

19th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Jeans for Genes Day – Jeans may be worn tomorrow (Friday) with the school shirt and jumper/cardigan. We will be collecting to help raise funds for half a million children in the UK who are affected by a life-altering genetic disorder.

<u>Author Visit</u> – Conkers had a really productive class session with our visiting author Steve Clifford. He set the children the challenge of continuing a post-apocalyptic story where the children found themselves in an abandoned desolate landscape full of peril. The quality of the children's responses was really strong and Steve expressed his admiration for the sophisticated work they produced. <u>https://www.csclifford.co.uk/</u>. Each class thoroughly enjoyed Mr Clifford's visit. Acorns class quoted 'he was so funny'. He told a story about Mrs Duck and "Craaack" went her eggs. Many giggles were heard and talked about all day.

Chestnuts were inspired by his many stories and activities and took part in a creative writing challenge in the morning. Mr Clifford then led them in a 'Sentence Manipulation' activity in the afternoon in which he taught them how to 'upgrade' the quality of their sentences. All of the children were totally enthralled and produced



some excellent writing. Ben said, "it was good and was good fun writing in different ways".



<u>Acorn Cake & Book Sale</u> – Monday 23rd September, 3.15 pm in the hall. Any cake donations gratefully received. We are raising funds for maths resources. Thank you. **Mrs Chester**

<u>Thank you</u> – We are very grateful to Croscombe Villagers for their generous donation of \pounds 140.00 to use for projects within the school. This was donated from the recent Duck Race held in the village.

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Welcome to our new Reception children, who have all settled in very well. We have all made new friends and have worked together as a team, counting, learning phonics and having a fun time.



<u>Acorns</u> - Sorry for the colourful uniforms that the children have been wearing home! Acorns have been experimenting in Science. They have been creating tests of different liquids and substances and seeing what they could create. We had lots of lovely comments. 'I've made purple and it's dissolving'. 'Mine's like a volcano, it's going over the side'. 'I need blue'. 'It looks like a marshmallow.' 'It's bubbling when I add salt'. It was all safe and great fun.

We have also been talking about the seasons and finding out about 'Florence Nightingale'.

Mrs Chester





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

<u>Chestnuts parents</u> - PE Days: Please could children come to school dressed in their school uniform on BOTH Monday and Thursday. They will their change in the afternoon for their PE sessions. Maths Homework: As we have now settled into the term regular homework will now be given to the children on a Monday. This should be handed in on Friday. **Mrs Hooper**



The children made harvest gifts (the importance of generosity) for the village Harvest Festival last weekend.





A Few Reminders –

<u>NHS Flu Immunisation Forms</u> - A reminder to return your child's form completed to the school office. A return is required even if you do not wish your child to take part. The Somerset SAINT (School Aged Children Immunisation Nursing Team (NHS) will be collecting the completed forms from us on Friday 27th September.

<u>Swimming Consent Years 3 & 4</u> – Please forward consent forms and payment by Monday. Swimming commences next Tuesday 24th September.

Acorn Cake & Book Sale – any cake donations please bring into Acorns Monday morning.

FOCS Quiz and Curry Night - QUIZ TICKETS - Sunday night is the cut off for purchasing tickets for the Curry and Quiz night (to give us time to prepare). So if you want a ticket please let Anne know before Sunday, or come to the school office.

It promises to be a really fun night and great way for parents to get together so please support us if you can.



Yours sincerely

Mr W Moore Senior Teacher Croscombe CofE Primary 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 13.09.19):

<u>Acorns</u>

Writer of the week – Monty Mathematician of the week – Joe Reader of the week – Matthew

Chestnuts

Reader of the Week – Alban Mathematician of the Week – Mayah Writer of the week – Olive

Conkers

Certificates awarded to : Connor - Being courageous (**Emerald**) in maths and writing. Joe - Staying focused (**Sapphire**) on his work; particularly his presentation. Calla - Staying focused (**Sapphire**) to produce a fantastic story map.

Useful Dates

- 23.09.19 Reception stay all day
- 23.09.19 Acorn Cake & Book Sale 3.15 pm
- 23.09.19 Writhlington Leisure Gym Club 3.30 pm 4.30 pm
- 24.09.19 Swimming starts for Yrs 3 & 4 am
- 25.09.19 Forest School am Yr 2 & pm Yr 4
- 25.09.19 Local History Project am
- 26.09.19 Yr 6 to Whitstone School for the day
- 27.09.19 Allotment Yr 5
- 28.09.19 FOCs Curry and Quiz Night
- 30.09.19 Parent Meeting with Mr Heath 2.45 pm in the school hall
- 02.10.19 Egyptian Workshop (Chestnuts Class)