



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

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Headteacher: Mr Stephen Heath

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Dear Parent/carer

### Dates for the diary!

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Back to school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (Every Tuesday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (Every Wednesday)	Creative Aquatic – Whole school (*We will not be going to Creative Aquatic on 5 <sup>th</sup> December due to children watching Christmas pantomime. Snow White)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (Every Thursday)	Forest School sessions for Year 3 & 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Team Sports after school club - Whole school (not including Reception children)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November (Sibling shots 8.30am – 9am)	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
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November - 2pm – 3pm	Acoms Stay and Play sessions for Pre School age children.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Christmas Bingo in the School Hall Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm	Christmas Pantomime - Croscombe will be joining us at Stoke St Michael School to watch Rainbow Theatre Productions perform Snow White.

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December – 2pm – 3pm	Acorns Stay and Play sessions for Pre School age children.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am	Acorns Nativity Performance

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

We are sad to announce that it was Mrs Hurley's last day with yesterday following her resignation as SENDCo. We thank her for all of her hard work on our behalf and on behalf of all of our children who need a little extra help for whatever reason. She has always had the best interests of our children as her focus and she will be greatly missed. After half term, Mrs Emma Aslaw will be taking over as SENDCo and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

### **A message from our Senior Teacher Mrs Vincent**

This week we have had an internet safety week where we have focused on ways to stay safe whilst surfing the internet. These include never sharing our name or address with a stranger; being kind with our words if communicating with others and if others are unkind or write bad things we mustn't reply but instead tell our parents or the nearest adult. The children at Stoke are not at an age where it is legal to be using social media websites yet, however there are still measures that we can take to ensure that they understand the importance of keeping their details safe and secure.

We endeavour to give the children the opportunity to play on the field this winter time. Please could you ensure they have a named pair of wellies in a named carrier bag so that they can carry their wellies out to the gazebo at play time to change their foot wear if they so wish. Many thanks for your support with this; it will make all the difference to their play time.

This term we have focused on our Diamond Power. The children have been winning lots of power over the teachers and staff by ensuring that they are independent in collecting and clearing away the resources that they need in their lesson time; being independent with their coats and P.E. kits (some are still working on this!); lining up independently and quietly ready to move to the next lesson or play time; keeping their learning space on their table tidy, organised and clear and generally being wonderful and independent in a structured way. Well done children, we are all very proud of your progress here! 😊

Next term, we will begin with recapping Diamond Power and then progress onto Ruby Power where we will be focusing on being supportive to others using kindness and empathy.

Thank you for your co-operation with the new gate system. We were all a bit surprised how quickly the fencing team worked as we weren't expecting the fence, by the playground, to be up so soon. However, the children are adapting very well to the new structure and we will make sure that we are still greeting the children in the same way as before just a slightly different location. Please could the Reception children come straight through into their own outdoor area as usual. Many thanks.

Next term, our celebration assembly will be held on a Tuesday afternoon at the same time of 2:45pm. Due to parental request, we will change the day of our celebration assembly each term so that parents, especially those who work will have more opportunity to attend.

Thank you to everyone, especially the children, for a super term. Enjoy the break and we will see you all in Autumn Term 2! 😊

### **Acorns News**

Acorns have had a wonderful week of exciting writing. A rocket from out of space visited our playground and left an egg! The children have been describing what they found in it and how it responded to planet Earth through fantasy story-telling. In addition, the children have completed their beautiful final realistic self-portraits and will move onto unrealistic ways of portraiture next, continuing to look at famous artists for inspiration. Our materials investigations are complete and we look forward to continuing to look at the solar system and how this affects our seasons and gravity in Science next term. In Maths, we have been looking at different variations of presenting addition and subtraction and using these methods to solve problems. Next term we will research Neil Armstrong by continuing with the 'Out of this World' part of our topic before we move into Christmas. Furthermore I would like to add that the staff didn't do very well with their Diamond Power this term as the children in Acorns won, hands down, making sure they were organised and ready to learn leaving us with not very much tidying or organising to do ourselves.

Well done to ALL of the Acorns children for shining like Diamonds!

### **Oaks News**

Oaks class have had another busy week and have worked well! They have continued their Roman learning this week and were able to produce some lovely mosaics. During the maths lessons, the children have started to look at multiplication and division and are working hard to learn those tricky times tables. Y5&6 have had an amazing time with Christa and Hannah at Forest school and have taken so much away from the experience. Y3&4 are ready and eager to begin after half term on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November! Overall, an excellent beginning to the term. Well done Oaks!

### **PTA News**

As you know the PTA have been busy organising this year's Christmas Bingo, to help fundraise towards essential resources for the school, which will be held in the school hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Doors open from 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm.

In keeping with tradition we will be making a luxurious hamper for our Grand prize and would like to request a donation from parents, to ensure we have a variety of produce and not too many duplicates we would like to request specific items from each year group as shown below.

(Please note: If you have more than one child in the school, we do not expect a donation from each child just choose an item from any category to donate.)

Little Roots & Reception – Savoury (For example crackers, crisps, cheeses, etc)

Years 1 & 2 – Sweet (For example biscuits, sweets, chocolates, cakes etc)

Years 3 & 4 – Cards, Wrapping Paper, Decorations etc

Years 5 & 6 - Jars/Tins (For example sauces, soups, jams, chutneys etc)

Please bring any donations to the school office by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

We hope to see you all there!

Many thanks

Stoke St Michael PTA

### **School Photographs**

We would like to remind you the children will have their school photographs taken on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure all children attend in the correct school uniform.

If you wish to have any photographs taken with siblings please arrive at 8.30am.

### **Coolmilk**

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> and complete the attached form.

### **A message from Somerset SAINT in reference to Flu Immunisations for Reception – Year 5**

Somerset SAINT (school aged immunisation nursing team) will be visiting the school on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** to administer the nasal spray flu vaccination. If you have given permission for your child to have the vaccination please could you inform the school if any of the below applies to your child:

- if your child is wheezy on the day of vaccination, or has been wheezy in the three days prior to this date
- is asthmatic and has had to increase his or her asthma medication since you returned the consent form
- if there are any other changes in your child's health since you returned the consent form
- if your child has already received the flu vaccine via their GP recently, it is **really important** that you inform the school otherwise your child may be immunised again because Somerset SAINT may still hold a consent form for them

### **Poppy Appeal**

To help raise money for the poppy appeal we have a variety of poppy themed stationary and reflectors available at the school office.

Reflectors, erasers, pencil sharpeners and pencils are a suggested 50p donation  
Rulers are a suggested £1 donation.

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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