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**20th May 2022**

### Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had across the Federation with Parent Consultations, SIAMS, Sports Day practices, and the Make the Sunshine art projects as well as all the many day to day activities and projects the children have been working so hard on. Despite being only a short term it has felt very busy so we are sure that you are all looking forward to a well deserved break at the end of next week.

With the Jubilee Celebrations on the horizon there are lots of fun things planned at school, in our village communities and nationally. Do make sure you have a look at the Diary Dates section at the end of the Newsletter to keep up to date with all that's going on!



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### SIAMS Inspection

On Wednesday 18th SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspector Ed Pawson (Exeter Diocesan SIAMS Lead) visited Croscombe. A SIAMS inspection focuses on the impact of a church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish.



We look forward to sharing the judgement with you when authorisation is given. For more information about SIAMS please visit the Church of England website: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

### Make the Sunshine - Kindness Projects

We have been delighted to host artists from Make the Sunshine in both schools over the past weeks for workshops based on 'Kindness'.

At Stoke Jo Green has been working with Owl Class to explore what Kindness is through music, words, images and sound. Jo and the children will be performing their finished piece after half term on June 10th and all parents and carers are invited to the performance. More details will be sent out near the time.



At Croscombe, the children in Chestnuts and Conkers have been working with Clare Barr on a Kindness Puppet. Clare has a distinction from RADA in puppet making. She also led the build for the Shangri-la area at Glastonbury Festival! As part of the planning process for the puppet, the children were asked; What words do they associate with kindness, what does kindness mean to them, what kind of things/objects/people/ animals do they think might symbolise kindness and what kind of gestures or movements do they associate with kindness?

They then worked hard to create an amazing Kindness Puppet! The children can sit on the Kindness Puppet's lap to take time out and receive a hug. Our thanks go to Clare and to Louise Lappin-Cook from 'Make the Sunshine'.

### Reuse & Recycle - Cardboard Tubes Needed

Mrs. Amor and Conkers' class are asking for your kitchen roll cardboard tubes (not loo rolls!). They need as many as possible please for a class project. Thank you.



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### Jubilee Celebrations!

Next Thursday our Federation will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! As part of this we are inviting all the children to wear **red, white and blue mufti on Thursday 26th**. We would also like to invite all parents and carers to the grand opening of our **Queen Elizabeth II Portrait Gallery in the school halls at 3:00pm**. The children have been working very hard on their royal portraits and are excited to share them with you.



The children across the Federation will also be celebrating with '**A Big Jubilee Afternoon Tea**'. We would be grateful for any 'afternoon tea' donations such as cucumber sandwiches, Victoria sponges, scones, cream and strawberries! Thank you.

*Please note there will be no Forest School for Bluebells or PE for Conkers next week as we will be having our Jubilee Celebrations.*

### Noah's Ark Trip

Acorns had a fantastic visit to Noah's Ark on Thursday. The children loved being able to see the animals up close and the giraffe was a big hit! It was a great opportunity for them to learn more about habitats, lifestyles and the eating habits of a wide variety of species. They were also very well behaved and were brilliant ambassadors for the school. Well done Acorns and thank you to our volunteers who helped on the day.



### M&Co Jubilee Bunting Competition

There is still time to enter the Wells M&Co bunting decorating competition in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. The best design will win £500 for their school. If your child would like to enter, all they need to do is design their own bunting using the blank templates available from the office and return entries to the school office by Thursday 26th May. We will then take all entries to M&Co for judging. As well as having a chance to win £500 for the school, the bunting will be hung in store over the Jubilee Weekend! Good luck and we can't wait to see all of your entries.



### Wells in Bloom



The children at Croscombe school will be entering this year's Wells in Bloom School Gardening Competition and will be creating a beautiful 'garden in a wheelbarrow' display. Wheelbarrows will be on display at the Bishops' Palace Stableyard on 20th-22nd June and will remain there until the end of term.

### Frozen Fridays

Thank you to everyone who donated and brought ice lollies at today's sale in Croscombe. We raised £58 which will be added to our fund for resources for the Ukrainian children joining our school. Croscombe will be holding another ice lolly sale next **Friday 27th May**. Donations of lollies are welcome! Thank you.



### Year 5 & 6 Trip to Downside



We will be sending out permission forms next week for the year 5&6 Outdoor Activity trip to Downside School. Please look out for them in your email and your child's bookbag and ensure they are returned to the school offices by no later than 6th June. The children will be taken by mini bus after morning registration at school however, **parent/carers will need to collect their children from Downside School at 3pm**.

Parents and carers are also invited to arrive at Downside School slightly earlier for afternoon tea with the children at 2.30pm. Please indicate on the permission forms if you will be attending the afternoon tea. Thank you.

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### Headlice

Once again can we remind parents/carers to regularly check and treat your children's hair for head-lice and nits. Please can you ensure that over this weekend you check your child's hair, and treat it if necessary, before they return to school on Monday. For more information please visit the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/). Thank you.



### Thank you!



We wanted to say a big thank you to Miss Flemming and Miss Dunkerton for all their hard work during their work placements in Acorns Class at Croscombe. We wish you all the very best for the rest of your course at Strode College. Thank you.

### Sleep Hygiene & Online Safety

As the evenings stay lighter for longer we know how hard it can be to get children to settle to a sensible bed time however, please do try and ensure that your child has a good rest every night as we are aware of some children staying up well after a reasonable time.



Research also shows that children sleep better if they read a book or listen to calming music before bed rather than looking at a screen. If devices are allowed in their bedroom, children find it hard to resist the lure of screens!

Please also be aware that the majority of social media apps have an age limit of at least 13 years. For reliable advice and more information please follow these links: [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) and [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/)

### 40 For The Federation 2022

If you are ready for a challenge that will get you outdoors & help boost your mental health and you would like to help raise money for our Federation and Mind in Somerset, please **REGISTER** at [www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/](http://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/)



Or donate via our JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40fortheFederation2022](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40fortheFederation2022)

### And Finally....

We want to leave you with these words from Philippians 4:8 which we think can help us all to 'let our light shine'!

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things..  
And the God of Peace will be with you."*

We are very proud of the children and their hard work over the past weeks. They have welcomed new classmates with open arms, been fantastic ambassadors when on school trips and during in school workshops, strived for their Learning Gems, and in class they have maintained their hard work and commitment! Well done everyone.

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



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**Diary Dates**

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Thursday 26th May	Jubilee Celebrations in School. Red, White & Blue Mufti! Afternoon Tea donations welcome! No Forest School for Bluebells.	Wednesday 25th May, 9:10am	Celebration Assembly, all parents & carers welcome. Afternoon Tea donations welcome! No PE for Conkers.
Thursday 26th May, 3:00pm	Queen Elizabeth II Portrait Gallery Grand Opening!	Thursday 26th May	Jubilee Celebrations in School. Red, White & Blue Mufti!
Thursday 26th May	M&Co Jubilee Bunting Competition deadline	Thursday 26th May, 3:00pm	Queen Elizabeth II Portrait Gallery Grand Opening!
Friday 27th May, 2:45pm	Celebration Assembly, all parents & carers welcome.	Thursday 26th May	M&Co Jubilee Bunting Competition deadline
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term	Friday 27th May	Frozen Friday Ice Lolly Sale!
Sunday 5th June	'The Big Lunch' Picnic in the Park, Stoke St Michael Playing Field with pupils performance of the Federation Song & National Anthem	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Thursday 9th June	Downside School Trip	Thursday 9th June	Trip
Friday 10th June	Make the Sunshine Kindness Song Performance. All parents & carers welcome. Time to be confirmed.	20th-22nd June	Wells in Bloom Exhibition: The school Garden in a Wheelbarrow will be on display at the Bishops' Palace Stableyard.
Friday 1st July	Wrong trouser day!	Friday 1st July	Wrong trouser day!
Saturday 2nd July	Stoke Summer Fair	July	Sports Day - <b>Date to be confirmed!</b>
July	Sports Day - <b>Date to be confirmed!</b>	Mid July - Date to be confirmed!	Post Cards of Change Exhibition. More details to follow!
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Croscombe Activity Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Chestnuts - PE	Yrs 1&R - Forest School	Conkers - PE	Acorns - PE

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