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Dear Parents and Carers,

We don't know about you but it certainly seems as if the end of term is rushing towards us. There is still so much going on in school however, with the children's in-class learning as well as all the preparations for sports day, the up coming trips and performances, and the year 6 Leavers activities.

We are working hard to make sure the children continue to learn and strive to be the very best they can be - *letting their light shine and working on their GEM learning* - right up until the end of term. We appreciate all of your support with this as we encourage all of the children to work on their **Sapphire Power - Keeping focused and staying in control of the monster distractions** - like the end of term!



Croscombe GOOD SIAMS Report: 'Let Your Light Shine'

As many of you may know, Croscombe School recently underwent a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). A SIAMS inspection explores the question, "How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?"

We are delighted that we can now share with you the results of our inspection and hope that you will celebrate our **GOOD** outcome with us. Below are a few of the findings from the report, or to read the full report please [click here](#).

- ◆ *"Croscombe is a warm and welcoming village school which proudly lives out its inclusive Christian vision to 'let your light shine'. This vision is clearly understood and valued throughout the school community. It motivates pupils to learn together and enables them to believe in their own power to develop as individuals."*
- ◆ *"Dedicated, compassionate leadership empowers strong teamwork, inclusive of everyone's gifts. Leaders and staff model the importance of the vision to let your light shine."*
- ◆ *"An inspiring and nurturing Church school where all are treated with dignity and respect."*



School Trips

This is a reminder of the upcoming trips. Please ensure you have paid for your child's trip on ParentPay as soon as possible and that you have returned any relevant permission slips to the office.



- ◆ **Chestnuts & Oaks: Monday 4th July - Tutankhamun Exhibition**
- ◆ **Owl Class: Tuesday 5th July - Glastonbury Abbey**
- ◆ **Bluebells EY Unit: Wednesday 6th July - Earth Science Centre**
- ◆ **Conkers & Owls: Monday 18th July - Mendip Activity Centre**

All of these trips are being generously subsidized by the PTA, FOCs and grants however, in order to run these trips we do need the additional contributions of parents/carers. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or the school office.

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Nut Allergy Aware Federation

Whilst it is not possible to guarantee a nut free zone in our school as staff cannot monitor all lunches and snacks, we would ask that you do not include food that contains nuts of any kind in your child's lunch box. This request is intended to lower the risk posed to individuals in our school community and any visitors to our school sites. Thank you for your support with this.

Sports Day

Sports Day is a fun opportunity for the children to come together in their House Teams and showcase their PE skills. This year our sports days will be held on the following dates:

- **Stoke: Wednesday 13th July: 1.15pm - 3.15pm**
- **Croscombe: Thursday 14th July - 1.15pm - 3.15pm**



Children should come to school wearing a t-shirt in their house colours—red, blue, green or yellow. Please feel free to contact the school office if you are not sure which house your child is in. **All parents and carers are invited to come and spectate, cheer and celebrate with the children.**

Stoke PTA Events



Don't forget that this **Saturday 2nd July** is the **Stoke Summer Fair, from 2pm-5pm** on the school playing field. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would love to welcome some of our Croscombe families, teachers, governors, family and friends. There will be lots of fun activities including a bouncy castle, coconut shy, hook a duck, face glitter, barbeque and bar, refreshments, games and much more! If you would like to host a stall at the fair (£5 per stall) please contact the PTA on: stokepta@yahoo.com.

It is also not too late to volunteer to help on the day. If you are able to offer an hour or two please contact the PTA via email or speak to Lucy at the school gates. All of the PTA events are dependant on volunteers so please do support them to ensure they can continue to raise essential funds for the school. Thank you.

Friends of Croscombe School (FOCS) News

Are you a Friend of Croscombe School? Would you like to be a part of helping to organise fun events and raise funds to support the children? If so please contact Mr Moore or the school office as soon as possible. **Your school needs you!**



Wells in Bloom

We are delighted to announce that Croscombe School has won **Second Prize** in the Wells in Bloom School Wheelbarrow Competition. The prize giving event, held on Thursday of this week, was attended by Mr. Moore, pupils from Croscombe School and other competitors from across the area. Despite stiff competition, Croscombe School's Jubilee themed wheelbarrow planter was a firm favorite, and will join the other entries at the Bishops Palace for public viewing over the coming weeks. Well done Conkers class for your fantastic effort and well deserved award!



Frozen Fridays

Every Friday for the rest of the term ice-lollies will be on sale at both schools to raise fund for resources.



On Friday 15th July Stoke will also be holding an office stationary sale to raise funds for ELSA resources.

Please do bring along your pennies to support these sales. Thank you.

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Federation Goodbyes

It is with mixed emotions that we wanted to let you know about some staffing changes across the Federation. Verity Capel and Millie Hole, who both joined as apprentices last January have successfully completed their apprenticeships and have been working as part of our Federation team over the last 3 months. Millie has now secured a place to do a Primary & Early Years Education degree at Bath Spa University in September, with a view to becoming a teacher. Verity is also moving on to a fantastic new full time role offering customer services support to a big firm based locally and she leaves on the 15th July. We are very proud of them both and all they have achieved over the past 19 months and wish them every success for the future.



We are also very sad to be saying goodbye at the end of term to Mrs. Halstead, who has been at Croscombe School for the past 20 years. Mrs. Halstead has been an amazing member of the team throughout her time at Croscombe and will be missed by our whole community. We want to wish her a peaceful, well deserved retirement and hope that she will come back and visit us often.

Pupil Absences

We would like to remind you that **the school must be notified daily of all pupil absences** including sickness, term-time holidays, special/extenuating circumstances, educational tests or exams, or for any other reason that may arise. If your child is due to be in school and we have not been notified of their absence we have a statutory duty to ensure the safety and well-being of the child.

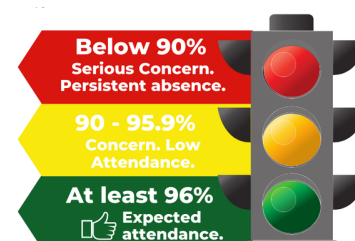
Please call the school office in the morning at the first available opportunity to let us know if your child is not able to come into school. You must then call every day that your child will be absent unless you have told us how long they will be absent for, it is a longer term illness or one that has an isolation period (i.e. sickness & diarrhea or chicken pox). Thank you.



We would also like to remind parents that whilst we understand there are genuine reasons for some pupil absences parents are required to ensure their children attend school. Where persistent absences occur, i.e. 10% or more of the school year, we will have to take remedial action. Letters will be sent out before the end of term to pupils whose attendance has slipped below these levels and we ask that you speak to your child's class or head teacher to find solutions to ensure your child's attendance record improves.

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential as it helps to develop:

- Improved academic performance
- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills
- Cultural awareness
- Long term career opportunities



Cardboard Requests



Conkers Class are still in need of cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) and cereal boxes.

Owl Class are asking for a huge cardboard box - the bigger the better!

If you have any of these items for the exciting class projects please drop them into the school office and we will make sure they make it to the right place. Thank you.

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Move-Up Day

On Wednesday 6th July our Federation will be holding a 'Move-Up Day'. These days are a fantastic way to support children in their transition from one environment (teacher, class and/or year group) to another. It helps them to familiarise the unfamiliar, demystifies the unknown and helps provide reassurance to them about their next steps in school.



Leavers Activities

Our Leavers Trip, Assembly, Service and Parties will be held on:

- **Croscombe & Stoke Leavers Trip: Monday 18th July**, Mendip Activity Centre
- **Croscombe Leavers Pizza & Bowling: Thursday 21st July** leaving school at 1:00pm & returning at 6:00pm
- **Croscombe Leavers Service: Monday 25th July at 10:00am**, St Mary The Virgin Church, Croscombe
- **Stoke Leavers Party: Wednesday 20th July at 3:15pm**, the whole school is invited (all children to be accompanied by an adult), hotdogs and refreshments available (free to Yr 6), Mr D. will be organizing a cricket match
- **Stoke Leavers Assembly: Tuesday 26th July at 1:30pm**, Stoke St Michael School

**CLASS OF
2022**

40 For The Federation 2022

If you would like to take part in this year's 40FTF walk please go to www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/ to register. There are 3 different walk options available:

- **14 Mile Live Route 24th September** - starting and ending at Stoke School (age 16+)
- **26 Mile Live Route 24th September** - starting and ending at Stoke School but also passing through Croscombe School (age 16+)
- **26 Mile Virtual Route 1st-26th September** - Walk 26 miles over 26 days (open to all ages)



The Live events are £40 per person to enter. The Virtual event is £20 for an individual adult or £40 for a family (1 adult & 2 children). If you are unsure or would like more information please, do not hesitate to contact the school office or to speak to David or Tamsyn Richardson-Aitken (Tam is available at Croscombe every Friday). Thank you for your support.

And Finally....

There always seems to be some worthy cause to remember or mark but we think that 'World Wellbeing Week', which is being celebrated this week, is an great opportunity for us all to pause and reflect on how we can support our own, and our loved ones, wellbeing. For some excellent tips and ideas please [click here](#) to download the **British Red Cross Wellbeing Resource Pack**.

Best wishes,
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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael	
Every Friday	PTA Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday at 3:15pm
Saturday 2nd July	Stoke Summer Fair
Monday 4th July	Oaks Trip to Tutankhamun Exhibition
Tuesday 5th July	Owl Class visit to Glastonbury Abbey. More details to be sent out soon.
Wednesday 6th July	Bluebells visit to the Earth Science Centre 9:45-11:45am. More details to be sent out soon.
Wednesday 6th July	Year 6 Induction Day Visit to Whitstone School.
Wednesday 6th July	Federation Move-Up Day
Wednesday 6th July	374 Ways To Change the World Rehearsal: 4.00-5.00pm St Pauls School
Tuesday 12th July	374 Ways To Change the World Rehearsal: 3:30-5:00pm St Pauls School, Shepton Mallet
Wednesday 13th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 13th July	Whitstone School Yr6 Sports Day
Friday 15th July	374 Ways To Change the World Production: 5:00pm & 6:45pm
Monday 18th July	Owl Class Trip to Mendip Activity Centre
Wednesday 20th July	Leavers Party: 3:15pm
Friday 22nd July	Federation Geography Day
Monday 25th July	Owl Class Cops & Robbers Day: Pupils in Yr5&6 to dress up as either a 'cop' or a 'robber' to finish their learning this term. Lots of crime-themed activities will take place!
Tuesday 26th July	Leavers Assembly: 1:30pm. Parents/Carers welcome.
Tuesday 26th July	Last day of term - School closes at 3.15pm

Croscombe	
Every Friday	Frozen Fridays Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday from 3:00pm
Monday 4th July	Chestnuts Trip to Tutankhamun Exhibition
Wednesday 6th July	Year 6 Induction Day Visit to the Blue School OR Whitstone School.
Wednesday 6th July	Federation Move-Up Day
Wednesday 6th July	374 Ways To Change the World Rehearsal: 4.00-5.00pm St Pauls School
Tuesday 12th July	374 Ways To Change the World Rehearsal: 3:30-5:00pm St Pauls School, Shepton Mallet
Wednesday 13th July	Whitstone School Yr6 Sports Day
Thursday 14th July	Sports Day
Friday 15th July	374 Ways To Change the World Production Performance: 5:00 & 6:45pm
Monday 18th July	Yr. 6 Trip to Mendip Activity Centre
Thursday 21st July	Acorns Class Teddy Bears Picnic
Thursday 21st July	Leavers Pizza & Bowling: 1:00pm-6:00pm
Friday 22nd July	Federation Geography Day
Monday 25th July	Leavers Service: 10:00am, St Mary's Church Croscombe
Tuesday 26th July	Last day of term - School closes at 3.15pm

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[Academic School Calendar.](#)

