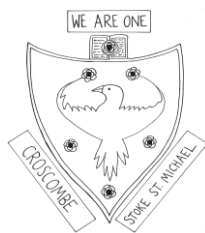




# Stoke St Michael County Primary School Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael

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Dear Parent/carers

### Dates for the diary!

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October (Every Monday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October (Every Wednesday)	Creative Aquatic – Whole school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October (Every Thursday)	Forest School sessions for Year 5 & 6
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Fencing and Archery after school club - Whole school (not including Reception children)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm – 4.45pm	Cinema Club – Showing: Home (U)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm – 8pm	Halloween Disco
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photos
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November at 11am	Flu Immunisations for Reception – Year 5
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need (Please bring any spare silver change to school to cover 'Pudsey')
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Bag 2 School collection
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Christmas Bingo in the School Hall Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7pm

### **A message from our Headteacher Mr Heath**

As you know, we have had a lot of work done at the school to improve safeguarding recently. The newly re-modelled entrance is a vast improvement and parents seem pleased with the new arrangements. Phase two of this work is now about to begin. For many years we have been pointing out to the powers that be that our site is too easy to access. Having finally been allocated some money to remedy this situation, new fencing will be erected over the next couple of weeks. This will isolate the playground from the car park and ensure that people cannot get onto the site without being seen. It will make a difference to early mornings as this area will be closed until a member of staff opens the gate. We hope to open the gate by 8.50am every morning. Therefore the children will not have access to the playground until this time. We hope that these necessary improvements will lead to an even safer school environment for the children and that parents will welcome the greater security they afford.

### **Acorns News**

Acorns have been thinking about 'What's in the egg?' that a whizzy rocket left behind to encourage imaginative and creative writing. With this, we are designing alien characters for our fantasy stories where our aliens embark upon a wish to get home along the similar story lines of the famous book *all about 'Beegu'*. Furthermore we have been learning how to add - (ed) to our verbs (doing words) in order to be able to write our stories in the past tense. Reception have been writing their names and doing some lovely singing during their phonics sessions where they are working on the s, a, t, p, i, n sounds.

In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction in the same light, using one or the other to help us with missing number calculations. Reception children have been ordering numbers up to 10.

Our space tent has caused a ripple of excitement this week, where we have been learning facts about rockets, gravity and space. Next week we will be looking into who Neil Armstrong is.

### **Oaks News**

Oaks class started off the week with a bang! The assembly went well and the children did an amazing job on their Roman army play with such a short space of time to prepare, as well as, executing their dance routine perfectly. Thank you to everyone for coming along to our assembly. Watch this space for Oaks dance part two!

In other areas, the children have been learning all about the Celtic Queen/Warrior Boudicca. They have worked well to complete written and verbal activities, which eventually lead to all of them creating their own newspaper reports of the final battle between the Romans and the Celtic Queen.

Well done Oaks!

### **PTA News**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October we are holding our last cinema club before half term. We will be watching Home. (U) Refreshments available: £1.50 per child (crisps/popcorn, chocolate bar/sweets and a drink.) If your child/children would like to come along, please complete the attached permission slip and return to the school office.

Next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October is our Halloween Disco. 6pm – 8pm in the School Hall. Join us for disco dancing, fun and games with DJ Pete with prizes to be won for the children for the best fancy dress costumes! There will be a bar and refreshments on sale. Everyone welcome!

We have also been very busy behind the scenes organising our Christmas Bingo which will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the school hall. Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down for 7pm. More details to follow soon.

### **New Manor Farm Kitchen**

Please find attached the new lunch menu from New Manor Farm Kitchen for the next half term 05/11/2018 – 21/12/2018. If your child/children would like school meals please fill in their menu choices and return to the school office by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **After school club**

As of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November Premier Sports will be running a Team Sports after school club where the children will take part in various team games and learn lots of team based skills. The club will run from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Please be advised this club will be operate on a first come, first served basis, as places are limited. Therefore if your child/children would like to take part please return the permission slip below as soon as possible.

### **Are you a crafty person?**

Acorns class would love to make some crafty adaptations to their mud kitchen area and really need some volunteers to help out. If you think you have what it takes to help transform their mud kitchen into the best mud kitchen ever! Please speak to a member of staff in Acorns class or contact the school office.

Many thanks

Steve Heath  
Headteacher

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I\We give permission for ..... to attend Cinema Club on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

I will pick my child(ren) up at 4.45pm.

My child(ren) will walk home at 4.45pm. (Applies to year 5 & 6 only)

Signed: .....  
(Parent\Carer)

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**Acorns**

I\We give permission for ..... to attend 'Team sports' after school club.

I will pick my child(ren) up at 4.15.

Signed: .....  
(Parent\Carer)

**Oaks**

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