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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 5 th December	Acorns 'Live Nativity' trip to Manor Farm
Wednesday 5 th 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 th December – 2pm – 3pm	Acorns Stay and Play sessions for Pre School age children.
Saturday 8 th December 11am – 4.30pm	Memorial Hall Christmas Market in the Village Hall
Wednesday 12 th December	Little Roots trip to Cowtastic Playbarn

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 and 5.30pm	Acorns, Oaks and Little Roots Nativity Performance
Monday 10 th December – Thursday 13 th December	'Save the Children' – Christmas Jumper Week (Little Roots)
Friday 14 th December	'Save the Children' - Christmas Jumper Day (School)
Monday 17 th December	Rainbow Treat afternoon
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Break – Children finish at 1.30pm

Celebration News

In each class we celebrate children for showing progress in their learning and for shining in a particular area.

Our Super Stars of the Week are:

Oaks Class

Thomas for always coming into school with a positive attitude, superb listening skills and the ability to work nicely with others!

Acorns Class

Levi for working hard to learn his lines, as King Herod and acting very well, using a very big, loud King Herod voice.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards are:

Oaks Class

Emily for developing her writing ability by meeting the learning objectives to create a superb mystery story based in Pompeii.

Acorns Class

Lily S for improving her spelling and her cursive hand writing, producing beautiful hand writing and better spellings.

Our Magical Maths Magicians are:

Oaks Class

Inara for showing plenty of confidence in using her times table knowledge to complete different calculations.

Acorns Class:

Livvy for understanding how to exchange using the diennes when adding 2 digit numbers and 2 digit numbers together and being able to draw the process pictorially in order to find the answer.

Acorns News

Acorns have been busy rehearsing their Nativity show recently. The children are rapidly improving their ability to speak out loud, clearly and with expression as they become more confident with knowing their lines by memory. Thank you for the support you are giving in helping them to learn their lines, one last push now as we have just over a week until the performance date – Thursday 13th December. Thank you.

In Maths the children have been continuing with their addition and subtraction skills in Year 1 and in Year 2 they have been focusing on adding 2 digit numbers to 2 digit numbers using the diennes for exchanging. The children have persevered with this and are becoming increasingly more confident at drawing the exchanging pictorially in order to find the answer.

Well done Acorns!

Tomorrow, in the morning, Acorns will be going on their exciting 'Trip to Bethlehem' to Manor farm in Stratton on the Fosse. The coach will leave school at 9:45 and bring the children back for 11:30am. Please could children come dressed in joggers and wellies to keep them warm and dry with school jumpers. When they get back to school they will need to change into their school uniform so please make sure they bring the school uniform that they are not wearing in a bag to school so they can change before lunch. They will need to bring a water bottle. This will be a beautiful experience for them all and will hopefully bring all their learning about the Nativity into context.

Thank you for your support.

Just a reminder due to our exciting pantomime performance of snow white tomorrow afternoon, there will be NO SWIMMING!

Oaks News

Oaks class has had another busy week. During our maths lessons, we have continued to work on our calculations and we also moved onto measure. This week we are also bringing our Romans topic to a close, with plenty of information being retained by the children. Our new topic from now until our Christmas break is 'Christmas Performance Poetry'. The children will be looking at the impact of rhyme in performance poetry and they will eventually create their own poems to perform.

This week most of the children have topic words to learn for their spellings. They all have 11 on the sheet, but they can chose to learn either the first 7 or all of them. In addition, the children have Christmas maths homework and will be allowed two weeks to complete it. This will be the last spelling/math homework until the New Year.

Well done for an excellent week Oaks. Keep up the good work!

A message from our Senior Teacher Mrs Vincent

Nativity Concert

As you are aware our Nativity Concert involves the whole school from Little Roots right up to Oaks class. Therefore ALL parents are invited to join us for the two performances. On Thursday 13th December the doors will open at 9:30 for a 9:45am start and the evening performance doors will open at 5:15 for a 5:30 start. However, we will need all of the children (except Little Roots) in school by 5pm in order for them to get ready and into their costumes.

Thank you for sending in the costumes already. If you having trouble sourcing one, please ask a member of staff as we have lots of items in school that may help. Oaks class please come dressed in a Christmas jumper, a green or a red top on the day, thank you. In addition, thank you to the parent volunteers helping with the set. There are still jobs to do if anyone has any spare time, thanks in advance.

PTA News

Just a reminder, we have a PTA meeting in The Knatchbull Arms tomorrow (Wednesday 5th December) at 7.30pm All welcome! ☺

Total profits for November from donations for tea and coffee at the weekly Celebration Assembly was £28.78p

Total profits from the PTA stall at the Church Christmas Craft Fair was £97.90p

As always many thanks for your continued support!

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher