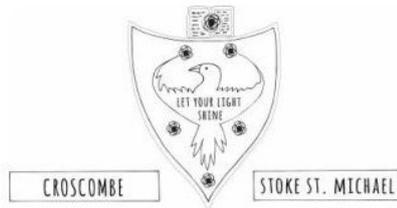


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8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support as we head into the final weeks of this academic year. We have had a fantastic week this week with the children taking part in our Sports Day practices at both schools. Despite the hot weather all the children entered into the events full of energy and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to being able to share their PE progress with you next week.



Move-Up Day was also a great success with each year group having time in their new class or year, whilst our year 6s took part in their own transition days at secondary school. We are very pleased with how well the children settled in and were particularly proud of the older children for helping the children moving class to feel welcome and supported in their new class rooms. Well done children, super **Emerald Bravery** and **Ruby Kindness**.

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.**



Hot Weather

It looks like we are going to have some lovely sunny weather over the coming weeks so please do ensure your child has sun cream applied before they come into school, that they are wearing a sun hat and that they have their water bottle with them every day. Thank you.

Geography Day

This summer Birmingham is set to host the Commonwealth Games from 28th July to 8th August. With this in mind, we will be holding a **Federation Geography Day on Friday 22nd July**.

Each class will focus on a different **Commonwealth country** to research on the day and they will be taking a virtual trip to their Commonwealth country, experiencing the physical and human geography and then creating a wonderful display. Please can all children come to school in mufti with an empty wheellie suitcase, rucksack or overnight bag, their hat and their sunglasses as if they were going on holiday.



Summer Fair

A huge thank you goes to the Lucy Stott, Charlotte Corbett, the PTA and everyone who helped at and attended the Stoke school Summer Fair on Saturday. Despite the rain and wind we had a fantastic afternoon and were delighted to see so many people from the local community. **The fair raised a fantastic £1157 which will be used for resources for the school.**

A special thank you goes to Peter Barkwill, CEO of Wainwrights who officially open the event and then stayed on to chat with the stall holders, children and parents.



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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.



Doodle Summer Challenge



Between the 1st of July and the 31st of August, Doodle are running two exciting Summer Challenges — **the DoodleMaths Challenge and DoodleEnglish Challenge!** Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, helping to top up your child's learning and prepare them for the next school year. Best of all, they can earn a FREE pin badge and certificate by taking part!

For more information please see the attached leaflet or visit:

www.doodlelearning.com/challenge.

Bluebells Move-Up Sessions

Bluebells Reception and Preschool at Stoke will be having 2 move up sessions over the coming weeks. These will be on **Tuesday 12th and 19th July from 9.30am-11.00am**. Please speak to Mrs. O'Brien if you have any questions or concerns.

Bluebells Reception at Croscombe will also be having an additional Taster Session on **Tuesday 12th July from 9.00am-10.25am**. Parents are invited to gather in the school hall at 9.00am and there will be an opportunity for both parents and children to meet our new Early Years Teacher.



Welcome Mrs. Chadi



We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed a new Reception and Early Years Teacher to join our Bluebells Early Years Unit at Croscombe School. Mrs. Chadi is a very experienced teacher who is currently working at Bowlish School. She will be in school on Tuesday 12th to meet the parents and children of our 2022/23 Reception cohort so please do say hello and make her feel welcome.

374 Ways To Change The World

On Friday 15th July children from across our Federation will be taking part in the **374 Ways To Change the World Production Performance** at St Pauls School in Shepton. Please come and support our pupils in what promises to be a spectacular production. For tickets for the 5.00pm show please go to www.eventbrite.ie/e/354494341117 or for the 6.45pm please go to www.eventbrite.ie/e/354499787407. **The password to book is Change374.**



Cardboard Requests

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

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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Millfield School

Millfield School will be running a Saturday Morning Music Service, where young people (Years 3-6) can go and take part in some form of music. They will initially be running it as a community choral session but from January 2023 are hoping to expand into music performance (African Drums, Samba, Orchestral work, etc) and music technology.



The sessions will run termly in 10 week blocks from 9.30am-11.30am. Each 10th week there will be a small concert so parents can see what the children have been working on. Once up and running fully the project will run under the title 'Millfield Presents.. Songs, Sounds and Software. For more information please see the leaflet attached or go to www.millfieldenterprises.com/term-time/saturday-music-club.

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

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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....

What a week it has been in our nation with our Prime Minister resigning and the values of honesty and integrity being ever more needed for our countries leaders. We offer this prayer as we hope for a brighter future for all:

Lord, we know that in the midst of this time, You have purpose. Nothing that is happening is a surprise to You. You see the big picture, and You are at work in ways that we cannot see. Please guide the direction of our country as we wait for a new leader to take us forward to a more hopeful future. Amen.

**Best wishes,
Mel Vincent & Bill Moore
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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael	
Every Friday	PTA Ice Lolly Sale: Every Friday at 3:15pm
Tuesday 12th July	Bluebells Reception & Preschool Move-Up Sessions
Tuesday 12th July	374 Ways To Change the World Rehearsal: 3:30-5:00pm St Pauls School, Shepton Mallet
Wednesday 13th July	Sports Day: 1:15pm
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
Tuesday 12th July	Bluebells Reception Taster Session: 9:00am-10:25am
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: 1:15pm
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

[Click here to download the 2022/2023's](#)

Academic School Calendar.

The calendar grid shows the following key dates:

- School Holiday:**
 - Bank Holiday: 27th October - 28th October 2022 (1st term)
 - Bank Holiday: 27th October - 28th October 2022 (2nd term)
 - Bank Holiday: 27th October - 28th October 2022 (3rd term)
 - Bank Holiday: 27th October - 28th October 2022 (4th term)
- Term Dates:**
 - 1st Term: 29th August 2022 - 24th November 2022 (36 weeks)
 - 2nd Term: 29th November 2022 - 24th February 2023 (36 weeks)
 - 3rd Term: 29th February 2023 - 24th May 2023 (36 weeks)
 - 4th Term: 29th May 2023 - 24th August 2023 (36 weeks)