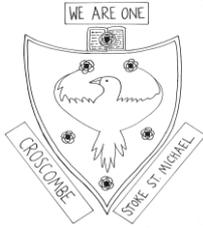


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Dear Parent/carer

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) at 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly – Parents please join us at 2.45pm in the School Hall.
Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Foord's Marvellous Maths Club – Year 5 only.
Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 3.30pm	Mrs Spencer's Homework Club (Oaks class only)
Tuesday 4 th June – Tuesday 16 th July (Every Tuesday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Vincent's and Mrs Watts Gardening Club for Year 1 - 6
Thursday 6 th June – Thursday 11 th July (Every Thursday)	Forest School
Friday 7 th June – Friday 12 th July (Every Friday) 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Track and Field After School Club with Premier Sport - Whole school (not including Reception children)
Friday 7 th June	Family Quiz Night in the School Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.
Monday 10 th June – Wednesday 11 th June	Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip to Kilve Court
Thursday 13 th June	UK Primary Maths Challenge at Whitstone (Transport and lunch provided)
Wednesday 19 th June	Cinema Club (Film TBC) Permission slips to follow shortly.
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Fair 2pm – 5pm



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 **Madison** for always working so well in pairs and in groups. You are really good at supporting your friends. Great **Amethyst Power!**

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jack I** for showing 'Dazzling **Diamond Power**' when starting this new term by organising himself and demonstrating kind '**Ruby Power**' by looking, listening and joining in well on the carpet.

Little Roots

Awarded to **Louis** for building friendships at Little Roots and coming back after half term in big boy pants. Well done Louis!

Our Wonderful Writing Wizards are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Conor** for using your **Sapphire Power** and staying focused when researching and writing your notes about Charles Darwin.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Lily S** for showing amazing **Emerald** and **Sapphire Power** by choosing to write a fact file about Christopher Columbus and doing so in detail using improved spelling and grammar.

Our Magical Maths Magicians are:

Oaks Class

Awarded to **Megan** for using **Diamond Power** in maths when facing challenging geometry work.

Acorns Class

Awarded to **Jack R** for being able to add groups of objects together and showing the calculation using addition and equals signs.

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

Acorns News

Acorns are enjoying their new topic this term 'Pirates and Oceans'. We have begun learning about Christopher Columbus and why he is a significant person from the past. The children love their new pirate story 'The Story of Pirate Tom' and are learning all about the features of the text in a 'Talk for Writing' way using props, actions and story maps. Year 1 came up with the idea of dressing up as pirates so we will have a pirate day towards the end of our topic where we will showcase to the parents all that we have learned. Our music topic 'Water' will focus on 'Pitch' and hopefully inspire the children to add sound effects to their oral story telling. In Science we will be looking at habitats and life cycles under the sea. In Maths Reception, Year 1 and 2 have been learning more about money. Reception have been learning to recognise the value of coins using Numicon to help, Year 1 have been learning to count money using their x2, x5 and x10 tables to help and Year 2 have been learning all about finding the difference between two amounts of money in order to reason and problem solve. Well done Acorns you have had a fabulous week!

Oaks News

It's the last term of the year and (as ever) the Summer term promises to be jam-packed busy and exciting (whatever the weather!)

We began this week with class photographs in our lovely outdoors area, in-between showers. (So if it looks like we've been swimming, you'll know why!)

Well done and thank you to all of the children who have brought in photographs and videos of themselves exploring – they are great! We have also been impressed with all of the other Exploring home-works – from the 3D inventive exploration vehicles to a cache of items found on an expedition – fab home-works, well done!

The photograph of your child as an explorer has now become an Oak Class competition! Why not dress up as a famous traveller or check out the charity shop and make up your own! Good luck!

To go with our 'Explorers' theme we have been creating treasure maps in art, this week, while combining our geometry skills, from maths, of reading, writing and plotting points on a grid. All of the children in Oak Class have been challenged, at their own level, from plotting points in the first quadrant, to identifying missing coordinates in all four quadrants.

Sticking with our new, exciting topic, Oak Class have been researching information about three famous naturalists (*not naturists!*) and explorers: Charles Darwin, Sir David Attenborough and Steve Backshall. Biographies and fact files have followed as well as power point presentations when we have all enjoyed learning a lot of new information. Another explorer that we are beginning to find out about is Sir Ranulph Fiennes; ask your child!

Finally, thank you very much to everybody who was able to make it in to the celebration assembly on Tuesday – it was good to see you! I'm sure that our visitor was happy to see you too! Next week is, of course, the Kilve Court trip for Year 5 and 6. Good luck and have fun to them and more fun and learning will ensue for everybody else, in school, next Monday.

Thank you,

Jacqui Foord.

PTA News

Fundraising

Refreshments on sale at Celebration Assembly this week raised £12 for the school.

Family Quiz Night

Don't forget our family quiz night on Friday 7th June in the school hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. So get your thinking caps on, get a team together and join us for a night of fundraising fun!

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on Monday 10th June in the Knatchbull Arms at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome! Please come along and share your ideas. Main item on the agenda is the SUMMER FAIR!

Cinema Club

The next cinema club will be held on Wednesday 19th 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 2nd 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.

We need your help!

Our Gardening Club got off to a 'blooming' good start. The children have already planted Runner Beans, Courgettes, Cucumbers and Tomato plants in the beds in the poly tunnel and now that we have our new raised beds installed we are looking for donations of top soil or compost to fill them to allow the children to use their green fingers to plant lots of other wonderful plants and produce. Any other donations towards gardening club for example plants, tools or seeds would also be greatly appreciated.

Summer Fair Raffle

We have given out two raffle books per family today for our Summer Fair Raffle. We have some wonderful prizes to be won! Please try to sell as many tickets as possible to family and friends. If you require extra tickets please contact the school office. If you have any un-sold tickets please return to school office. Thank you!

Many thanks

Steve Heath
Headteacher