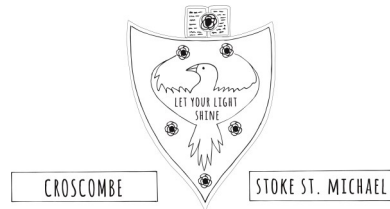


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15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week in both schools with trips for our Oaks and Chestnuts classes to the Somerset Rural Life Museum. They each had a wonderful day learning about the rich Anglo-Saxon history of Wessex. For more information about the trips as well as photos from the day please visit the Latest News pages of our school website: www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk

Next week is another very busy week with our **Special Invitation!** sessions for Reception and Year 1 parents and any other children who have started at our schools since March 2020. We also have the Wells Festival of Literature trip for our years 5 & 6 children, and the Croscombe Harvest Service in the village church (parents are not invited this year but we will post photos on the website!). With all of this excitement we will all be in need of the half term break!

Wrap Around Care

We are delighted that so many of you are taking advantage of our Wrap Around Care provision. We do ask however, that you ensure you have booked and paid for any sessions your children are having in advance (where ever possible) and that you book for the actual day/session they are having. If you are unsure of how to do this please don't hesitate to contact the school office and we can talk you through the process. Thank you.

Celebration Assemblies

After half term we are inviting parents to join us in school again for the children's weekly Celebration Assembly. These are a wonderful point in our school week where we celebrate the achievements of the pupils and re-enforce the Gem Learning Powers. Here is a run down of what the Gem powers are so that you can also encourage these behaviours at home. Please do let us know if you are spotting any excellent Gem Powers so we can celebrate with your child as well.

- ◆ **Diamond: I can face a challenge and be responsible for problems**
- ◆ **Emerald: I can be courageous, brave and show bounceability**
- ◆ **Sapphire: I can avoid monster distractions and stay focused**
- ◆ **Ruby: I can support others and recognise their achievements**
- ◆ **Topaz: I can actively learn with others in a group**
- ◆ **Amethyst: I can work well with a partner**

At Croscombe each assembly starts with a prayer invoking the mystery of the Trinity. It is said by the whole school and is based upon our Federation motto, 'Let your light shine' from Matthew 5:16.

*God said "Let there be light",
Jesus said, "I am the light",
May the Spirit help us to "Let our light shine!"*

At Stoke the theme of 'Let your light shine' is also used in each assembly to encourage each child to be the very best they can be!

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Morrisons Gardening Vouchers

Just a reminder that both schools are taking part in the Morrisons *It's Good to Grow* initiative. Please don't forget to nominate us and start collecting the vouchers for free gardening equipment for both schools. More information can be found here: <https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>



Half Term Holiday Club & Events

Please see our website for information regarding Mr. D's half-term holiday club. If you are interested please contact evosports7@gmail.com



There are also various events taking place in both villages over half term. In Croscombe on 30th October from 5.30pm there will be the Croscombe Creepy Crawl and in Stoke the PTA are organising a Seasonal Trail on 31st October. See the attached posters for more information.

PTA & FOCS

As we mentioned last week, the FOCS (Friends of Croscombe School) would love to hear from any parent/carer who is interested in getting involved. Please speak to Shaun Horan (Chair) or contact the school office, if you would like to join or would like more information.



We are also seeking volunteers who would be interested in taking over the Croscombe school allotment. This has been a wonderful source of education, food and fun for the children over the years so if you are interested in helping out please let us know! Sadly, the allotment area was broken into this week so we are also asking that all parents keep an eye on the allotment if they are in the playing field at any time. Thank you!



In Stoke, the PTA are holding a meeting next Friday at 7.30pm in Lucy Stott's (Chair) house. Please speak to Lucy or contact stokepta@yahoo.com for more info. The PTA would love to welcome any new members so feel free to come along!

Cake Sale

Owl Class will be holding a cake sale next Friday 22nd November after school. Please bring some cash with you to and support the sale! All donations of cake will be very welcome.



And Finally...

There is so much happening over the coming weeks and months so please do read the list of events at the end of each newsletter. These are updated weekly and will keep you informed of what's going on in our school communities. The website is also regularly updated with information and photos so don't forget to look online to see what's going on in school: www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk

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Dates for the Diary

| Stoke St Michael | |
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| Tuesday 19th October | Special Post-Lockdown Open Day: Parents of Reception & Year 1 children are invited to a special open day including a tour of the school, Celebration Assembly and tea with the PTA. |
| Thursday 21st October | Owls Trip to the Wells Literary Festival. |
| Friday 22nd October | Owl Class Cake Sale after school: 3.15pm. Cake donations very welcome! |
| Friday 22nd October | Half term starts: 3.15pm pick-up |
| Friday 22nd October | PTA meeting: 7.30pm at Lucy Stott's house. |
| Sunday 31st October | PTA Seasonal Trail: Fundraising event organised by the PTA. Decorate your house or garden with an autumnal or Halloween theme. Contact stokepta@yahoo.com for more info! |
| Monday 1st November | Autumn Term 2 starts: 8.45am gates open. |
| Tuesday 2nd November - Then every Tuesday until the end of term | Parents are invited to join Tuesday's Celebration Assemblies at 2.45pm in the school hall from 2nd November. |
| Tuesday 16th November | Individual & sibling school photos. |
| Friday 19th November | Children In Need: more details to follow. |
| Friday 19th November | PTA Christmas Bingo. Doors open 6.30pm eyes down 7pm the now famous Al Stewart will be bingo caller. |
| Friday 26th November | Bags2School: Please bring in unwanted clothes, etc at morning drop off, by 9am. |
| Friday 10th December | PTA Christmas Disco: Crazy Pete will be your DJ for the night: 6pm till 8pm. More details to follow! |

| Croscombe | |
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| Wednesday 20th October | School Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church - pupils & staff only. |
| Thursday 21st October | Conkers Trip to the Wells Literary Festival. |
| Friday 22nd November | Special Post-Lockdown Open Day: Parents of Reception & Year 1 children are invited to a special open day including a tour of the school, Celebration Assembly |
| Friday 22nd October | Half term starts: 3.15pm pick-up. |
| Monday 1st November | Autumn Term 2 starts: 8.45am gates open. |
| Friday 5th November | Parents are invited to join in at 2.45pm in the school hall from 5th November. |
| Tuesday 16th November | Individual & sibling school photos. |
| Friday 19th November | Children In Need: more details to follow. |

Dates for the Diary: Please note that we will do everything we can to ensure that the dates above are correct however, with rising cases of COVID-19 in our area, they may be subject to change. Thank you for your understanding.

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