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### Dear Parents and Carers,

It definitely feels like spring is here! The daffodils are in bloom and the sunshine has sparked exuberant sounds from the children at play time. In addition, the joyful noise that was raised in the magnificent Downside Abbey as the Years 5 and 6 children from across the federation took part in the Downside School Choral Experience Day really was a ray of light for us all, thank you children!



The week has also been a celebration of the arts with the children collaborating in our Forest Art Week and in their exploration of poetry to mark World Poetry Day on Monday. We have been inspired and moved by the children's visual creations as well as their written ones.

### Amber Restrictions Eased

We are very pleased to announce that as we no longer have any children isolating due to Covid-19 in the school at Stoke we can now lift all **Amber** restrictions and return to normal! We are looking forward to welcoming parents back on site next week.



### Downside Music Experience

On Tuesday the children from years 5 and 6 spent the day at Downside School. They were joined by pupils from Farrington Gurney CofE Primary School and together they all worked extremely hard to learn a complicated piece of choral music called The Call of Wisdom, by Will Todd. After lunch and some games in the sun the children came together with the Downside Schola Choir and accompanied by the magnificent (and loud!) church organ in the Abbey to perform to their parents and carers.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils who were able to learn and perform a beautiful piece of music that was written and first performed in 2012 on the occasion of a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral for the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. A very fitting piece for this Platinum Jubilee year!

Well done to all of the children who took part and who were a credit to our Federation!

### Art Week

As we mentioned the Federation has also been participating in a collaborative Forest Art Week where all the children have been learning different visual techniques to create one final impressive art installation, based around the theme of trees. We were extremely fortunate to be able to work with Rev Gill Sakakini, who is a painter and Pioneer Priest in the Arts in the Church of England. The children have been able to explore different mediums including, charcoal and chalk, as well as being able to go outside and create observational drawings as part of their artistic expression.



Thank you to everyone who donated resources which have been repurposed into beautiful art. Mrs Chester, our Art Curriculum coordinator, also deserves our thanks for all of her hard work planning the week.

### World Poetry Day



On Monday the Federation celebrated World Poetry day and throughout the week the children have been exploring different styles and types of poems learning, amongst other things, that 'not all poems rhyme'. For some wonderful examples of the poems written by the children please do visit our website!

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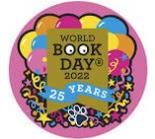


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### World Book Day

Thank you to all our of Extreme Readers who sent in photos of themselves in such weird and wonderful places! Congratulations again to Caroline at Croscombe and we're delighted to announce that Mayci has won the most votes at Stoke! Your book token prizes will be with you both very soon! Happy reading girls and well done again to everyone.



### Stoke PTA Easter Disco



The PTA are hosting an **Easter Disco** with Crazy Pete on **Friday 1st April, 6pm - 8pm**. All children must be accompanied by an adult and are invited to take part in an Easter bonnet competition being held on the night! There will be refreshments available and a raffle. £1.50 per person or £5 per family.

### Mr D's Holiday Club

Please see the attachment poster for Mr D's Easter Holiday club. If you are interested and would like further information or would like to book please contact [evosports7@gmail.com](mailto:evosports7@gmail.com)

### Stoke St Michael Swimming Sessions & Bluebells PE

When we return after the Easter Holiday years 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Stoke school will be going to the Dragonfly Leisure Centre in Midsomer Norton **every Thursday morning** for weekly swimming lessons. The children will travel via coach to the pool and will need to come with their named swimming gear ready for the session. Please can you ensure payments for these sessions are made via ParentPay as soon as the payment item becomes available on your child's account.



We are also looking for a male parent/carer volunteer to accompany the children to their swimming lessons every Thursday morning and to supervise the boys. If you are able to help please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can complete all the necessary safeguarding checks. Thank you.

As years 1 – 4 will be swimming next term, they will not be doing PE on Fridays so should come to school in school uniform. Our Bluebells Reception and pre-school children will now have PE every Friday morning for the whole of the summer term.

### Bluebells Play and Stay Session

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am, Bluebells are inviting **all families** with young children to a Stay & Play session in Bluebells class. Please see the attached leaflet for more information and do feel free the share the date with friends and family who might be looking for a fantastic preschool in a lovely rural setting!

### Head Lice & Nits

We have had a case of nits reported in both schools and are therefore asking that all parents be vigilant with checking and treating your children's hair. Please note that head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please treat head lice as soon as you spot them! For more advice on how to get rid of head lice go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

### Forest School

Next term years 1 and Reception at Croscombe and Bluebells Reception and preschool at Stoke will be attending Forest School. We will be sending out more information and consent forms next week so please do complete and return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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### **Easter Celebration at Crocombe**

On Wednesday 6th April, we have planned a number of fun Easter celebrations that we would love you to be involved with.

#### Easter Bonnet Competition

We would love the children to create their own Easter bonnet/hat. This could be completely homemade or involve attaching items to an existing hat. Please could the children bring their creations in on that Wednesday morning with a 50p entry fee. There will be a first place prize and a runner up prize for each class. All children entering will receive a small chocolate egg (or alternative).



#### Celebration Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade (and prize giving) 2:45pm in the school hall

Our usual celebration assembly will be moved to the afternoon on this day. As well as our usual certificates we will also be presenting the prizes for the Easter Bonnet Competition and be singing some Easter songs. Please join us if you can.

#### Easter Themed Cake Sale (3:15pm)

Chestnuts Class will be hosting an Easter Cake Sale (to raise funds for class resources). Please bring all donations to the school office on Wednesday morning and come and grab yourself an Easter treat at the end of the day in the playground.

We can't wait to see what the children will create and hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

### **And Finally...**

We want to wish all the mothers, grandmothers and amazing women in our lives who care for and nurture us a very happy Mothering Sunday.

*Loving God,  
we give you thanks for all the women in our lives who care for us,  
who have encouraged us and helped us grow,  
who have forgiven us,  
who have supported us when times were hard,  
who have challenged us,  
And who have always loved us unconditionally.  
Thank you, Lord. Amen*



**Best wishes,  
Mel Vincent & Bill Moore  
Co Head Teachers**

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### Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
<b>Sunday 27th March</b>	Mothering Sunday & British Summer Time starts (clocks go forward 1 hour!).	<b>Sunday 27th March</b>	Mothering Sunday & British Summer Time starts (clocks go forward 1 hour!)
<b>Sunday 27th March</b>	Sunday Stokers Mothering Sunday Special, 10 - 11.30am, Church of St Michael & All Angels, SSM.	<b>Sunday 27th March</b>	Mothering Sunday Service, 11am - 12pm, Church of St Mary The Virgin, Croscombe
<b>Tuesday 29th March</b>	Buddy Bench delivery & The Men's Shed photos (see ParentPay email)	<b>Friday 8th April</b>	Last Day of Term!
<b>Friday 1st April</b>	PTA Easter Disco with crazy Pete. 6pm - 8pm. Adults to accompany children.	<b>Friday 15th April</b>	Good Friday
<b>Friday 8th April</b>	Last Day of Term!	<b>Sunday 17th April</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>Friday 15th April</b>	Good Friday	<b>Monday 25th April</b>	First Day of Term!
<b>Sunday 17th April</b>	Easter Sunday	<b>Wednesday 27th April</b>	Reception & Year 1 Forest School
<b>Monday 25th April</b>	First Day of Term!	<b>Monday 2nd May</b>	Early May Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 27th April</b>	Stay and Play Session at Bluebells.	<b>Wednesday 18th May</b>	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6
<b>Thursday 28th April</b>	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 swimming lessons start!		
<b>Thursday 28th April</b>	Bluebells Reception & Preschool Forest School starts.		
<b>Friday 29th April</b>	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6		
<b>Monday 2nd May</b>	Early May Bank Holiday		

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