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Headteacher: Mr Stephen Heath

Dear Parent /Carer



### Important notes from the PTA

It is Children in Need Day on Friday next week and we hope that parents will be able to help the children contribute by bringing silver coins to cover a "Pudsey" outline drawing. So start saving that change now!

There is a PTA meeting next Thursday at the Knatchbull at 7.00pm. Please pop along to see how you could help our wonderful fund raisers.

Could we also ask for donations for the PTA Christmas Bingo night (24<sup>th</sup> November) to arrive as soon as possible? Pre-school - Jars of chutney, pickles, jam etc

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Reception - bottles of drink, alcoholic/non-alcoholic, squashes, juices, sauces etc

Year 1 - cakes, biscuits, sweet and savoury etc

Year 2 - Tins - soups, vegetables, fish, meat etc

Year 3 - Sweets and chocolates

Year 4 - Christmas decorations - baubles, tinsel, candles etc

Year 5 - Christmas wrapping paper, cards, ribbons etc

Year 6 - Tins - soups, vegetables, fish, meat etc



### Cinema Club

The next film club will be on Wednesday 22nd November after school until 5.00pm. We will be showing "Planes" (Cert.PG). As usual, everyone is welcome. Refreshments are available (£1.50 for drink, popcorn or crisps and chocolate covered biscuit or small pack of sweets).

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## **Egyptian Museum**

Reminders also that the Oaks Class Egyptian Museum opens for business on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm. All are welcome and the children have produced some excellent work for you to enjoy. Find out how to mummify a pharaoh, how to build a pyramid, how to paint your face like Cleopatra and how Egyptians lived. Activities and presentations and our wonderful children, what more could you ask? Oh yes - a cup of tea!



## **Healthy School**

Please help us tackle the recent bug that has been circulating by keeping children at home until they are fully recovered. Other children and staff do not want to catch the sickness bug and children are catching a second bout because of early returns. We have been very vigilant at school with extra bleach and sterilization.



## **Headteacher's Availability**

Next week, Mr Heath will be available at Croscombe School on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He is at meetings in Ilminster all day on Thursday and will be at Stoke on Friday.



## **Gaming information for parents**

We know how popular gaming is for children. There are many fantastic games they can be using by themselves, with you or with their friends. There are two new resources that have been published to support you to help children have a positive and enjoyable time sharing games.

Childnet provides a set of resources on their Gaming resources page, including a shopping checklist for purchasing games which may be useful if you are considering purchasing games or devices as Christmas presents:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/gaming-%E2%80%93-resources-parents-and-carers>

The NSPCC suggest 5 ways to help children play safe:

1. **Check the game's content:** Always check age ratings and play the game yourself to know what they will be doing.
2. **Know how to mute, block and report:** Check how to do this in the different games your children use.
3. **Be Share Aware:** Remind children not to move from chats in games to chats on social networks.
4. **Activate safety settings:** Turn on parental controls and privacy settings on gaming consoles, turn off in-app purchases.
5. **Keep the conversation going:** Have regular conversations about the games your children play and take opportunities to play games with your children

There are leaflets about keeping children safe when gaming outside the school office. Please collect or request on if you are interested.

Best wishes,

S Heath  
Executive Headteacher  
Croscombe and Stoke St Michael Federation

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My child\children ..... will be attending Film club on Wednesday 22nd November 2017.

I will be staying with my children      Yes       No

My child\children will walk home      Yes       No

My child\children will be picked up      Yes       No

Signed: .....  
(Parent/Carer)