



# Stoke St Michael County Primary School Little Roots @ Stoke St Michael

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Dear Parent/carer

## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 23rd April – Tuesday 21st May (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Foord's Marvellous Maths Club – Year 6 only.
Tuesday 23rd April – Tuesday 21st May (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 3.30pm	Mrs Spencer's Homework Club (Oaks class only)
Tuesday 23rd April – Tuesday 21st May (Every Tuesday) 3.415pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Vincent's Marvellous Maths Club – Year 2 only
Friday 26th April – Friday 24th May (Every Friday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Multi -Sports After School Club with Premier Sport - Whole school (not including Reception children)
Monday 29th April – Monday 20th May (Every Monday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the school hall.
Thursday 16th May <b>(Parents to collect from Whitstone at 2.30pm)</b>	Year 5 Growing Futures programme at Whitstone School
Tuesday 21st May <b>(Revised date)</b> 2.30pm – 3.15pm	Parents meeting with Mr Heath

## Little Roots News

### Star of the Week

Evelyn is our star of the week this week for being very helpful and kind to her peers and having fantastic manners.

### Can you help?

We are looking for any donations of good quality toys, puzzles, outdoor toys (e.g bikes, scooters, space hoppers etc) suitable for the 2 - 4 year age range. If you have anything suitable that you would be happy to donate please drop into Little Roots. Thank you!

## Acorns News

Acorns have been absolute super stars this week. We have had so much movement in and out of the classroom to enable the Y2's to sit their statutory tests which they have taken so well in their strides. Reception and Year 1 have been continuing with writing instructions and number and clocks in Maths. We have enjoyed our visit from Tom Robson who was amazed at the progression in our children with their willingness to give something a go and take a risk and also their organisational power. Well done Acorns!

## Oaks News

It's nearly the end of another short week of fun learning but it is not just the academics that we aspire to master at Stoke St Michael Primary School, we value and try to learn so many other skills that are not measured nationally. During a visit from Tom Robson (Gem Power) and his therapy dog Jed this week; children were reminded of their own potential to be powerful in their ability to take on challenges, be [high functioning] team members and develop their kindness and attitude towards others. For the Year 6's some of this **'Ruby Power'** will be active next week when they join all other Year 6's around the country to take their SAT's.

As I have said, the Year 6's should be feeling very proud of themselves for all the hard work they have put in already. Well done children you are doing so well!

In Year 3 and 4 the children have continued to apply their learning this week in Maths to 'real life money problems' and will be moving on to statistics next week.

Children in Year 3, 4 and 5 have been learning about 'How dangerous was Mary Queen of Scots?' this week. After stories of spies and double agents, the children are writing Old English letters as part of the 'Babington Plot'

In art, our Royal portraits are nearly complete (Photos to follow).

Sunflower seedlings are coming home this week. A small prize will be given to those who can show they have cared for their seedling.

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on Wednesday's and Friday's of every week if not all the time. Thank you!



## News from Our Senior Teacher Mrs Vincent

### Year 4 Multiplication check

Year 4 will be bravely piloting the new times tables test that the government expect Year 4 pupils to undertake. As you already know, at the end of Year 4 the children are expected to know their times tables off by heart using rapid recall up to 12 X 12. This change will take place as of June 2020 but we would like to pilot the tests this year to ensure our Year 4 children are aware of the current expectations and hopefully stand them in good stead for Maths in Year 5. We are aware that they will be given six seconds to answer each question; three seconds to think of the answer and three seconds to input the answer into a key pad. Just to remind you, the children do have a login to our Times Tables Rock Stars account; please do ask for another copy from Mrs Snow in the office if their details have been misplaced. However, any form of times tables practise will be of benefit thus enhancing the children's confidence and speed. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Healthy Eating

We are a healthy school and encourage our parents and pupils to think about the benefits of a healthy, balanced diet. Children are encouraged to bring a snack to eat at break time and we ask that parents provide healthy snacks such as fruit, bread sticks, cereal bars etc. Children in KS1 (Acorns) receive free fruit from school which they eat each day at break time. All KS1 children are also provided with a free school meal and we encourage all of our parents to take up the option of a hot meal provided by New Manor Farm Kitchen. Please contact the school office if you would like to see a menu. If your child/children prefer to bring a packed lunch from home, please ensure this a healthy, balanced lunch.

Please enquire at the school office if you think your child/children are eligible for free school meals whichever Key Stage they are in as this entitles them to additional funding known as Pupil Premium.

## News from Our Headteacher Mr Heath

### Parent Survey

Attached to this newsletter you will find a parent survey questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. It will help us make decisions about the future of our school. Simply tick the box which best reflects your views. Thank you very much

## PTA News

### Little Roots

Little Roots have asked for a market stall and accessories using some of their remaining funds from our recent class donation.



## Summer Fair

This year's summer fair is fast approaching we are pleased to announce that the legendary Michael Eavis will be opening our summer fair this year and judging our make an animal out of recyclable materials and grow your own miniature garden in a tray competitions.

We are looking for donations of jars filled (with sweets, toys etc) for our hoopla stall, any unwanted toys or books for our table top sale and any donations of uniform for our 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform stall. All would be gratefully received!

If you are able to volunteer to help run a stall or setup please let a member of the PTA know.

Stalls available £5 per stall + raffle donation.

## Finding Nemo a new tank...

Our School fish are in need of new tank. We were lucky enough to have their current tank donated but the light fitting was permanently fixed. Unfortunately the bulb has now gone and with no way of changing it we would like to find them a new one if possible. So if you or anyone you know happens to have a fish tank approx. 2ft x 1ft that they would be willing to donate our fish would be very grateful!

Many thanks

Steve Heath  
Headteacher