

CROWSTOG NEWS

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2024



A message from Mrs Lewis:

As the children have settled back into the routine of school it has been wonderful to see their engagement in school and positive attitude to learning. We were thrilled to see how many children put themselves forward for leadership roles - so many that we have made the decision elect children for the Autumn term and then provide opportunities for other pupils later in the year.

We have tasked our School Council with exploring charities that they would like to support and to think of creative ways in which we can support them (not just the usual dressing up). This year we would also like them to be the voice of their peers and meet with the staff to support us with promoting a love of reading throughout the school and to come up with ideas of how we can celebrate and share stories, poems and a wide range of books.

Our Collective Worship Ambassadors will once again have a pivot role in helping to lead Collective Worship and Family Services, as well as considering how we can promote our school values. We have decided to focus on a school value each half-term; this term exploring Courage with a particular focus on the story of Daniel and the Lion.

A new leadership role this year is play leaders at Stogumber! Mr Wageman has spent time training some pupils to lead playground games and be a friendly face to the young children. We hope to soon be able to share our sports leaders from Crowcombe with you.

We hope you have seen the information on Class Dojo regarding our parent welcome event next Tuesday 24th September at 5.30pm at Crowcombe School. This is an opportunity for you to meet some of the staff team and find out about our plans for the year ahead. We would also value your ideas and opinion and this event will give us the opportunity to gather parental views. We do hope you can join us.

This half-term we are focussing on the school value of:

Courage



ATTENDANCE

Crowcombe = 96.03%

Stogumber = 98.11 %



A few little reminders for the start of term:

- Packed lunches should be healthy and contain NO sweets
- Drinks bottles should only contain water, not squash or fruit juice
- All hair longer than collar length should be tied up every day, boys and girls!
- Waterproof coats should be in school every day—especially with the now very changeable weather
- Correct school uniform and PE kit should be worn
- KS2 may bring in fruit or vegetable sticks for morning snacks, but please no 'Winders' or cereal bars

Email: Crowcombe: CrowcombeOffice@crowstog.co.uk Stogumber: StogumberOffice@crowstog.co.uk

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(Hebrews 10 24-25)

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DIARY DATES

- 23 September - Kingfishers swimming, pm
- 24 September - 'Meet the Staff' event, 5.30pm @ Crowcombe School
- 27 September - Robins (Yr 2) Forest School day
- 30 September - Kingfishers swimming, pm
- 4 October - Owls (Yr R) Forest School day
- 7 October - Harvest Festival Service, 9.15am Crowcombe Church
- Whole school photo (taken at Crowcombe)
- Kingfishers swimming, pm
- 8 October - Parents Evening Consultations, Crowcombe, for all year groups
- 10 October - Parents Evening Consultations, Crowcombe, for all year groups
- 11 October - Woodpeckers (Yr 3 & 4) Forest School day
- Christmas Card designs / orders to be returned to school
- 14 October - Kingfishers swimming, pm
- 15 October - Whole School Learning Outside the Classroom at Matthew's Copse
- 18 October - Woodpeckers (Yr 3 & 4) Forest School day
- 21 October - Kingfishers swimming, pm
- 24 October - Woodpeckers (Yr 3 & 4) visit East Quay (tbc)
- 25 October - Kingfishers Forest School day
- w/c 28 October - **HALF-TERM**
- 4 November - **INSET DAY**
- 5 November - Back to School

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Your stories can be submitted by email or hard copy to: Dark Skies Writing Competition Exmoor House, Dulverton TA22 9HL Or email jcolman@exmoor-nationalpark.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Friday 1st November 2024. Entries will be judged by local authors and book shop owner and the winners will be notified and announced by Friday 16th November. Please ensure you include your name, address, age, phone number and email address.

Planetarium Sessions



**Minehead Eye,
Minehead, TA24 5BJ
Saturday 26 October
Sessions all day from 9.30am**

The **SPACE ODYSSEY** mobile planetarium offers a 360° immersive experience for all ages.

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