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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that everyone enjoyed their long bank holiday weekend. Although this school week has been slightly shorter than usual, the children all been very busy working hard both in and out of the classroom, including doing Puppetry workshops at Croscombe and Music workshops at Stoke with *Make The Sunshine*, a community interest company from Shepton Mallet.

To stay up to date please make sure you regularly check the latest news page on our website. Both schools also have Facebook pages which we would love for you to 'Like' and share. www.facebook.com/croscombecofeprimary and www.facebook.com/StokeStMichaelPrimary

SAT's Breakfast

Year 6 SAT's will take place the week beginning 9th May. The children have been preparing by working through past Sat's papers and developing their techniques and building their confidence. We will be opening the schools early at 8.30am for the Y6's each SAT's day for a special 'Brain Boost Breakfast'; we will provide pastries, toast, juice and reassurance. Please note that children in year 6 who are not sitting SAT's are also invited!

Parents Evening

This week we sent out time-slot sign up forms for Parents Evenings which will be held during the week beginning 16th May. Please can you ensure you have completed and returned your forms to the school with your preferred days and times by no later than **10th May**. Thank you.

Healthy Lunch Box Poster Competition

We are delighted to announce our winners from the Healthy Lunch Box competition at Stoke! *Congratulations* to our fantastic winner, *Kaden* and our deserving runner ups Lilly S, Delilah and Willow! Great work all of you and well done to everyone who entered.

Year 5 & 6 Trip to Downside

Our hard working year 5 & 6 children from both schools will be attending an outdoor adventure day at Downside School on 9th June. The activities will include achery, team building, bush craft, art, sport and a visit to the magnificanet Downside Abbey, one of only 4 Minor Basilica's in the country!

The children will be collected by mini bus following registration at school however we ask parent/carers please collect their children from Downside School at 3pm. You are invited also invited to get to Downside School slightly earlier for afternoon tea with the children at 2.30pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for the children and more details will be sent out next week.

Welcome Visitors and Ukraine Coffee Morning!

Over the next few weeks, the Federation will be welcoming a number of children whose families have recently arrived from Ukraine. We would like to thank everyone who have already done so much to make them feel welcome and we look forward to being able to explore their culture in school!

On Thursday 5th May, Stoke St Michael Nursery and Primary School held a coffee morning for families in the local community who are hosting or registering to host families from the Ukraine. The morning was a great chance for families and local hosts to meet. It was also a good opportunity to find out about how the school can help support Ukrainian families who are coming to the area. Thank you to all of those who helped make the morning a great success.







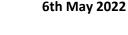
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New Staff in Acorns Croscombe

We are pleased to announce that Miss Hole, who many of you will know from the school office, is joining the teaching team in Acorns at Croscombe in the mornings. Miss Hole will still work for the admin team in the afternoons.

Pyjamarama Day!

Next Friday, 13th May, the Federation will be taking part in Pyjamarama Day in aid of the Book Trust. We are inviting all pupils and staff to come to school wearing their pyjamas. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather, PE if they are doing it, as well as the general school day. The aim of the day is to have fun and raise awareness of the importance of reading, whilst also supporting a great cause.

We will **not** be taking cash donations on the day. If however, you are in the position to do so, please donate to the BookTrust using https://secure.booktrust.org.uk/donation/

Acorns Croscombe Noah's Art Trip

We are excited than Acorns' class at Croscombe are going on a trip to Noah's Ark Zoo, Bristol. The trip is taking place on Thursday 19th May. Letters were given to the children last week and the payment item is available on ParentPay. Please can you ensure that the permission slip and payment is made by no later than Wednesday 11th May. If there is any reason why you are unable to meet this deadline, please get in touch with the school office.

M&Co Jubilee Bunting Competition

M&Co in Wells are running a bunting decorating competition in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. There is a chance that the pupil with the best design will win £500 for their school. If your child would like to enter, all they need to do is de-

sign their own bunting using the blank templates and return entries to the school office by Thursday 26th May. We will then take all entries to M&Co for judging. As well as having a chance to win £500 for the school, the bunting will be hung in store over the Jubilee Weekend! Good luck and we can't wait to see all of your entries.

PTA and FOCS

Join the PTA! Both the PTA and the FOCs would love to hear from any parents/carers who would like to get more involved. It is a great way to be more active in your child's school life and to meet new people and without the support of the PTA and the FOCs the children would certainly miss out!

Please contact the school office or speak to Lucy or Charlotte (Stoke St Michael) or Shaun Horan (Croscombe) if you would like to learn more about how you can help. Thank you!

Bambi the Therapy Dog

Bambi the Therapy Dog and Nicki her handler, will be visiting Stoke St Michael on Wednesday 18th May. If there are any reasons why you do not want your child to have contact with Bambi, please let the office know before the day.

Stoke PTA Jubilee Bingo

Please see the attached poster regarding Stoke St Michael's Jubilee Bingo event on Friday 20th May Make sure you dust off your bingo dabbers!













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Vision Screening

We would like to remind Reception parents at Stoke that their Vision Screening will take place on Wednesday 11th May. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office.

School Photos



Wednesday 4th May Tempest Photographers visited both schools to take class and year 6 photos. The photos will then be available to buy via the Tempest website. Instructions on ordering will be sent out as soon as we receive them from Tempest.

40 For The Federation 2022

We are excited to announce that the **40** For the Federation fundraising walk is back again, and this year it is even bigger and better! For 2022 we are partnering with <u>Mind In Somerset</u> to help promote mental health and wellbeing, and all money raised will be split between our Federation schools and Mind In Somerset. The event offers:

- Live Event: 24th September Participants can walk either a 26 or 14 mile route!
- Virtual Event: 1st 26th September Participants will walk 26 miles in 26 days!

So, if you are ready for a challenge that will get you outdoors & help boost your mental health please ***REGISTER*** at <u>www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/</u>

To donate please visit our JustGiving page: <u>www.justgiving.com/</u>

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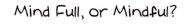
* Registration for all of the events is £40 and additional fundraising is requested!*

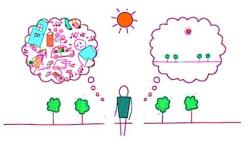
And Finally....

Next week our year 6's will sit their SATs, an experience that can be stressful for both children and parent/carers! We want to reassure you that we are so proud of all of our children, and their resilience and hard work during what has been a very difficult two years. This weekend we want to encourage you to take a few moments to be mindful with your child (year 6 or not!); perhaps go for a family walk, do some mindful colouring or just spend a few moments doing some mindful breathing to help reassure and calm any anxiety's they may have.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

> Best wishes, Mel Vincent & Bill Moore Co Head Teachers









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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe		
Friday 6th May	Celebration Assemblies: Every Friday at 2.45pm. Refreshments available	Tuesday 10th May	Deadline for booking Parents Evening slots	
	from 2.30pm. All welcome!	Wednesday 11th May	Celebration Assemblies: Every	
Tuesday 10th May	Deadline for booking Parents Evening slots		Wednesday at 9.10am. All wel- come!	
Wednesday 11th May	Reception Vision Screening	Friday 13th May	Pyjamarama Day!	
Friday 13th May	Pyjamarama Day!	Friday 13th May	Frozen Friday Ice Lolly Sale for resources for Ukrainian children starting at the school.	
Friday 13th May	Cake sale to raise money for re- sources for Ukrainian children	Thuay 15th May		
	starting at the school. Cake donations welcome!	Week beginning 16th May	Parents Evenings	
Tuesday 17th &	Parents Evening			
Wednesday 18th May		Wednesday 18th May	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6 children.	
Wednesday 18th May	Bags2School Collection Day			
Wednesday 18th May	Visit from Bambi the Therapy Dog	Thursday 19th May	Acorns' Noah's Ark Trip	
Friday 20th May	Stoke PTA Jubilee Bingo	26th May	M&Co Jubilee Bunting Competi-	
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	deadline	Monday 30th May -	Half Term	
Monday 30th May -	Half Term	Friday 3rd June		
Friday 3rd June		9th June	Downsido Rush Craft Day	
9th June	Downside Bush Craft Day	Julie	Downside Bush Craft Day	
Friday 1st July	Wrong trouser day!	Friday 1st July	Wrong trouser day!	
Saturday 2nd July	Stoke Summer Fair			

Croscombe Activity Calendar						
Summer Term 2022						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	Chestnuts - PE	Yrs 1&R - Forest School	Conkers - PE	Acorns - PE		

Stoke St Michael Activity Calendar Summer Term 2022						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Acorns & Bluebells - PE Owls - PE		Oaks - PE Owls - PE	Yrs 1-4 - Swimming Bluebells Reception & Nursery - Forest School	Bluebells Reception & Nursery - PE		