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15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



Well done everyone! We have made it through the first 'normal' term for what seems like a long time. We are so proud of how well all the children have settled into the school routine and how hard they have worked over the past 7 weeks. Thank you also, to all of you for your support this term. The staff across the Federation have been so encouraged by your enthusiasm for your children's learning. Thank you!

Half Term Reading

On that note, we do hope that you take the opportunity to rest over the half term but, as the autumn breeze blows and the rain comes down, it is also a good time to snuggle up with an exciting book! We want to encourage you to try and make time to sit with your children to do this. It is so important for adults to actively read to their children (including the silly voices!!) and make comments about the content and the pictures. Let's enjoy and have fun!



For some more sophisticated questions about their reading, parents and carers of children in KS2 can look to the back of their reading records where there are lots of points for discussion.

Uniform Labels

We would like to thank you all for your efforts with sticking to the school uniform this term. The children have looked very smart!

Can we also remind you to please ensure that all clothes/wellies/shoes & coats are labelled! It is not unusual for the children to mis-lay clothes etc and if they are labelled it makes it much easier to reunite them with their owners!



School Application Deadlines

Please remember that if your child is leaving or starting primary school next year that the application deadlines for new school places are:

- ◆ **Secondary school places: 31st October 2021**
- ◆ **Primary school places: 15th January 2022**



For more information please visit the Somerset County Council website: www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/#starting-school

Meal Orders

Please ensure that you have ordered school meals for your children for the first week after half term by no later than midnight on **Wednesday 27th October**. Thank you.



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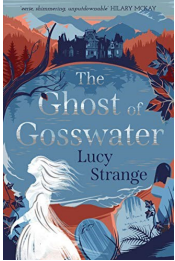
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Wells Festival Of Literature



Conkers & Owl Classes had a fantastic time at Wells Literature Festival yesterday meeting the wonderful author, Lucy Strange, who had the pupils enthralled with excerpts from her eerie gothic novel, *The Ghost of Gosswater*.

Thank you very much to Wells Festival of Literature for organising the event and for helping to subsidise the travel costs. We are also very excited to let you know that our Federation still has the opportunity to order more books at the reduced price of £2.00 instead of £5.99. If you would like to order any books from the titles below, please contact the office. For more information about Lucy's books and for photos of the day please visit the Latest News Pages of our website.

Thank You PTA & FOCS

Thank you to the FOCS for so generously covering the travel costs of the Chestnuts trip to the Somerset Rural Life Museum. Thank you also to the PTA for subsidising the Oaks trip, for their generous donation to each of the classrooms and well done on raising £94 through sale of the Halloween Goodie Bags!

Please do continue to support the FOCS and PTA's fundraising initiatives. The money they raise makes a huge difference to our schools.

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 & Events

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



There are also various events taking place in both villages over half term. In Croscombe on 30th October from 5.30pm there will be the Croscombe Creepy Crawl and in Stoke the PTA are organising a Seasonal Trail on 31st October.

Thank you & Happy Surfing!

Finally, we want to wish Sara Bannister, our amazing Business & Premises Manager, all the very best on her retirement today. Sara has worked tirelessly to improve the infrastructure of both school sites as well as bringing a wealth of IT, business and finance knowledge to our Federation. Thank you for everything you have done, improved and achieved for our Federation and we wish you a very happy retirement and the surfers blessing!



May the waves rise to meet you, may the winds be slightly offshore and may the sun shine warm on your face!

Happy half term everyone!

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Dates for the Diary

Stoke St Michael	
Wednesday 27th October	School meals order deadline for after half term!
Friday 22nd October	Half term starts: 3.15pm pick-up
Sunday 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.
Monday 15th November	School Open Day
Tuesday 16th November	Individual & sibling school photos.
Friday 19th November	Children In Need: more details to follow.
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 26th November	Owl & Oaks Class Anglo-Saxon Feast—more details to follow!
Friday 26th November	Bluebells Reception & Acorns Trip to Bristol Zoo—More details to follow!
Thursday 9th December	School Nativity - More details to follow!
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day

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Wednesday 3rd November	Year 6 Forest School Begins! Please ensure that payments are made on ParentPay.
Friday 5th November	Parents are invited to join in at 2.45pm in the school hall from 5th November.
Tuesday 16th November	Individual & sibling school photos.
Monday 15th November	School Open Day
Friday 19th November	Children In Need: more details to follow.
Wednesday 8th December	Acorns Class Nativity: 2pm in Croscombe Village Hall
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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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