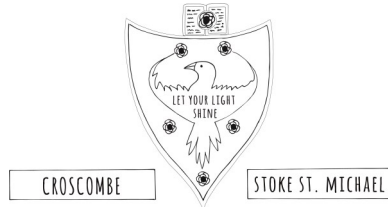


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12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for another positive and productive week at our Federation. The children continue to make our schools happy, energetic and enthusiastic environments to learn and work in! We know that it is sometimes a challenge to find out from them how their day at school has been and what they have been doing so please, do take a moment to look at our Latest News pages on the website to see the weekly updates: www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk

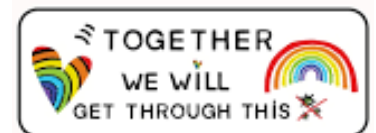


COVID-19 Updates

As you know, Somerset County Council asked all schools to put in place additional measures from 1st November - 12th November, to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. We have now been informed that whilst infection rates are declining in some parts of the county, overall rates remain high and our local rates remain significantly higher than the England rate.

Based on Somerset County Council's risk assessment, they have asked all schools to keep in place the previously recommended measures until the end of November. These measures include:

- Masks to be worn at drop off and collection points by staff and parents
- Social distancing between adults at all times
- Ventilation at all times – please ensure children are wearing layers, thank you!
- Parents to phone or email into the office – please do not come inside
- Assemblies to continue (outdoors or on TEAMS), **however without a parent audience** until week beginning: 6th December
- Staff and household members of pupils to please continue undertaking twice weekly LFD testing
- **Any close contacts of confirmed cases of Covid-19 identified by NHS Test & Trace to book a PCR test and whilst awaiting test results, undertake a daily LFD test and only attend school if this is negative. The daily LFD testing is at the parent or guardian's discretion for primary age children**
- **Symptoms of cough, fever of over 37 degrees, or loss to taste or sense of smell – please isolate and book a PCR immediately**



We are extremely disappointed that we are not able to welcome parents back into school until the beginning of December but we hope that you will continue to support us with this additional measures. *Thank you.*

School Photos

Please remember that next week, Tuesday 16th, we have the school photographer coming in to do individual and sibling group photos. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions and at the request of the photographers, we are **not** able to invite younger sibling who are not yet attending school or pre-school to these sessions. Siblings with-in school/preschool will still be able to have their photo taken together.



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Children In Need

Next Friday is Children in Need Day and to help celebrate this excellent cause we are inviting all children (and staff!) to dress in Fancy Dress. For more ideas about how you can get involved please see the attached flyer and to donate please go to: www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk.



Flu Vaccination Programme

You will all have received an email regarding the upcoming Flu Vaccinations planned for all primary school children. Please ensure that you have completed the online form which can be found using the following link <https://saint.somersetft.nhs.uk/flu/2021/east> before the following dates:



- **Croscombe = 6th December**
- **Stoke St Michael = 10th December**

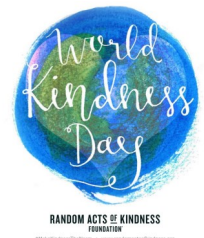
Water Bottles

We would like to remind all parents to please support our Federation's *Healthy Choice* messages and ensure that your child comes to school with water in their bottles and not juice or squash. We know that some parents struggle to get their children to drink water and would like to support you and your child with this. We are committed to helping your child choose to drink water at school and rewarding them for their healthy choice! We will ensure that we monitor their fluid intake and encourage them to continue to drink throughout the day.



World Kindness Day

This Saturday 13th November is World Kindness Day. We thought we would share these 7 ways to start making kindness the norm from the Random Acts of Kindness website: www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day.



1. **Send an uplifting text to a friend or family member**
2. **Let 'that person' merge in into traffic with a wave and a smile**
3. **Include intentional moments of kindness, laughter and delight in your daily routine**
4. **Go *slightly* outside of your comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile**
5. **Share a compliment with a co-work or friend**
6. **Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in a while**
7. **Treat someone to a cup of coffee (a friend, stranger or even yourself!)**

Somerset Poppies

Finally, as we remember our departed this month, we wanted to let you know about this years Somerset Poppies display at The Bishop's Palace in Wells. About 3000 poppies, which remained from the original display in 2018 have been planted in the gardens at the palace. Please visit their website for more information: <https://bishopsalace.org.uk/event/somerset-poppies-return-to-the-bishops-palace/>



And finally..

We hope that you all have a restful weekend and are able to find moments to be kind to each other and yourself!

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Dates for the Diary

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Celebation Assemblies - Every Tuesday until the end of term	Parents are invited to join Tuesday's Celebration Assemblies at 2.45pm in the school hall from 6th November - subject to easing of Amber restrictions.	Celebation Assemblies - Every Friday until the end of term	Parents are invited to join Friday's Celebration Assemblies at 2.45pm in the school hall from 10th December - subject to easing of Amber restrictions.
Monday 15th November	School Open Day - After school appointments available	Monday 15th November	School Open Day - After school appointments available
Tuesday 16th November	Individual & sibling school photos.	Tuesday 16th November	Individual & sibling school photos.
Thursday 18th November	World Nursery Rhyme Week Fancy Dress - Bluebells Reception & Pre-school	Friday 19th November	Children In Need: Fancy Dress Friday!
Friday 19th November	Children In Need: Fancy Dress Friday!	Thursday 25th November	Yr 5 - Whitstone School Primary Dance Festival
Friday 19th November	PTA Christmas Bingo. CANCELLED	Week Beginning: 29th November	Parent Consultations - more details to follow.
Thursday 25th November	Owl Class - Whitstone School Primary Dance Festival	Wednesday 1st December	The Tale of the Charming Rat: Playground panto from for the school (parents not invited)
Friday 26th November	Bags2School: Please bring in unwanted clothes, etc at morning drop off, by 9am.	Wednesday 8th December	Acorns Class Nativity: 2pm in Croscombe Village Hall
Friday 26th November	Owl & Oaks Class Anglo-Saxon Feast	Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 26th November	Acorns Trip to Bristol Zoo - Please see ParentPay for pay-		
Week Beginning: 29th November	Parent Consultations - more details to follow.		
Sunday 5th December at 3.00pm	Carols & Cakes Concert, St Michael & All Angels Church, SSM: Carol Concert with The Swan Singers - more details to follow!		
Wednesday 8th December	The Tale of the Charming Rat: Playground panto from for the school (parents not invited)		
Thursday 9th December	School Nativity - More details to follow!		
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day		

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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