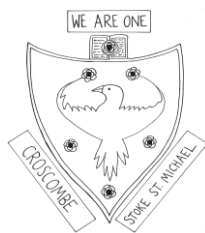




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Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary!

Tuesday 6 th November – Tuesday 18 th December (Every Tuesday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 7 th November – Wednesday 19 th December (Every Wednesday)	Creative Aquatic – Whole school (*We will not be going to Creative Aquatic on 5 th December due to children watching Christmas pantomime. Snow White)
Thursday 8 th November – Thursday 13 th December (Every Thursday)	Forest School sessions for Year 3 & 4
Friday 9 th November - Friday 14 th December	Team Sports after school club - Whole school (not including Reception children)
Monday 19 th November - Monday 10 th December	The Book People – Books on display in Little Roots and school entrance corridor.
Wednesday 21 st November 3.30pm – 4.45pm	Cinema Club – Showing: Penguins of Madagascar
Thursday 22 nd November - 2pm – 3pm	Acorns Stay and Play sessions for Pre School age children.
Friday 23 rd November	Multi Day (Bring a bottle for the PTA Tombola Stall at the Church Christmas Fair)
Friday 23 rd November	Christmas Bingo in the School Hall Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7pm
Monday 26 th November 9am – 9.45am	Parents Meeting with Mr Heath
Thursday 29 th November 9.30 – 5pm	Year 5 - Primary Dance Festival at Whitstone School
Saturday 1 st December 10.30am – 12 Noon	Church Christmas Fair at the Village Hall

Wednesday 5 th December at 1.45pm	Christmas Pantomime - Crocombe will be joining us at Stoke St Michael School to watch Rainbow Theatre Productions perform Snow White.
Thursday 6 th December – 2pm – 3pm	Acorns Stay and Play sessions for Pre School age children.
Saturday 8 th December 11am – 4.30pm	Community Events Committee Christmas Market in the Village Hall
Wednesday 12 th December – 2.30pm – 3pm	Christmas Sing a Long at Little Roots for parents/carers and families
Thursday 13 th December at 9.30am	Acorns and Little Roots Nativity Performance
Friday 14 th December	'Save the Children' - Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17 th December	Rainbow Treat afternoon
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Break – Children finish at 1.30pm

A message from our Senior Teacher Mrs Vincent

Gem Power

Now that the children have some great organisational and responsible power we have moved from Diamond Power to Ruby Power recently and are beginning to see children helping and supporting others more. The Ruby Power objectives we are currently working on are as follows:

- I can make others feel included.
- I can make others feel good about their successes by congratulating them.
- I can tell an adult when I see another child doing well with their learning.
- I can empathise with others when they are not feeling good.
- I can support others with their learning.
- I can understand how others feel during their learning and show them kindness.
- I can help others when they have a problem.

We have broken them down further for the younger children:

- I can help others.
- I can wait my turn.
- I can listen to others with my eyes.
- I can be kind.
- I can use gentle hands and feet.

We will continue to keep Diamond Power alive by awarding house points for those children spotted going the extra mile to keep themselves organised and ready for learning. House points are gathered and counted for each celebration assembly.

Rainbow Readers

We have some children who have reached the end of the Rainbow with 100 quality reads at home. Well done children! The rainbow treat afternoon will take place on Monday 17th December where the children can bring their tickets for entry.

Merits and Merit Badges

Merits have already been earned for progress in learning this week and added to the children's merit cards. There are 50 merits to collect for each merit badge to be awarded. I would like to thank the PTA for offering to pay for the children's badges. Thank you very much, your hard work is greatly appreciated and valued by everyone.

Mel Vincent - Senior Teacher

Primary Dance Festival at Whitstone School

Whitstone School is hosting a Primary Dance Festival on Thursday 29th November. Our Year 5 children have been selected to attend. They will be accompanied by Mrs Ruddle. Please see letter from Whitstone School for further details and permission slips.

Little Roots @ Stoke

Little Roots will be holding a Christmas sing a long for their parents/carers and families on Wednesday 12th December 2pm – 3pm.

Little Roots have been invited to join Acorns in their Nativity on Thursday 13th December at 9.30am. Please dress your child as a star. Costumes to be in Little Roots by Thursday 6th December – We welcome simple/tinsel costumes. Everyone welcome!

PTA News

Cinema Club will be finishing at the slightly earlier time of 4.45pm tomorrow.

Just a quick reminder Friday 23rd November is Mufti-Day. If your child/children would like to take part please bring a bottle for the PTA Tombola Stall at the Church Christmas Fair. This can be a bottle of anything as long as it is sealed and in date.

The PTA will be holding stalls at both the Church Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December and the village Christmas Market on Saturday 8th December. There will be tombola, lucky dip and the PTA have been busy making Christmas 'Button' Carfts to sell. Please come along and have a look!

We are pleased to announce that your Bags 2 School collection raised an amazing £88.00. Thank you!

There will be teas and coffees available for a small donation at the weekly Celebration Assembly from 2.30pm.

Please could we request donations of glass jars for our upcoming Festive Event for the children. More details to follow soon...

Don't Forget! Christmas Bingo Friday 23rd November in the School Hall

Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm. Lots of fantastic prizes to be won!

Hope to see you all there!

As always many thanks for your continued support!

Next PTA Meeting Tuesday 4th December 7.30pm at The Knatchbull Arms
Everyone Welcome! ☺

The Book People

PLEASE HELP OUR SCHOOL TO PURCHASE FABULOUS NEW BOOKS!

Have a look at the books on display in the school entrance corridor and Little Roots and if anything catches your eye, fill in the order form and bring your money to the school office no later than **Friday 7th December**.

(Please note: If you do not return bring your order payment to the school office, your order will not be fulfilled.)

Guide to Video Games

With Christmas fast approaching, parents may be considering video games as gifts for their children. Making a decision about which games are most suitable can be difficult. To help, www.askaboutgames.com have released a guide to the best family video games, organised by PEGI rating. The guide can be found at:

<http://www.askaboutgames.com/discover-2018s-amazing-video-games-for-your-family>

'Covering' Pudsey in Silver for Children in Need 2018



Some of the children in Acorns Class 'covering' Pudsey in silver



Some of the children in Oaks Class 'covering' Pudsey in silver



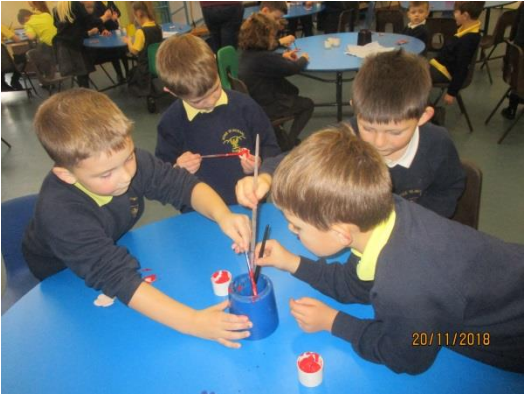
Some of the children in Little Roots @ Stoke 'covering' Pudsey



Pictures of Pudsey by children in Acorns Class

Stoke St Michael Primary and Little Roots @ Stoke raised a grand total of £74.41p
Well done everyone!

Poppy making for the Centenary Armistice Display in the village



Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher