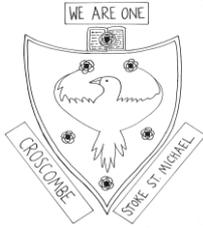


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Dear Parent/carer

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)	Acorns 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)	Mrs Vincent's 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 7 th February (New Date)	Acorns 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	Acorns 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
Friday 5 th April £1 per child to wear mufti. Easter Bonnets optional (Prizes to be won for the best!)	Mufti Day for NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. (School finishes for Eater Break 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

Awarded to **Lilly Summerell** for working well in her group and allowing everyone to join in and take turns to express their opinions.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Olivia T** for progressing so well in all areas of the curriculum especially with reading and writing.

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Roman Toten** for improving his sentences by using a range of adjectives to describe Perseus.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Logan** for concentrating hard during phonics; improving his pencil grip and making sure that there is a finger space that is the same size as one of his letters between his words.

Our Magical Maths Magicians are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Jess Coulson** for working on her 10 times tables, when both multiplying and dividing.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Elsie** for understanding equal groups; repeated addition and how multiplication can be commutative.

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

Acorns News

Years 1 and 2 have had a fun week learning our story about a boy named Kassim who finds a greedy dragon. The children have used symbols and actions to help them remember the order of the story and learned about the meaning of the interesting words and phrases used, this week we have been focusing on synonyms for verbs.

Reception children have been following a similar pattern in learning 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' using symbols and actions to help them. They have already decided that when they do their own writing for this they will be calling it 'I am going on a dragon hunt'. Watch this space!

We will be showing our oral story telling in the celebration assembly this Monday 11th February at the earlier time of 2:30. Please come and watch!

In Maths, Reception have been focusing and learning all about the numbers 1 -20. Year 1 have been learning about numbers up to 50, working with many variations to represent these numbers using apparatus and Year 2 have likewise continued and progressed well with understanding of multiplication. Next week we will have be focusing on how division is related to multiplication.

We are 'still' looking forward to our trip to Nunney. Thank you for your patience with this. The children need to come dressed in warm clothes underneath their costumes on Tuesday 12th February for an exciting adventure to the castle. I wonder what they will find inside?

Oaks News

Maths homework

At school we are trying to have a big push on learning the times tables. We are now doing daily tests to help the children try to remember the different answers through the repetitive questions. During this week and over half-term, every child's maths homework will be to continue to learn the tables that they are less confident with. This could be by saying them out loud or writing them down. In addition to this, the children could also log onto their 'Times Tables Rock Stars' accounts and have a go at those different activities. If the children could get some adult support with this, it would be very much appreciated.

Stay and Play – Love is in the air

We have our first stay and play session of this year for 2 – 4 year olds on Tuesday 12th February from 2pm – 3pm. With Valentine's Day just around the corner our session will follow a love is in the air theme. The children will have the opportunity to do lots of exciting activities around this theme including cake decorating. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Headlice

We are writing to inform you that we have had confirmed cases of head lice in school. Please check your child(ren) as soon as possible. Please follow the simple routine below to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

- *Your child's hair once a week
- *(Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.
- *If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately.
- *If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.

TREAT

- *Please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment.
- *Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect.
- *Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment.
- *Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.
- *Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice.

A message from Mrs Vincent our Senior Teacher

Exciting news this week, we have successfully appointed a new member of staff, Mrs Jacqui Foord to work alongside Mrs Young delivering booster sessions for Years 5 and 6. Mrs Foord will be here at the end of next week getting to know the children before she begins after half term. Please introduce yourselves if you see her to make her feel welcome! Thank you! 😊

PTA News

The PTA will be holding the next cinema club on Wednesday 27th February, 3.15pm – 4.45pm. Look out for the poll on Facebook to vote for your choice of film or speak to a member of the PTA. Permission slips to follow shortly.

Student Research – Please help!

Christa's daughter Josie is currently studying towards her Level 3 Children's play, learning and development qualification. Some of you may remember Josie from her time spent here assisting in the classroom, the children certainly will. As part of Josie's qualification she is conducting some research and would be very grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire. Many thanks for your support!

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher