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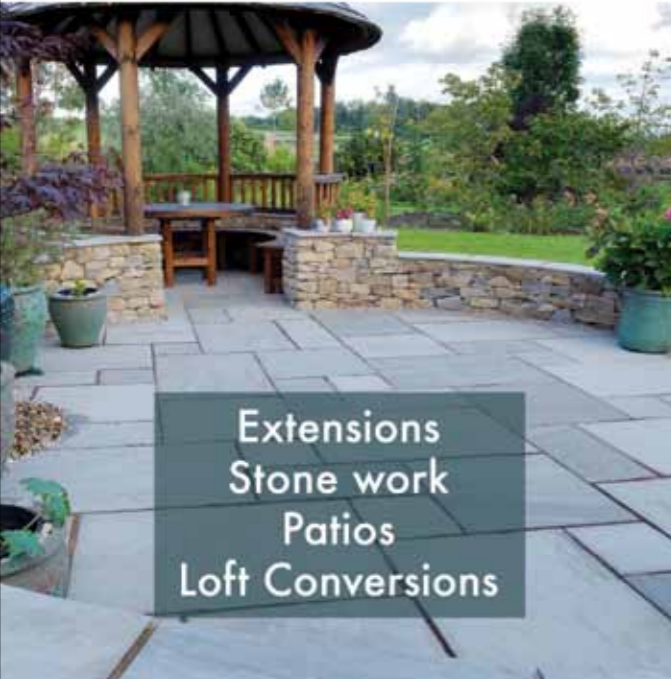
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Cotswold Sky

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There is to be a total Eclipse of the Sun on Monday 8th April over Mexico, USA and Canada. The Royal Museum of Greenwich some of the areas of the UK may witness a Partial Solar Eclipse.

Thanks to computer technology we will be able to witness the event live here in the UK. The timings being from late afternoon to early evening. Details will appear in the National media and also the web page of NASA. Please enjoy.



The Path of the Total Eclipse of the Sun (Image courtesy of NASA)

Diary

Equinox – Wednesday 20th March 03.06 hours. This is the moment when the Sun crosses the the Earth's Equator and there is theoretically 12 hours daylight and 12 hours nightlight throughout the Earth. From this day on there will be more daylight hours than nightlight until the Autumn Equinox which occurs on Sunday 22nd September.

British Summer Time (BST) – Prepare for a shorter Easter because your clocks go forward by one hour on Easter Day on Sunday 31st March.

Total Eclipse of the Sun – Monday 8th April see above for more details.

Mercury: Is at its evening best for the year on 24th March but may be observed from 10th . Look West in the twilight sky below and the right of Jupiter. During the month of April can be observed for only the first

few days.

Venus: Unobservable during March and April due to being too close to the Sun






Mars: Unobservable during March and April.

Jupiter: Observable towards the west during the first 2 hours of darkness during March

then journeys lower in the sky as the weeks progress into April. Jupiter will be easily recognised to the non-astronomers as a bright "star" in the west and will be seen close to the Moon on the 13th March and 10th April. **Saturn:** Too close to the Sun to be observed during March, but will be seen by the most keen astronomers towards the end of April on the south east horizon

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The higher a teacher progress' up the ladder of promotion in their career then invariably the less teaching hours they execute. So the best teachers are required to do less teaching which is their chosen career.

One could argue that this has always been the case and to compensate for additional duties outside administrative staff are brought into the school to assist with this persistent problem.

What I have noticed is that there are now more additional staff required to assist the headteacher with the running of the school than when I first started teaching.

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that the policies enshrined by law are endorsed, and the school must follow HM Governments "Statutory policies for schools and academy trusts". This is a 24 page document which tables 30 policies which must be adhered to by the school. In addition the Government continue to produce and amend new guidelines e.g. "What schools must publish on their web-sites". Add to these statutory policies other policies such as:

Discretionary Policies – these are additional policies a school may wish to have in place but are not required to by law.

Curriculum policies – which relate to areas of the curriculum

One can see and appreciate the complexities that schools have to address while still providing the best education to their children.

Wi-Fi Radio Waves and Health
I have received a response with reference to previous articles that I have written on Wi-Fi Safety and Artificial Intelligence. I have been asked if I can inform the readers that further information on "The International Declaration on the Human Rights of Children in the Digital Age" can be found on:

- www.thechildrensdeclaration.org/
- www.thechildrensdeclaration.org/_files/ugd/2cea04_4987eddb77974a4f8a87367f4d6590f4.pdf

A further article on child safety in the digital age and the progress being made by the UN, WHO and the European Council on the above mentioned declaration will be published in a later article this year.

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Adopted/ Rescue Dogs and Separation Anxiety

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Are dogs who have been adopted from another family or rescue more prone to separation anxiety?

The answer to this is no and it depends. There is no hard data that links dogs in rescue or being relinquished for adoption being at higher risk; on the other hand, there is evidence of dogs being given up due to behavioural issues, both to rescues and directly to new homes and this may include separation anxiety.

So how can you set up your rescue/ adopted dog to succeed?

Firstly, find out as much as you can about your dog before bringing them home, and manage your expectations. Accept that your dog is in transition and will need sup-



port to settle in to your family. Set them up for success by allowing them time to explore and investigate their new home, full of new scent and sights and sounds. Be prepared for them to follow you around – this is normal. Suspend any training these first days, just let them have plenty of choice and plan for a quiet and calm house, with no pressure or challenges. If using a crate, leave the door open to allow your dog to come and go freely. Although you may be keen to begin introductions to other family members, friends, etc., allow your dog to get to know the immediate family members first.

Walk your dog in quiet places, on the lead, let them sniff. If you know your new dog may suffer from SA, do not leave them alone.

A useful guide to slowly introducing your dog to his/ her new world is: 3 days to process the move from known environment to unfamiliar one; 3 weeks to begin



to understand your routine; 3 months to begin to feel settled in their new home. Of course, all dogs are individual, and this may vary one dog to another.



If your dog has known behavioural issues, plan ahead, speak to an accredited behaviourist/trainer (imdt.uk.com) before bringing them home and have a management plan in place.

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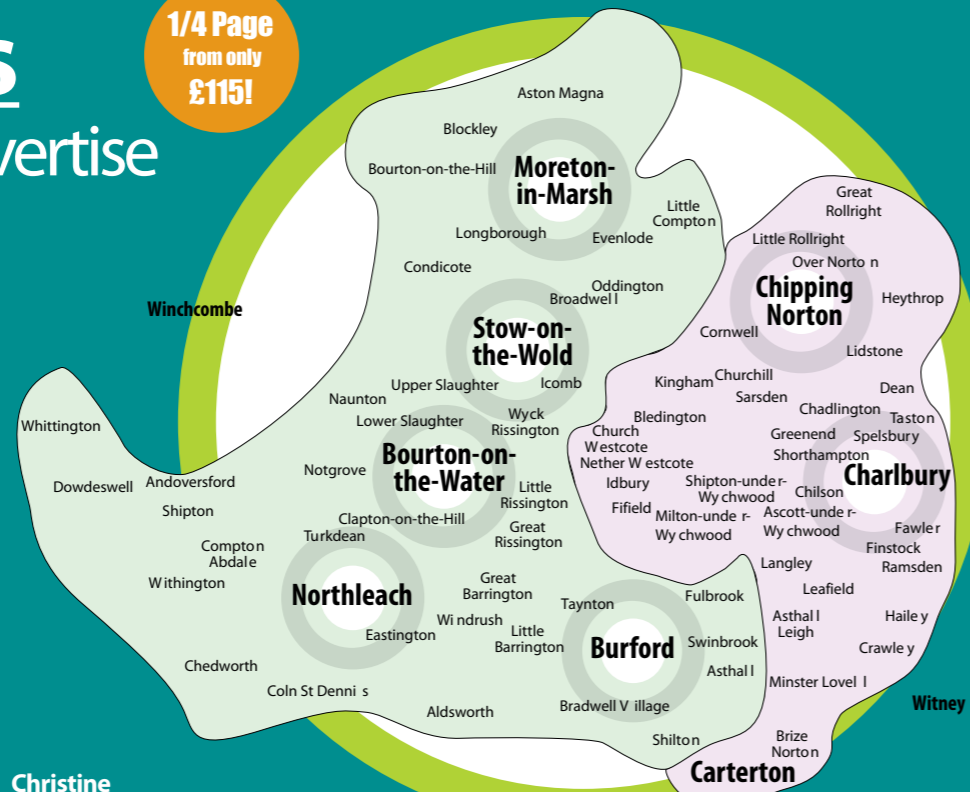
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