



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share some important news about a valued member of our school community. After many years of dedicated service, Elaine will be retiring at the end of this term.

Elaine has been an integral part of The Federation for many years, especially Croscombe Primary, making a lasting impact on countless children, families and colleagues. Her unwavering commitment, humour and dedication for education have helped support the many school leaders over the years. Most recently, her dedication during our transition to the Wessex Learning Trust was invaluable, ensuring continuity and stability for both staff and pupils during this important period of change. Over the coming weeks we will be working with the Trust to help ensure a smooth transition as Elaine departs.

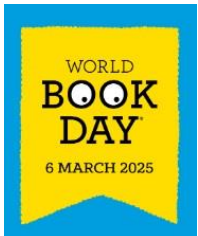
We are incredibly grateful for everything Elaine has contributed to our school community. While we will certainly miss her, we wholeheartedly wish her all the very best in her next chapter and hope it is filled with relaxation, adventure and time with loved ones.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Chris Partridge
Executive Head

Tracy Massey-Sturgess
Head of Schools

World Book Day



Reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**. Developing a love of reading is so important to us and any excuse to shout about books is always welcome! To help with our celebrations, the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favorite book character. It would be wonderful if they could bring the book they feature in to share with their peers, but this is not essential. On the day, the children will be taking part in many book-related activities, including online lessons and quizzes, book reviews and shared reading between the classes.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." Walt Disney

Welly Wednesday



We wanted to take a moment to clear up any confusion regarding Welly Wednesday. This term, there will be no Welly Wednesday sessions as we've made some adjustments to our schedule.

Our Daisies class will be using Wednesday afternoons to focus on other enriching areas of the curriculum, such as Design and Technology, as well as Art and Design. Meanwhile, our Sunflowers class (Years 4, 5, and 6) will be participating in Make the Sunshine on Wednesday afternoons. This exciting program brings our students together with other schools, and at the end of the term, they will perform a show at St. Paul's School for all parents and families. We are really looking forward to this performance and can't wait to see all the hard work and creativity come to life! Thank you for your understanding, and as always, we appreciate your continued support.



Reception Vision Screening

Reminder to all Reception parents that we have the Vision Screening on Wednesday this week. If you do not consent to your child's vision being tested, please speak with the school office.

How we support Children's online Safety

As we continue to use the internet more than ever, it's essential that we remember the importance of keeping our children safe in the online world. The digital landscape can be overwhelming, and at times it's easy to feel unsure about the best way to protect our kids.



Fortunately, there are resources available to help guide us in this journey. One of the best places to start is [Internet Matters](#), a website dedicated to helping parents and caregivers navigate the challenges of online safety.

Understanding how to lock down and protect the technology our children use is key. Sometimes, it just takes a little extra support and information to make sure our children are safe and secure while they explore the digital world. Take a moment to visit the link above and learn more about how to keep your family safe online. It's an important step we can all take together.

Stay safe, stay informed!

Message from School Office



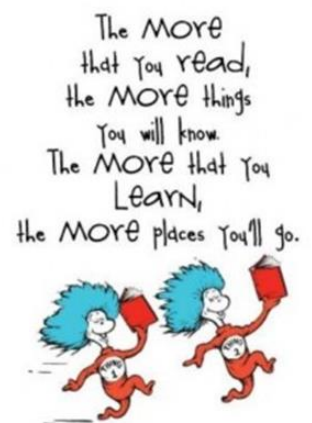
We are delighted to let you know that we now have an Instagram page, so if you want even more ways to keep up to date with our latest school news you can do so by following us on Facebook or Instagram!

- <https://www.facebook.com/croscombecofeprimary/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/croscombecofeprimary>

We would also like to inform you that due to staff training, the school office will not be available to answer calls between 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 4th March
- Wednesday, 5th March
- Thursday, 6th March
- Tuesday, 11th March
- Wednesday, 12th March
- Thursday, 13th March
- Monday, 17th March

If you need to contact the school urgently during these times, please send an email to office@stokestmichaelprimary.co.uk. Thank you for your understanding.





Bags2School

Bag2School is a free eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness.

Next **Wednesday 12th March**, please bring into school as much unwanted clothing as possible to help us raise funds for our school. Bags2School collects the following items:

- Clothes
- Paired Shoes
- Hats & Belts
- Rucksacks & handbags
- Bras & Socks
- Scarves & Ties
- Jewellery

For more information about what can or cannot be donated please visit: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Term Dates

March	
Wednesday 5 th	Reception Vision Screening
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th	Science Week
Wednesday 12 th	Bags2School
Thursday 13 th	Reception and Year 6 – Height and Weight checks
Wednesday 19 th	Parents’ evening
Thursday 27 th	Make the Sunshine tech rehearsal at St Paul’s - more details to follow
Friday 28 th	Make the Sunshine Performance Show - more details to follow
April	
Friday 4 th	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 7 th - Friday 18 th	Easter Holidays
Monday 21 st	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd	Start of Term 5



There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.

JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS