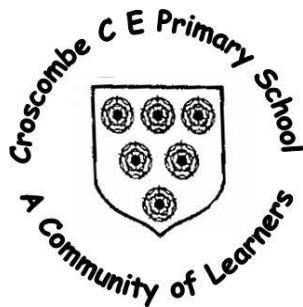


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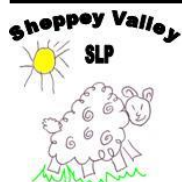
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19th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

After a very busy Autumn term school will be finishing tomorrow (Friday) at 1.30 pm. Best wishes from all of the staff for a Happy Christmas.

FOCS Christmas Fair - We held another amazing Christmas Fair last Friday. I hope those of you who came had a good time. We had some fantastic hot chocolates in the hall, brilliant games from the Conkers class, incredible craft and wreath making in Acorns, and lots of things to buy up in Chestnuts class. Thanks to everyone who came and supported this event and a big thank you to all the volunteer helpers. Without you FOCS just couldn't run these things and I hope we can persuade a few more of you to help out in the future. A final thank you, to the wonderful FOCS committee who worked so hard organising and planning this event. See you all for Breakfast with Santa tomorrow (Friday)!

Mr Horan, Chair, FOCS

School Governors - Many thanks to you all, your friends, relatives, work colleagues! who bought raffle tickets and placed bids in the Christmas auction. We managed to raise a best ever amount of **£1337.00**. This is great news and has raised much needed funds for our schools. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and awesome New Year. *Governor*
Fundraising Committee: **Charlotte Corbette, Simon Clarke, Nicola Morris, Rachel Summerhayes & Tanya Tyreman.**

Christmas Lunch – The children received a lovely Christmas Lunch from New Manor Farm Kitchen on Wednesday. The oldest and youngest traditionally carry a candle to celebrate this annual event. This year it was Frankie and Connor (Jessica was absent). A big thank you to all the lunchtime supervisors.



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Reading Champions – Awarded to those who read 4 times every week, these names are then put in a draw. Well done everyone who all received a bookmark.



Acorns Class - Beau, Matthew, Samuel, Henri, Ruby, Georgia, Frankie, Mia, Archie, Herbie, TJ, Freddie, Taylor, Blake, Eliza, Cassius, Richard, Jack, Ralph, Joseph, Eliza, Ivor, Elsie, Lily and Jessica. Chestnuts Class - Jacob W, Hayden, Mia, Lilly, Mayah and Ben. Conkers Class - Declan, Breanna, Roxy, Oscar, Lily, Jessica, Jon, Oakley, Sonny, Josh G, Alfie, Josh W, Jacob and Bruno. The overall draw winners were : Ruby, Josh and Ben who won the prize of a book token each.



Respect Award - The Respect Award is given termly to pupils who always show kindness and consideration, demonstrate appropriate behaviour and encourage other children to do the same. We are pleased to announce that this term's well deserved overall recipient is Josh G. Children who were awarded Respect certificates were Joseph in Acorn Class, Mayah in Chestnuts Class and Declan in Conkers Class.



100% Attendance – Certificates were awarded to pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this term. The recipients were : Acorn Class – Georgia, Frankie, Mia, Archie, Monty, Richard, Ralph, Ivor and Jessica. Chestnuts Class – Olive, Mia, Clayton and Mason. Conkers Class – Bruno, Lily, Alfie, Berenice, Oscar and Joshua W. Well done.

100%

Christmas Jumper – We raised an amazing £53.10 for Christmas Jumper Charity Day. Thank you.

Christmas Class Parties – A big thank you to Mr Ford for the giant tubs of sweets he kindly donates annually for the Christmas parties.



FOCS Breakfast with Santa – The children will enjoy sharing breakfast together with Santa tomorrow morning. Thank you to in advance to all the parents who helped.



Acorns Class – Thank you to everyone who helped support our Nativity 'Prickly Hay' with packing away of the stage and hall and for supporting the raffle which raised £88.00. This will be shared between the children in Acorns Class and Children's Hospice South West. Thank you again for helping to make our Nativity a huge success and plans are already being made for next year's!

Naughty Figgy has been constantly up to antics in Acorns these past few weeks, painting on windows and making snowy footprints, swinging from the projector, climbing the Christmas tree and tying 'Pudding' to it. He really needs to be sent back to Lapland especially after his final antic of pulling all the lights and decorations of the tree and hiding the Pass the Parcel Present. I hope we find it!



The children have finished this week making special surprises to give as presents. Happy Christmas everyone, thank you for all your help and support this term.

Mrs Chester

Head Teacher's Availability - Mr Heath will be available on return to school after the New Year on Tuesday and Thursday and then will be at Stoke St Michael on Monday and Friday. Mr Moore, our senior teacher will be available as usual.

Chestnuts Class - This week in Chestnuts the children have begun the Christmas celebrations with lots of fun activities. They have been using their times tables skills to create Christmas mosaics and solving maths based clues to find out who stole the Christmas present and Christmas pudding. The children have also showed a lot of concentration and perseverance to create Pom Pom decorations! We would like to say well done to each and every one of them for working so hard this term, it has been a long one! Enjoy the well-deserved break and see you all in the new year.
Mrs Hooper/Mrs Bloom

Conkers Class – Conkers helped to lead the Carol Service at the church on Tuesday. The class recited verses from two poems 'Joseph don't Worry' and 'I want to be Joseph'. The children all spoke clearly and with expression and raised some chuckles too.
Mr Moore

I Want to be Joseph

I want to be Joseph in our nativity play
And I believe I've an excellent chance
Angel Gabriel was never an option for me
'Cos for him you've to know how to dance

I did think I might be a shepherd
But Mum says I'm allergic to sheep
And I don't fancy being King Herod
Because you see he's a bit of a creep.

Me and Jim auditioned as soldiers
But Jim giggled and tripped over my feet
So our teacher said no which was a bit of a blow
As the helmets were really quite neat.

Perhaps I could be one of the Wise Men
Though I didn't do well in my SATs
And they don't appear 'till right at the end
So I don't think I'll bother with that.

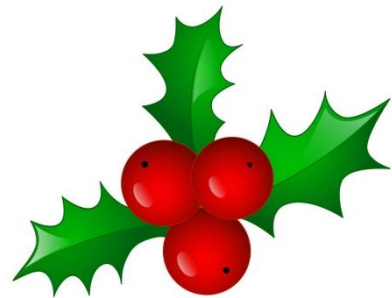
Of course, there's always the donkey
And he's in nearly all of the play
But the costume is scratchy and tattered
And smells worse than a cat's litter tray.

I won't even consider being 'the Star'
'Cos that part is not what it seems
Do you think I'll stand on a box with the star on a stick
While my arm's going numb. In your dreams!

I'm really good at learning my lines
So I'm not being boastful or proud
But I refuse point blank to be a villager
As I'd be just a face in the crowd

I asked Miss if I could be Mary
Because that's the best part to be had
But she said that even in this day and age
Mary's not a role for a lad.

Do I want to be landlord of the Bethlehem Inn?
You're joking! No, not on your life.
The reason is simple, that bossy girl
Suzi Johnson is playing his wife.



Baby Jesus is always somebody's doll
And with that state of affairs I'm quite happy
I'm really too big to fit into the manger
And I just can't see myself in a nappy.

So you see that only leaves Joseph
And I'm not being funny or weird
But I know that I'm the best one for the job
Because I look really good with a beard.

Christmas Collective Worship - On Tuesday, the school met in the church for our Christmas Collective Worship. This year, the service was led by many of the children as groups from Chestnuts and Conkers read festive poems to the congregation. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend.



Yours sincerely

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

Useful Dates

06.01.20 – School Starts

06.01.20 - Dragonfly Leisure Yrs 4-6 Multi Skills Club 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm (**spaces available**)

08.01.20 – NHS Height & Weight Measurements – Rec & Year 6 only (letter was sent home on Tuesday this week)

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

