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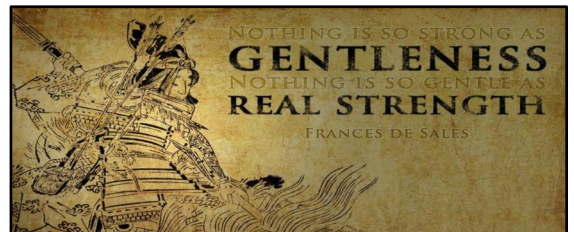
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you that you have had a good week and have had a chance to enjoy some of the glorious September sun. After the turbulence and stress of the past year we also hope that the routines of school life are now feeling more natural and normal for you and your children.

We know that the pandemic is still very much a part of our everyday lives and with it comes a certain amount of anxiety which can continue to impact on our mental well being. Please let us know if you are concerned about your child and we can arrange for one of our amazing ELSA's (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) to work with your child in school. Likewise as parents/carers you can access a huge amount of information on line as well as free training courses such as this one on Mindful Emotion Coaching:

[Openlearning.com/courses/mindfulemotionlearning](https://openlearning.com/courses/mindfulemotionlearning)

If you or your child are struggling, please do not hesitate to let us know by speaking to the class or head teacher. It is so important to remember to be gentle with yourself and those around during these stressful times.



Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival season is here and last Sunday Croscombe's St Mary's Church celebrated their village Harvest Service; we hope to take the Croscombe pupils up to the church soon to celebrate. At Stoke the Church Harvest Festival will be celebrated at 4pm on Sunday 3rd October followed by the Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce in the school hall. Please see the attached poster for more information.

In school the children are also beginning to prepare for their own harvest assemblies in October. We will update the website with photos so keep a look out on our Latest News pages: www.croscombestokefederation.co.uk

Forms For The Office

By now you should all have received the pack of forms sent out by the school office that need to be completed as part of our statutory obligations. Please can you ensure that you have checked, completed and returned these forms by **Thursday 30th September** at the latest. Many thanks.



Head Lice & Nits

We have had a case of nits reported in the school and are therefore asking that all parents be vigilant with checking and treating your children's hair.



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

As the weather is becoming more autumnal and the temperature drops please ensure that all children attending forest school have wellies and waterproofs with them for every session. Please also ensure that your children are dressed with warm layers as it can get cold in the woodlands, even when it is a warm, sunny day. See the attached poster for more advice on what to wear.

At Stoke, please can all parents check your cupboards for any of the school waterproof trousers that were leant to the KS1 (Acorns) children and return to the office as soon as possible.

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40 For The Federation!



Tomorrow is the big day and we are so delighted to let you know that our fundraising total has gone up to £4886. If you haven't yet sponsored our walkers its not too late! Please go to:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation>.

Likewise if you would like to donate a cake to our bake sale or you would like to buy one (!) please come along to Croscombe school from 12.30pm tomorrow.

Finally, if anyone is free on Saturday and would like to come and support the event and all of our amazing walkers please feel free to join us:

- At the start line at Stoke School at 8am
- At Croscombe school between 2.30 - 5.30 - especially up Thrupe Lane (!) and
- At the finish line at Stoke School from about 4pm - 7pm!

Morrisons Gardening Vouchers

You may have seen on TV and social media the Morrison's *It's Good To Grow* scheme being advertised. Both our schools have now signed up to this so please get collecting!

It's Good to Grow is a token collection scheme that allows schools to collect free gardening equipment to get kids outdoors and growing. Between 6th September and 24th October 2021 for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons, customers will automatically receive one Grow Token to donate to your chosen school. You'll need to be a MyMorrisons customer to take part so make sure you download the app and select a school to donate your Grow Tokens to.



Finally, don't forget to scan your app or MyMorrisons card at checkout every time you shop to receive your Grow Tokens. Once you've selected a school, you'll be able to donate your Grow Tokens to them.

From 24th October, they'll be able to redeem the Grow Tokens they've collected against a range of growing and gardening equipment for school.

And Finally...

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and all the very best of luck to all the walkers, volunteers and event organisers for tomorrow! We look forward to sharing some pictures with you next week.

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