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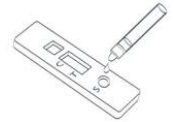
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8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe that there are only two weeks to go until half term. The children continue to inspire us with their enthusiasm and energy—lets keep it up until the 22nd October!

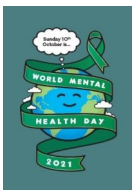
We hope that as cold & flu season hits, that you and your families are keeping well. Please do continue to Lateral Flow test members of your household regularly, twice weekly if possible, and daily if anyone gets poorly. All staff are continuing to take twice weekly lateral flow tests and we remain committed to ensuring the schools are cleaned thoroughly, are well ventilated and that all children wash their hands regularly. We hope that by taking these precautions we will be able to ensure that any COVID-19 cases in our schools are kept to an absolute minimum, that we protect the vulnerable members of our communities, and that we will be able to start having parents back into school!



Special Invitation!

With this in mind we would like to invite all 'new parents', including this year's Reception and Year 1 parents, as well as any other parents whose children started at our schools since March 2020, to a special open session. We know how hard it must have been for you to not be able to visit our schools during this time and we would love to take this opportunity to show you around! More information will be sent out to these parents very soon.

World Mental Health Day



The World Health Organisation recognises World Mental Health Day on 10 October every year. This year's theme set by the World Federation for Mental Health is '**Mental Health in an Unequal World**'. Many people with a mental illness do not receive the treatment that they are entitled to and deserve, and together with their families and carers continue to experience stigma and discrimination.

To mark this event, the children were invited to wear something yellow into school and in class the teachers have been discussing Mental Health issues as well as ways to stay happy and healthy. If you or your children are struggling with any mental health issues please talk to us and we will do all we can to support you. For helpful tips and advice please visit: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health>

40 For The Federation!

Our fundraising total continues to go up and at the moment it is **£6531!** We will keep the JustGiving page open until the end of half term so if you would like to donate its not too late! Go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation>. We will announce after half term which of our walkers has raised the most sponsorship money and will award them their prizes.



For highlights and photos of the day please click the link to visit our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/joJEviahSHI>

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Morrisons Gardening Vouchers

Just a reminder that both schools are taking part in the Morrisons *It's Good to Grow* initiative. Please don't forget to nominate us and start collecting the vouchers for free gardening equipment for both schools. More information can be found here: <https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>



Half Term Holiday Club

Please see our website for information regarding Mr.D's half-term holiday club. If you are interested please contact evosports7@gmail.com



Coats and Warm Layers



Please remember to ensure your child comes to school with a warm and waterproof coat and, as temperatures drop that they have warm layers. We have noticed that some of our older (independently minded!) children are still coming in without coats. Thank you.

PTA & FOCS

The PTA at Stoke would like to thank The Knatchbull Arms for running a raffle on their behalf last weekend which raised over £200 for the school. They would also like to thank everyone who came to the Harvest Supper put on by St Michael & All Angels Church, and for the raffle at this event which raised over £60; your support is very much appreciated.

The PTA are also excited to announce that BINGO is back! On Friday 19th November they will be holding their annual Christmas Bingo in the hall at Stoke school. Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down 7pm, with the now famous Al Stewart as bingo caller. There will also be a Christmas Disco for the pupils on Friday 10th December and Crazy Pete will be the DJ for the night: 6pm till 8pm, with more details to follow.

At Croscombe, the FOCS (Friends of Croscombe School) would love to hear from you and hope that as we settle back into 'normal' life that more parents will be keen to get involved and join the FOCS! Their help, support and fundraising is essential to the school however they need more parent volunteers. Please contact Shaun Horan (Chair) or the school office, if you would like to get more involved. We would love to hear from you!!



And Finally...

We hope you all have a happy and peaceful weekend and we would like to leave you with this prayer for anyone who is struggling with mental health issues:



*Hold me steady Lord. Let not winds or storms erode my roots.
Let me be strong, like an oak tree, tall and grace filled.
Budding with expectant shoots. Bending only gently, through each season.
Waiting patiently for change. Upright, righteous, full of life.
Giving shade and shelter with each bough. Pushing roots so deep with growth.
Quenching thirst from eternal streams.
Hold me steady Lord, strong and healthy. Let my mind be close to thee.*

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Dates for the Diary

Stoke St Michael	
Thursday 14th October	Oaks trip to the Somerset Rural Life Museum. More details will be sent out ASAP.
Tuesday 19th October	Special Post-Lockdown Open Day: Parents of Reception & Year 1 children are invited to a special open day including a tour of the school, Celebration Assembly and tea with the PTA. More details to follow.
Thursday 21st October	Owls Trip to the Wells Literary Festival. More details to be sent out ASAP.
Friday 22nd October	Half term starts: 3.15pm pick-up
31st October PTA Seasonal Trail	Fundraising event organised by the PTA. Decorate your house or garden with an autumnal or Halloween theme. Contact stokepta@yahoo.com for more info!
Monday 1st November	Autumn Term 2 starts: 8.45am gates open.
Tuesday 2nd November - Then every Tuesday until the end of term	Parents are invited to join Tuesday's Celebration Assemblies at 2.45pm in the school hall from 2nd November.
Friday 19th November	PTA Christmas Bingo. Doors open 6.30pm eyes down 7pm the now famous Al Stewart will be bingo caller.
Friday 26th November	Bags2School: Please bring in unwanted clothes, etc at morning drop off, by 9am.
Friday 10th December	PTA Christmas Disco: Crazy Pete will be your DJ for the night: 6pm till 8pm. More details to follow!

Croscombe	
Wednesday 13th October	Chestnuts trip to the Somerset Rural Life Museum. More details will be sent out ASAP!
October - Date to be confirmed	Harvest service in the parish church.
Thursday 21st October	Conkers Trip to the Wells Literary Festival. More details to be sent out ASAP.
Monday 18th October	Special Post-Lockdown Open Day: Parents of Reception & Year 1 children are invited to a special open day including a tour of the school, Celebration Assembly and tea with the FOCS. More details to follow.
Friday 22nd October	Half term starts: 3.15pm pick-up
Monday 1st November	Autumn Term 2 starts: 8.45am gates open.
Friday 5th November	Parents are invited to join in at 2.45pm in the school hall from

Dates for the Diary: Please note that we will do everything we can to ensure that the dates above are correct however, with rising cases of COVID-19 in our area, they may be subject to change. Thank you for your understanding.

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