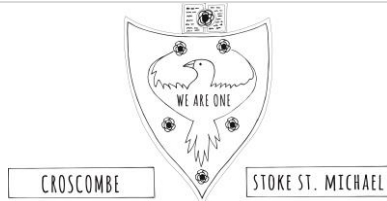


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Federation Newsletter

4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots has been happening in both schools this week and there is a definite 'Christmas' vibe! Lights, Advent calendars & wreaths, Christmas trees, and of course the Christmas Post Boxes are now brightening up the classrooms. The children have also caught the 'Christmas spirit' as their day to day learning takes on a festive feel and there is an undercurrent of excitement amongst them all!

Christmas Jumper Day

Please can all children wear their Christmas Jumpers on Friday 11th December. We will be collecting donations at the school gates for Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' fundraising campaign.



Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch for Wednesday 16th December is now available to order on ParentPay! Please make sure you have **ordered by no later than Wednesday 9th December** if you would like your child to have a cooked Christmas lunch!

Orders can also be placed for any children attending school on Thursday 17th December however, children coming into school on Friday 18th will need to bring in a pack lunch (unless they are entitled to FSM's).

ParentPay Payments

If you have paid in full for this term's Forest School, the last week of term will be credited back to your child's ParentPay account. There are however, some 'behind the scenes' adjustments that need to be made so it will take a little longer for these credits to show up but be assured that we are working on it and hope to have this sorted as quickly as possible!

Any payments made for school lunches on the last two days of term should now be showing up as a credit in your child's ParentPay account and can be used for future meal purchases. If your child is still coming into school on Thursday 17th and you would still like them to have a meal you will need to order this again (if you haven't already done so!) as the menu has changed for that day.

Please also note that there are some outstanding Forest School payments that need to be made as soon as possible. All cost adjustments have been made to these payment items so if you are paying now, you will be paying for the correct number of weeks (6 before half term and 6 after).

Not A Normal Christmas!

As 2020 draws to an end we know that the children, parents and staff are, in their own ways, feeling the strain of this past year. We hope that as we head towards the end of term we can continue to support each other in what can be for some a very stressful time of year.

We also wanted to highlight that there is various support being offered by the local community Facebook pages, so please check there or speak to a member of staff if you are finding things difficult at this time.



Likewise, if you are struggling with your mental wellbeing the Mind website has some excellent tips on how to cope with Christmas during the Coronavirus Pandemic: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-and-coronavirus/>

Author's Visit

For the second time this term the Federation has been lucky enough to host a virtual visit from a renowned British author. Tracey Corderoy, an award-winning children's writer, read her book 'Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam.' to both Acorn's classes. They then had an opportunity to draw 'Slippery Sam' with her and play a space board game whilst she was in her study at home!



This is just one of the wonderful things the children have been doing in school this week. To see more of their activities and achievements don't forget to visit the 'Latest News' pages of the Federation website.

All the very best for a wonderful weekend,

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