

# 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) 3.15pm – 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.
Tuesday 21st May 2.30pm – 3.15pm	Parents meeting with Mr Heath
Friday 24th May	Crazy Hair and Mufti day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair Tombola
Friday 7th June	Family Quiz Night in the School Hall ( <b>Time TBC</b> )
Tuesday 11th June – Tuesday 16th July (Every Tuesday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the School Hall.
Wednesday 19th June	Cinema Club ( <b>Film TBC</b> ) Permission slips to follow shortly.



## 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 **Thomas** for striving to do his best and being a helpful member of the class.

Awarded to **Lilly** for her 'I can attitude' towards all learning.

#### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Jack** for showing lovely **Ruby Power** when looking after our living creatures in the outdoor area and encouraging other children to do the same.

### **Our Wonderful Writing Wizards are:**

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Florrie** for super effort with letter writing using formal language.

Awarded to **Ben** for independent research of Old English phrases for his great 'Babbington Plot' letter.

#### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Bukem** for using **Emerald Power** by independently writing words with the 'ee' and 'ea' sounds in them.

### **Our Magical Maths Magicians are:**

#### **Oaks Class**

Awarded to **Billy** for excellent independent work on money problems.

Awarded to **Holly** for showcasing her Sapphire Power and sticking with it even when the learning is tricky.

#### **Acorns Class**

Awarded to **Kaden** for applying himself with great Courageous **Emerald Power** and Stickability **Sapphire Power** by increasing his arithmetic knowledge in Maths and thus gaining better independence and confidence (and good marks!)

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

## Acorns News

Acorns have begun their collaborative friendship art on bees where their efforts will need great friendship skills in order to bring it all together. They have investigated what helps bees and made magic flower wands in response. Year 1 and Reception listened to 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson and made their own Stick men during their outdoor learning time with Mrs Honess. The children have continued their time telling project also where Year 1 are learning O'clock; half past; quarter past and quarter to and Year 2 are learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Support at home with telling the time using an analogue clock would be much appreciated and will give the children a chance to practise the skills they are learning in school thus increasing confidence in self ability. Year 2 have been wonderful showing super Emerald and Sapphire Power in their revision for their assessments, thank you for all of your support at home. One last leg now and then we will have a class celebration on Tuesday afternoon to say well done. In the meantime Year 1 have been focusing on their phonics revision to ensure they are ready and able for their phonics screening in June. Well done Year 1 keep up the hard efforts and please continue to revise at home using your purple sounds book to help. Knowing all of the sounds by the end of Year 1 will give a great footing into Year 2. Have a super weekend! ☺

## Oaks News

A massive well done to all of our amazing year 6's who have completed their SATs. We are so proud of you!

## News from Our Senior Teacher Mrs Vincent

### Gardening Club

We are all excited about the fabulous work that has been taking place on the poly tunnel and surrounding planting area. Our lovely friends Paul Green and Gordon Gait of Green Gait have very kindly made us some additional raised beds out of some railway sleepers that were donated to us. Acorns have planted their tomato seeds and are currently waiting for them germinate so that we can then plant them out into the poly tunnel and Oaks children have plans to plant, grow and harvest beans. We would love for all of the parents to get involved and to help keep our home grown produce watered and cared for. If anyone has anything they would like to donate for planting for example rhubarb or a courgette plant we would be very happy to plant it in our patches. Next term Maths club will just be available for the Year 5 children, however, gardening club will be open to children in Year 1 and up. If we find that we have many parents offering to help with gardening club we may be able to open it up to Reception children as well but we do find that by 3:15 Reception children are ready for home time. Thanks very much again for the donations of seeds and compost so far.

### Gem Power

We were joined on Thursday 9th May by Dr Tom Robson, a renowned educationalist, who has years of experience working with and investigating the way in which children learn. As you may be aware, both of the schools in the federation have adopted Dr Tom's Gem Learning Power system which allows and encourages children to approach their learning by focusing their minds on key learning behaviours.

Dr Tom visited all the classes in turn and introduced the children to Jed, his specially trained cocker spaniel therapy dog. Jed proved a huge hit with everyone. The visit will allow children and staff to carry Gem Power forward in enhancing all our learning.

For further information on Gem Power please visit Tom Robson Education at:  
<http://www.tredu.co.uk>

### **Head lice**

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](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice).

## **Governor News**

One of our Governors and parents, Simon Clarke works as a manager for Natural England, maintaining the county's incredible natural heritage. He will be giving a talk at Downside Abbey on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 10.30am - 11.30am. Please go along and hear him discuss the wildlife in our area, his job role and what we can all do to help look after the environment. Refreshments will be available in the visitors centre from 9.30am. There is no charge for entry but donations are welcome and booking is advisable. Contact Downside Abbey Visitor Centre on 01761 235323 or [sparsons@downside.co.uk](mailto:sparsons@downside.co.uk) to book your place.

## **PTA News**

### **Fundraising**

£11.70p was raised from our tea and coffee sale at Celebration Assembly on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your continued support!

### **Crazy Hair and Dress Down day**

We have organized a Crazy Hair and Dress down day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you child/children would like to part and show off their craziest hairstyles please bring a bottle as a donation towards our bottle tombola at the summer fair. This can be a bottle of absolutely anything as long as it is unopened and in date.

### **Family Quiz Night**

The PTA will be holding a family quiz on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall. **(Time TBC)**  
So get your thinking caps on, get a team together and join us!

### **Cinema Club**

The next cinema club will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm – 4.45pm. **(Film TBC)**  
Permission slips to follow shortly.

### **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