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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and fun half term and were able to take advantage of the sunny weather. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to working with them during this Summer Term. Lets hope the weather continues to be this good as the term progresses!

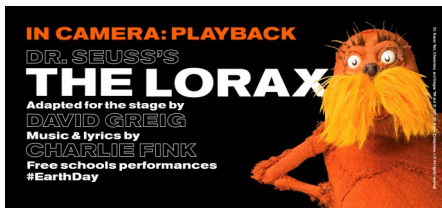
We continue to focus on ensuring the children are happy and secure so that they are best able to learn and thrive at school. Wellness Wednesday is now a fixture of our timetable but we have also been delighted with the academic progress the children are showing. By creating an environment that focuses on nurturing the individual needs of each child we are enabling them to be the best version of them selves—even during these unsettled times!

Little Roots Pre-School at Stoke also continues to thrive with new children joining this term. The warm weather also means that the staff and children can make good use of the interactive learning environments in their garden, as well as use the fabulous sensory garden.

One downside to the sunny weather is sunburn so please do ensure that all children come to school with sun cream already applied and with a sun hat and water bottle! Thank you.



The Lorax & #EarthDay



On Thursday this week across the Federation the children enjoyed the fabulous experience of live streamed theatre from the Old Vic in London.

Dr Seuss's The Lorax concerns the danger of human destruction of the natural environment. The story encourages personal care and involvement in making the situation better: *"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."*

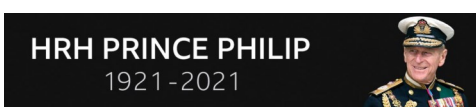
This showing of The Lorax was screened to coincide with Earth Day and the children across the Federation have also been thinking this week about the environment, natural habitats and our human impact on the planet. Visit our website to see more about their #EarthDay learning: www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk

Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition

Our school is delighted to be taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. Eight pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK will become the designers of this stamp set, and one could be your child! Please read the letter attached or visit the Royal Mail website: www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk for more details.



HRH The Duke of Edinburgh



The children have reflected on the long life of Prince Phillip and the many ways in which he served others, particularly young people, and how he helped to let their light shine. Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty the Queen.

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40 For The Federation! Fundraising Walk

Sponsored by **WAINWRIGHT** 

40 for the Federation! is a fundraising walk to raise money for Croscombe & Stoke St Michael Primary Federation and Little Roots Pre-School, to help improve the playground experience for the children. The challenge is for participants to complete on foot 42km/26miles.

The event is being organised by David & Tam Richardson-Aitken, whose children attend Stoke school. They are also being supported by the staff, FOCs, PTA and Governors of both Croscombe & Stoke schools and Little Roots Pre-School, as well as the wider village communities.

There are two different events: a Live and a Virtual event. Each event is limited to 50 participants and all participants will be awarded a medal to commemorate their achievements!

Please read through the event information attached and if you would like to **take part** or would like to **volunteer** to help at the live event on 25th September please email: croscombe@educ.somerset.gov.uk

To make a donation please visit our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation and if you are sponsoring a participant please don't forget to put their name in the comments section so we know how much they have raised... Don't forget that the participant who raises the most money will get a fabulous prize!

We are really excited about this event as it could raise the school a significant sum. Please do take part, volunteer to help and spread the word so that we can raise as much as possible! Thank you.



Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs



Don't forget to book your children in on ParentPay for Breakfast & After School Club! Activities include games, arts and crafts, gardening, cooking, free play, football, dodge ball and much more!!

We are also looking for a volunteer to run a Gardening Club at Croscombe school. There is a wonderful school allotment garden in the playing field that has been looked after by Craig Stevens & Gemma Pearce however, due to other commitments they are no longer able to tend it anymore. We are very grateful to them both for all their hard work in maintaining and growing amazing produce and we would love for someone to take over their green-fingered role! If you are able to help please contact the office at Croscombe for more information.



And finally, we wanted to say how delighted we are to be starting this new term with such enthusiasm and positivity! The children are well settled and happy to be back at school and the new class topics across the Federation look fun, interesting and engaging. We will continue to post updates of the children's work on the Latest News pages of our website so don't forget to take a look every now and then to see what they are up to!

We also wanted to let you know that we value your feedback so please feel free to contact us so we can continue to inspire and enable all the children to be the very best that they can be and 'let their light shine'!

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