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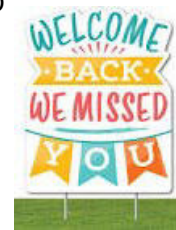
11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly there—only one more week of term before a well deserved break for us all. You have got this! Let us follow the children's lead in being enthusiastic and energetic right up until half term.

Covid Guidelines Update!

In case you missed it, England has now returned to Plan A and the current guidance regarding Covid-19 has changed. In light of this SCC advised that good respiratory hygiene and hand washing continues, but schools no longer need to operate under Amber restrictions unless there are five or more active cases of COVID within each school. We are therefore delighted to let you know that parents and carers are now welcome back on site and from next week you are welcome to attend our weekly Celebration Assemblies!



Please can we ask that all visitors consider wearing face coverings when on site and take a lateral flow on the morning of the visit. The school will ensure that the rooms are well ventilated and cleaned. We are so excited to invite you all back on site and begin returning to the pre Covid normal!

'Shine Together' Concert at Downside School

This is a reminder that the Federation has been invited to join in with a charity music concert at Downside School in Stratton on the Fosse tonight to launch our song 'Shine Together'. We wish all the singers good luck and we are excited to see their performance.



Chinese New Year Red Envelopes

As we mentioned previously, for our Chinese New Year Celebrations the Federation children have donated money in the red envelopes sent home a few weeks ago. We have finally emptied all book bags and counted all the stray envelopes. The final totals for each schools are: Stoke St Michael raised nearly £105 while Croscombe collected nearly £185. All money raised is going to help buy new quality books for the children. Thank you so much to all of those who generously donated!!



Celebration Assemblies

We are pleased to say that the first of our regular celebration assemblies are back, with parents and carers being invited. It was lovely to see so many people supporting us in celebrating how wonderful the children are. If you couldn't make it this week, there is always next. Remember that Stoke St Michael's celebration will take place Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm for a 2.45 start. While Croscombe's assembly is on Wednesday mornings from 9.10—9.30am.



Extreme Reading Challenge

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we want the Federation to take part in a fun reading challenge. Therefore, we are inviting all children, staff and any volunteers to send us any pictures of them reading in an unusual place. Please see the attached document for examples of peculiar places to read. Reading is such an important skill academically but also for pleasure so we hope this challenge will excite everyone as much as it does us. There will be a vote for the most unusual reading location, with the winner receiving a book voucher. All entries to be sent to the schools by Tuesday 1st March.

Please can entries be sent to croscombe@educ.somerset.gov.uk or stoke-st-michael@educ.somerset.gov.uk

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Half Term Holiday Club

Please remember that Mr.D's is running a Science Half Term Holiday Club, taking place at Bishop Henderson Primary School. If you are interested please contact evosports7@gmail.com

Croscombe Forest School

We apologies that in last week's newsletter, the diary dates listed Croscombe's Year 2s as doing Forest school on a Wednesday. Please note, Forest school will remain on a Friday afternoons until after the Easter holidays.



Croscombe PE Days

Once we return to school after the February half term, we will be making a few temporary adjustments to our PE days. This is to fit in with the Forest School schedule. Please see below the new days below.

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Chestnuts	Acorns	Conkers

Cake Sales

Acorns at Croscombe will be having a cake sale on Thursday 17th February to raise money for class resources and trips. Similarly, Bluebells will be having a cake sale after school on Friday 18th February to raise funds for their class . Weather depending both stalls will be in the school hall or outside of their classrooms. Please make sure you bring some money to support the sales. Donations of sweet treats to be sold are very welcome!



National Apprenticeship Week

This week has been Apprenticeship week across the Nation. The week is used to recognise and celebrate apprentices and their positive impact on businesses. Across our Federation we have some brilliant apprentices working in both admin and as TAs. All of our apprentices impress us daily with their dedication to their roles and education, as well as helping us all to let our 'Light Shine' with their enthusiasm and energy. The hard work that we recognise regularly has also been noticed by the college, with Miss Hole and Miss Grainger being given a Tutor Award for National Apprenticeship Week.

Reading, Phonics and RWI Parent Training

We are glad to be able to announce that both schools will be hosting training sessions for the parents. This is so that parents feel more confident and able to support their child's learning. Our first sessions is taking place 9.10 Tuesday 15th Feb. This session is for Reception parents / carers at Croscombe and KS1 for Stoke parents / carers. There are further dates planned for the other year groups. Please see the diary dates section for this.

And Finally...

"Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is." – **Anne Frank**

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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Friday 11th February	Charity concert at Downside School in Stratton on the Fosse— 7pm. Whole Federation invited.	Friday 11th February	Charity concert at Downside School in Stratton on the Fosse— 7pm. Whole Federation invited.
Tuesday 15th February	Phonics / Reading training session for KS1 parents / carers. 9.10.	Tuesday 15th February	Phonics / Reading training session for Reception parents / carers. 9.10-9.50 with Mrs Chester.
Friday 18th February	Bluebells' Cake Sale after school	Thursday 17th February	Acorns' Cake Sale after school!
Friday 18th February	Last day before half term!	Friday 18th February	Last day before half term!
Friday 18th February	Hope in Nature trip to Whitstone School	Friday 18th February	Hope in Nature trip to Whitstone School
Monday 28th February	Start of the new half term!	Monday 28th February	Start of the new half term!
Tuesday 1st March	Deadline for Extreme Reading Challenge	Tuesday 1st March	Deadline for Extreme Reading Challenge
Thursday 3rd March	Yr 3 & 4 Forest School	Tuesday 1st March	Phonics / Reading training session for KS1 parents / carers. 9.10-9.50 with Mrs Chester.
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day!	Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day—Dressing up as a book character!
Tuesday 8th March	Jackdaws Drama Workshop - Acorns Morning	Friday 4th March	Yr 2 Forest School in afternoon.
Tuesday 8th March	International Women's Day!	Tuesday 8th March	Jackdaws Drama Workshop— Acorns Afternoon
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day!	Tuesday 8th March	RIC (Retrieve , Interpret and Choice) training session for KS2 parents / carers with Mrs Hooper
Monday 21st March	World Poetry Day!	Tuesday 8th March	International women's day!
		Thursday 17th March	Acorns class trip to the Rural Life Museum—More details to follow!
		Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day!
		Monday 21st March	World Poetry Day!



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