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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that everyone enjoyed their well deserved break over the Easter period and had a chance to have some relax and enjoy the glorious Spring weather. We are all excited to start the Summer Term and it has been wonderful having the children back to share they enthusiasm and optimism for the remainder of the academic year.



There is lots planned for the term ahead with school trips, new class themes, sports day, parents evenings and heaps more besides! To stay up to date please make sure you regularly check our latest news page on our website. Both schools also have Facebook pages which we would love for you to 'Like' and share.
www.facebook.com/croscombefepriamry and www.facebook.com/StokeStMichaelPrimary



Bank Holiday Monday

This is a reminder that **Monday 2nd May** is a bank holiday. Both schools and Bluebells Nursery will be closed to all pupils.

School Photos



On Wednesday 4th May, Tempest Photographers are visiting both schools to take class photos and group photos for the year 6 leavers. The photos will then be available to buy via the Tempest website. Please ensure that all pupils attend schooling wearing full school uniform (including crested jumpers/ cardigans) and looking smart, ready for their photographs. Children who have PE or Forest School on that day should bring their PE kits or Forest School clothes into school, ready to change into after their photographs have been taken.

If there is any reason that you wish for your child not to be included in these photos please, contact the school office by Midday on Tuesday 3rd May.

Parents Evening

Next week we will be sending out time-slot sign up forms for Parents Evenings which will be held during the week beginning 16th May. Please can you ensure you have completed and returned your forms to the school with your preferred days and times by no later than **10th May**.



PTA at Stoke St Michael

We would like to let you know that at the PTA Annual General Meeting in September, both Charlotte Corbett and Lucy Stott will be stepping down as Treasurer and Chair of the Stoke St. Michael PTA. We would like to take the opportunity to thank both Charlotte and Lucy, as well as the rest of the PTA, for all of their hard work! Over the last few years, the PTA has organised and helped with a huge variety of events including discos, bingo, cake sales, 40 For The Federation, Summer and Christmas Fairs, parties, Santa visits and Village trails, to name but a few! Through fundraising, the PTA have been able to help fund school trips, buy many new books, provide outdoor play equipment, supply the rainbow badges, Easter Eggs and Christmas treats, plus provide many fun classroom resources.



Both the PTA and the FOCs would therefore love to hear from any parents/carers who would like to get more involved. It is a great way to be more active in your child's school life and to meet new people and without the support of the PTA and the FOCs the children would certainly miss out!

Please contact the school office or speak to Lucy or Charlotte (Stoke St Michael) or Shaun Horan (Croscombe) if you would like to learn more about how you can help. Thank you!



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Welcome Visitors and Ukraine Coffee Morning!

Over the next few weeks, the Federation will be welcoming a number of children whose families have recently arrived from Ukraine. We would like to thank everyone who have already done so much to make them feel welcome and we look forward to being able to explore their culture in school!



On Thursday 5th May at 9.30am, Stoke St Michael Nursery and Primary School are holding a coffee morning for families in the local community who are hosting or registering to host families from the Ukraine. The morning will be a chance to meet other hosts and families in the area and to find out about how the school can help. Ukrainian families are welcome to join. Please spread the word!

Bluebells Stay and Play Session

On Wednesday this week, Bluebells Nursery invited all families with young children to a Stay & Play session in the Bluebells Early Years Unit. The open morning was fantastic and all the visitors had great fun! Thank you to all of those who paid us a visit as well as sharing the event online or by word of mouth, it is very much appreciated!



Outstanding Payments



This terms activities including Nursery fees, Forest School, swimming, trips and wraparound care are now all available to pay for on ParentPay. If you have any outstanding payment items 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.

Being Ready for all Weather

Whilst we are officially in our Summer Term, sadly we aren't in full summer weather yet so please ensure that children come to school ready for whatever the weather throws at us! Sun hats for example but with jumpers and rain coats, because even the sunniest of days can be chilly and can quickly turn to rain!



Bambi the Therapy Dog

Bambi the Therapy Dog and Nicki her handler, will be visiting Stoke St Michael on Wednesday 18th May. If there are any reasons why you do not want your child to have contact with Bambi, please let the office know before the day.



40 For The Federation 2022

We are excited to announce that the **40 For the Federation** fundraising walk is back again, and this year it is even bigger and better! For 2022 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 ***REGISTER*** at www.mindsomerset.org.uk/fundraise/40-for-the-federation-2022/

To donate please visit our JustGiving page:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/40forthefederation2022



* Registration for all of the events is £40 and additional fundraising is requested!*

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M&Co Jubilee Bunting Competition

M&Co in Wells are running a bunting decorating competition in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. There is a chance that the pupil with 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 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.

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!



Healthy Lunch Box Poster Competition!



Well done to all the children who have already submitted their Healthy Box Posters. We have extended the deadline for the competition until the week beginning 9th May because we know many of the children are still keen to enter!

The winners from both schools will get to choose a new Smiggle lunch box and runners up can choose a new Smiggle water bottle! Please see the attached poster for more information and visit the NHS website for ideas!

www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

Forgiveness

At Croscombe the children will be reflecting on the Christian value of Forgiveness this term and to launch the theme Mr Moore talked to the children in their assembly this week about what forgiveness means and how it can change our homes, schools, communities and the world! Please do have a look at the Croscombe as a Church School page on our website where we share the value for each term.

And Finally....

We hope you all have a forgiving weekend that helps to bring peace into your hearts and homes. And reflecting on the theme of forgiveness, here is a wonderful quote that was shared with the children this week:

*"When you forgive you don't change the past,
But you do change the future!"
Bernard Meltzer*



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

Let Your Light Shine

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Diary Dates

Stoke St Michael		Croscombe	
Saturday 30th April	Clothes Swap, Knatchbull Pub, 5pm (see poster for more info)	Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday
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Wednesday 4th May	School picture day (Class photos and Year 6 leavers).	Wednesday 4th May	School picture day (Class photos and Year 6 leavers)
Thursday 5th May	Ukraine coffee morning starting @9.30am. For all, particularly for families in the local community who are hosting or who are registering to host families, as well as Ukraine families already in SSM.	Monday 9th May	Healthy Lunch Box Poster Deadline
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Friday 13th May	Pyjamarama Day!	Week beginning 16th May	Parents Evenings (days and times to be confirmed).
Friday 6th May	Celebration Assemblies: Every Friday at 2.45pm. Refreshments available from 2.30pm. All welcome!	Wednesday 18th May	Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6 children.
Friday 13th May	Cake sale to raise money for resources for Ukrainian children starting at the school. Cake donations welcome!	Thursday 19th May	Acorns' Noah's Ark Trip
Week beginning 16th May	Parents Evenings (days and times to be confirmed).	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Wednesday 18th May	Bags2School Collection Day	Friday 1st July	Wrong trouser day!
Wednesday 18th May	Visit from Bambi the Therapy Dog	Saturday 2nd July	Stoke PTA Jubilee Bingo
Monday 30th April - Friday 3rd June	Half Term		

Croscombe Activity Calendar Summer Term 2022				
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