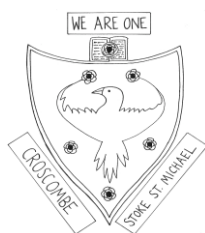




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Dear Parent/carer

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 (Parents please stay and play)	Acoms First Stay and Play Session of 2019 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 – Year 6 only.
Tuesday 22 nd January – Tuesday 12 th February (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 3.30pm	Mrs Young's Homework Club
Thursday 31 st January	Parents Meeting with Mr Heath at 2.45pm
Thursday 7 th February (New Date)	Acoms class trip to Nunney Castle 9.30am Children to wear Medieval Costumes
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 **Émile** for taking the lead role in a group and using superb explanations to help others gain a better understanding of the work.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Lily** for progressing so well in all areas of the curriculum.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Maisie** for improving her understanding of the 'T4W' story and working really well on writing an alternative tale when boxing up.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jack R** for writing all numbers correctly; for fantastic focus and participation during phonics sessions and for amazing writing during choosing time and at home.

Our Magical Maths Magicians are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Florrie** for beginning to read carefully through worded problems to extract the correct information.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Reece** for understanding equal groups; repeated addition and how this helps in using the multiplication symbol.

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

Forest School

Reception and Year 1 children do not need to bring their book bags to school on Thursday's, as they do not have time to read before Forest School. They only need to bring a bag with their waterproof outerwear and wellies in, as well as a packed lunch if they do not have school meals.

Also, a reminder from Kaye (Forest School Leader) it is vitally important that children are wearing warm layers and waterproof outerwear to forest school in the colder weather. Please see the guidance below for advice.



Mufti Day – NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme

You may remember we were visited by the NSPCC on Monday 14th January to deliver assemblies and workshops to the children as part of their Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme. As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. Which is why I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by holding a mufti-day on the last day of term before we break up for Easter. On Friday 5th April, the children can wear whatever they wish for a small donation of £1 per child in support of the NSPCC. In addition, if the children would also like to wear an Easter Bonnet there will be prizes given for the Best Easter Bonnets!

Creative Aquatics

It is Creative Aquatics policy that verruca's must be covered with a sock for swimming. This can be a swim sock or an ordinary cotton sock. Please remember to pack an additional sock (one that you don't mind going in chlorinated water) in your child's swimming kit if they have a verruca. Thank you for your cooperation.

Digital Wellbeing - Childnet Guidance for Parents



Growing up in the Digital World can be both positive and negative for our children. Technology allows them to connect, share and learn in all sorts of ways. But, as recent research has shown, being online can put pressure on children or expose them to upsetting experiences.

As adults, it can be difficult to know how to support our children to become healthy, confident users of technology.

So [Childnet](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing) has produced guidance to support parents in this. It is organised into different age groups from 3-18 year-olds and provides support for parents with children of all ages:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/digital-wellbeing>

PTA News

Event Fundraising

Cinema Club on Wednesday 23rd January raised £43.00

Oaks Class and Celebration Assembly on Monday 28th January raised £19.43p

PTA Class Donations

Thanks to your generosity we have been able to donate some wonderful new resources to both Little Roots and the school. We thought you would like to have a look at some of the items we have purchased.

Little Roots



Block People



Octagonal Sandpit



Sorting Set



Water Table

Reception



Pestle and Mortar



Toy Till



Hanging Scales



Writing Belts

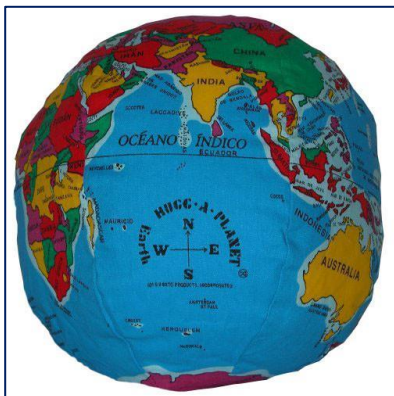


Fraction Blocks

Acorns



Globe



Hug - A - Globe



Learning Clock

Oaks



Fraction Tiles



Theraputty



Base 10



Learning Clock Kit

Can you help?

Oaks class is looking for donations of toilet training steps to provide a foot rest for some of the children when sitting at their desks.

If you or any of your friends, or family has one of these steps at home which you are willing to donate to the school please drop them off at the office or give them to a member of staff in oaks class.



Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher