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8th April 2022

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for all your support over the past 6 weeks. We have had another hugely successful term with our whole community working together to give the children the best possible school experience! There has been some outstanding classroom learning as well as fascinating school trips and our wonderful Federation Art Week.



The Easter holidays are a brilliant way for us to all take a well deserved break. We hope that everyone enjoys the Easter period whether that be attending an Easter church service or joining in with an Easter Egg hunt or two. We are looking forward to seeing everyone bright eyed and bushy tailed to kick off the new term on Monday 25th April.

### Easter Celebrations across the Federation

Croscombe have enjoyed lots of Easter themed activities over the past week as well as learning about the Easter story in class. Acorns class were also able to visit the village church where they learnt about the significance of the Easter story for all Christians.



There was also a wonderful Easter Bonnet Competition followed by an Easter Bonnet Parade taking place alongside our usual celebration assembly. And Chestnuts Class also hosted an Easter Cake Sale to raise funds for class resources. **The sale raised £97.25.** Thank you to all of those who supported the sale by donating yummy treats and to those who bought them!

Stoke St Michael has also been busy learning about the Easter story in class and they enjoyed a fabulous Easter Disco with an Easter Bonnet competition on Friday 1st April. A big thank you goes to the brilliant SSM PTA for organising this event and to Crazy Pete for the entertainment! Acorn Class also hosted an Easter themed cake sale today to raise money for their class. Again, a thank you goes to all of those who supported the fundraiser with donations of cake and those of you who brought them, it is very much appreciated!

### Forest School



Next term years 1 and Reception at Croscombe and Bluebells Reception and Nursery at Stoke will be attending Forest School. You should now have received consent forms so please do complete and return them at the start of next term; if we do not receive them prior to the 1st session then your child will not be able to go.

Please note that Chestnuts Class will be having a **one off forest school session on Friday 29th April**. This is to make up for the missed session this term because of the school closure for Storm Eunice on 18th February.

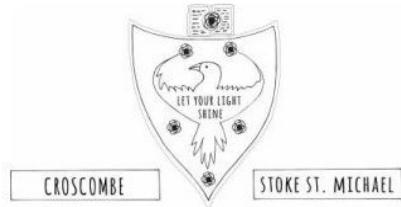
### Stoke St Michael Swimming Sessions & Bluebells PE

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 on your child's account as soon as possible.



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

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### **Outstanding Payments**

This is a polite reminder that for many of our activities including Forest School, trips and Wraparound Care we rely on parent/carers to pay promptly any associated costs. If you have any outstanding payment items on ParentPay we would be grateful if you could ensure these are paid as soon as possible.



We would also ask that all outstanding fees for Bluebells Nursery children are paid as soon as possible. If you are unsure about whether you have any outstanding fees please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **School Dinner Ordering**

Please note that the deadline for ordering school meals for the first week back after the Easter holidays is midnight on 20th April. If you have any problems ordering, please contact Tamsyn Richardson-Aitken at [trichardson-aitken@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:trichardson-aitken@educ.somerset.gov.uk).



### **Bluebells Stay and Play 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. For more information please contact the school office and do feel free to share the date with friends and family who might be looking for a fantastic preschool in a lovely rural setting!



### **Bambi the Therapy Dog**

This is an advanced warning that Bambi and Nicki, her handler, will be visiting Stoke St Michael on Wednesday 18th May. If there is a reason why you wish that your child does not have contact with Bambi, please let the office know before the day.

### **Stoke PTA Jubilee Bingo**

Please see the attached poster regarding Stoke St Michael's Jubilee Bingo event on Friday 2nd July. Make sure you dust off your bingo dabbers!



### **Rainbow Readers Celebrations at Stoke**

To celebrate their fantastic home reading some of the children at Stoke were invited to a Rainbow Readers party! In the morning the Reading Leaders made Easter biscuits and later in the day at party time, the pupils were able to choose some Easter biscuits to decorate and eat while they sat and listened to a story. Julia Donaldson was the chosen author this time and pupils had a think and a chat about the characters in the book. Following on from this, all the party goers got creative drawing and colouring their favourite characters. Some of them even turned into puppets!

Please do try and take time out during the holiday to read with your child and to listen to them reading! **Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world.** It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

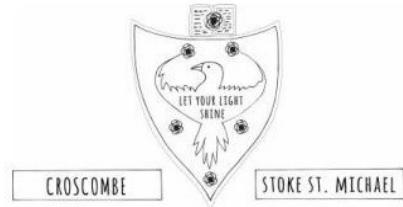
### **Conkers Need Recycling**

Conkers Class are asking for donations of 500ml plastic bottles, newspaper and A3 pieces of card. They are hoping to use them as part of their science curriculum next term. If possible, please can all donations be returned by the first week back. Thank you in advance!

### **Croscombe Wrap Around Care**

This is a reminder that after half term, Croscombe School will no longer be able to offer wrap around care. We hope this is something that can return in the future, but for the foreseeable future it will not be running.

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### Art Bytes

Please don't forget to vote for our three pupils who have been shortlisted for this years Art Bytes competition! The winning artwork from each school with the most public votes will win a place in the Art Bytes virtual exhibition. To view our virtual gallery and to place your vote please visit the Art Bytes: [website www.artbytes.co.uk](http://www.artbytes.co.uk)



### 40 For The Federation 2022

We are excited to announce that the **40 For the Federation** fundraising walk is back again, even bigger and better!

This year we are partnering with Mind In Somerset to help promote mental health and wellbeing and all money raised will be split between our Federation schools and Mind In Somerset. The event offers:

- **Live Event: 24th September** - Participants can walk either a 26 or 14 mile route!
- **Virtual Event: 1st - 26th September** - Participants will walk 26 miles in 26 days!



So, if you are ready for a challenge that will get you outdoors & help boost your mental health [please go to www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/](http://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/) to register.

Or to **donate** visit our JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022)

### Thank You Everyone!

We know that showing appreciation can sometimes be overlooked so we would like to take the time to say some thank yous. Firstly, to all of our volunteers who give up so much free time to support the Federation. We are very grateful for all that you do whether it be joining us on trips, reading or even putting on your wellies for forest school! Equally, we are just as grateful to be fortunate enough to have some of the most amazing staff and governors who help the schools run so smoothly. Finally to the pupils and parents, for always supporting both schools and for . You are all amazing and regularly 'Let your light shine'!

### And Finally....

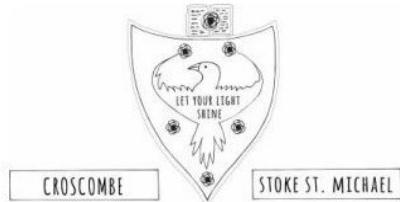
We hope that the Easter break brings you all refreshment, relaxation and reassurance. We also want to encourage you all to take a moment to think about all those who are in a less fortunate position than us and take time to be grateful. Be grateful for your health, your family and hope.

*Lord Jesus, who died upon the cross,  
You know this world's suffering,  
You know this world's sorrowing,  
You know this world's dying.*

*In your name, Lord Jesus, who rose again,  
May we work for this world's healing,  
May we work for this world's rejoicing,  
May we work for this world's living.  
Amen*

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

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### Diary Dates

<b>Stoke St Michael</b>		<b>Croscombe</b>	
<b>Friday 15th April</b>	Good Friday	<b>Friday 15th April</b>	Good Friday
<b>Sunday 17th April</b>	Easter Sunday	<b>Sunday 17th April</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>Sunday 17th April</b>	Sunday Stokers on Easter Sunday, 10.30am in the Memorial Hall, finishing 12pm at the church. All 3-11 year olds welcome.	<b>Friday 22nd April</b>	Earth Day
<b>Friday 22nd April</b>	Earth Day	<b>Monday 25th April</b>	First Day of Term! 3:15pm Finish
<b>Monday 25th April</b>	First Day of Term!	<b>Wednesday 27th April</b>	Reception & Year 1 Forest School
<b>Wednesday 27th April</b>	Stay and Play Session at Bluebells.	<b>Thursday 28th April</b>	Year 5 & 6 Whitstone Math's Experience 3:00-4:15pm
<b>Thursday 28th April</b>	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 swimming lessons start!	<b>Friday 29th April</b>	Year 3&4 Catchup Forest School session
<b>Thursday 28th April</b>	Bluebells Reception & Preschool Forest School starts.	<b>Monday 2nd May</b>	Early May Bank Holiday
<b>Thursday 28th April</b>	Year 5 & 6 Whitstone Math's Experience 3:00-4:15pm	<b>Tuesday 3rd April</b>	KS1 SATs start
<b>Friday 29th April</b>	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6	<b>Wednesday 18th May</b>	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6
<b>Monday 2nd May</b>	Early May Bank Holiday	<b>Thursday 19th May</b>	Acorns' Noah's Ark Trip
<b>Wednesday 18th May</b>	Visit from Bambi the Therapy Dog	<b>Friday 1st July</b>	Wrong trouser day!
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<b>Saturday 2nd July</b>	Stoke PTA Jubilee Bingo		

<b>Croscombe Activity Calendar</b> <b>Summer Term 2022</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	Chestnuts - PE	Yrs 1&R - Forest School	Conkers - PE	Acorns - PE

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Acorns & Bluebells - PE Owls - PE		Oaks - PE Owls - PE	Yrs 1-4 - Swimming Bluebells Reception & Nursery - Forest School	Bluebells Reception & Nursery - PE