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The SEND weekly newsletters are available – please click on the the following link <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/local-offer/send-news-2/> where it can be downloaded. The Newsletter shares some information about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). These are also uploaded to the school website.



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 10.09.19):

Acorns

Reader- Elsie for reading with diction

Maths - Richard for sequencing numbers 1-13

Speller - Sam for trying really hard with phonics especially split digraphs

Writer - Archie for writing his name really clearly

Chestnuts

Reader of the Week – Jacob for excellent contribution to the discussion in class in the general reading session

Mathematician of the Week –.Jaiden for listening well and working hard to subtract 10s from a 3 digit number

Writer of the week – Mia for working co-operatively with a partner, for writing a great start to a newspaper report.

Conkers

Declan was awarded a writing certificate for his determined and successful effort to improve his presentation. **Diamond Power**

Josh G has received a maths certificate for his hard work on division. **Sapphire Power**



Celebration Assembly last week.



Thanks from The Salvation Army for our Harvest gifts