

Stoke St Michael County Primary School

Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael



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Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Thursday 10 th January – Thursday 14 th February (Every Thursday)	Forest School sessions for Reception & Year 1
Friday 11 th January - Friday 15 th February (Every Friday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Gymnastics after school club - Whole school (not including Reception children)
Tuesday 12 th February 2pm – 3pm	Acoms First Stay and Play Session for children aged 2-4 years.
Monday 14 th January – Monday 11 th February (Every Monday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 16 th January – Wednesday 13 th February (Every Wednesday)	Creative Aquatic – Whole school
Monday 21 st January – Monday 11 th February (Every Monday)	Marvellous Maths Club
Tuesday 22 nd January – Tuesday 12 th February (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 3.30pm	Mrs Young's Homework Club
Monday 28 th January	Oaks class assembly at 2.30pm followed by Celebration assembly. All welcome!
Thursday 31 st January	Acoms class trip to Nunney Castle 9.30am Children to wear Medieval Costumes
Thursday 31 st January	Parents Meeting with Mr Heath at 2.45pm
Monday 11 th February	The Book People collecting orders. Please ensure all monies for any orders are returned to school office by Friday 8 th February.
Monday 11 th February	Acoms class assembly at 2.30pm followed by Celebration assembly. All welcome!
Friday 15 th February	Children break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 25 th February	Back to school



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

Awarded to **Josh C** for showing fabulous Ruby Power in being empathetic towards other children.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Aeson** for improving well with reading and being a good listener and for showing that he is always ready to learn.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Maddy** for being able to answer comprehension questions clearly in full sentences and adding detail.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Maggie** for confidently writing a fabulous story about a dragon and a princess.

Our Magical Maths Magicians are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Dylan** for being able to turn improper fractions into mixed numbers.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jack L** for knowing and understanding how to find one more when working with numbers one to ten.

Once the children reach their initial 100 reads mark, we will then award them certificates for reads in multiples of 50.

Little Roots @ Stoke News

Celebration Time

We have been talking about celebrations, linking this with mathematical focus EYFS patterns, shapes, measurements and number work.

A New Face @ Little Roots

We welcomed a new volunteer, Flora McLeod who is undertaking her level 3 Childcare qualification shortly. Her visiting days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Little Roots and Acorns Class

Little Roots will be linking with Acorns on Monday afternoons for Phase one, letter and sounds.

Parent Questionnaire

We have placed a parent questionnaire in each of the children's drawers. Please have a look and return completed questionnaire to Little Roots by Thursday 14th February.

Acorns News

Nunney Castle Trip

The children are excited about their upcoming trip to Nunney Castle and can't wait to dress up in medieval attire as either knights, medieval princesses or dragons it doesn't matter which. You do not need to spend lots of money. The best costumes are made out of old pillow cases (ask Charlie Corbett!) The most important thing is that your child's costume is warm and practical ensuring that the children can play and run around easily in it. Swords, shields and accessories are allowed on the day of the trip. Please return permission slips to the school office asap if you have not already done so.

Acorns Class building and defending their Medieval Castle



Oaks News

During the week Oaks class have been working hard on many different elements within their lessons. During our maths lessons, Y3&4 have been using different techniques to solve multiplication and division calculations. In Y5&6 the children have been developing their confidence with adding and subtracting fractions.

In other areas the children have been learning about the story of Medusa and Perseus. During our English lessons, we have been learning the story off by heart using symbols and actions. As well as developing different areas of grammar. This will then help the children to eventually write their own Greek myth.

Following on from that, the children will be showcasing these new skills and telling the story of Medusa and Perseus on Monday 28th January during the celebration assembly. Please come along to see what they have been doing.

Overall, a very productive week. Well done Oaks!

Creative Aquatics

The children have had a great start back to their swimming and dance lessons. They are all growing in confidence and improving their skills with every lesson. In recognition of this the staff at Creative Aquatics will be choosing one child from Oaks and one child from Acorns, from each ability group, every week to award a trophy for progression in their learning. Watch this space!

Goggles

Please ensure your child/children have a pair of goggles for swimming each week.

PTA News

Easter Bingo

After the success of the Christmas Bingo we have decided to hold an Easter Bingo on 29th March 2019 with the legendary bingo caller Al Stewart! Part of the reason this was so successful last time was due to the wonderful generosity of parents and carers. We would like to call on your help again to ensure its success! If you are able to donate any items towards the raffle or bingo prizes these would be gratefully received! Please drop any donations into the school office or give to a member of the PTA.

Please note there has been a change of date for the Easter Egg Hunt. This will now take place on Thursday 4th April at 3.30pm. Please ignore the date published in the PTA newsletter that came home this week.

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher