

Inspired by John 10:10, Gideon 6:11 and Corinthians 13:4

Head Teacher's Blog

Well, the weeks certainly are flying by now! It has been wonderful to see more pupils back in school and we hope this has been positive for them. We know it is a bit different, but hope that it has still been nice for them to reconnect with each other, the staff and the school. We are really excited with the new early years provision and will soon be able to share our plans with you. Watch this space! As I write this, we have just received the guidance for schools for September opening. This guidance we are currently reviewing and adapting our plans, so we can be ready to share these with you next week. We are also currently working with an external provider regarding summer activities / sports clubs so again watch this space for more details on that. We are not going to run any summer 'catch up,' we want you all to have fun together, play and relax without the pressure of additional learning. If we do receive any additional 'catch up' funding, then we will use that for our September provision. At present, schools have no details on how much the Catch Up funding might be, so no details yet. Finally, I have to thank the incredible team at Timberscombe, what the staff have achieved in terms of transforming our building and outdoor spaces, in these last few weeks is truly astounding. It is exciting and shows the love for our school and our pupils. Take care, stay safe and well.

Mrs Naomi Philp

Safeguarding



- helping to keep you safe

If your client is in immediate danger,
please call the Police on 999

Please let us know if you are worried about any parent, child or member of the community. Together we can support each other, even from a distance. The safeguarding lead is Naomi Philp and deputy leads are Helen Hickman and Kate McEntee. They can be contacted on the school number 01643 841259 or on the school email: timberscombe@educ.somerset.gov.uk which is monitored by Helen, Kate and Naomi.

The Taunton and West Somerset School Nursing Team created a Facebook page for children, young people and their families to access, with useful links, websites and information regarding health.

At the moment their services are limited due to the COVID 19 pandemic, but this page is full of physical and mental health information and may be useful to many children, especially those dealing with anxieties surrounding the current situation. It also provides signposting to other contacts that could also provide support: <https://bit.ly/3aKYbQ3>

Our school is about kindness, caring for others, ourselves, and our world.

Our school values our faith, our location, our community and most of all each other.



You can look after both your emotional and physical health by keeping active. SASP (Somerset Activity Sports Partnership) have launched their SASP CHALLENGES website: <https://www.saspchallenges.co.uk>. They are piloting challenges in gymnastics, cricket and fitness and will be adding more challenges over the coming weeks, in the summer holidays and into the new school year. You can register and children can take part both at home and at school and gain certificates for completing challenges.

Emotional support helpline
Coronavirus



01823 276 892

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Remember that the Wellbeing section of our website has advice on how we can look after ourselves and each other during difficult times and information on where we can get support:

<https://www.timberscombecofefirstschool.co.uk/wellbeing/>

July 3rd 2020



Nurturing our unique acorns, for the infinite possibilities of the mighty oaks they shall become.

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Key Dates

For Your Diary!

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06.07.20 YR and Y1 in school 9.00-3.00; Y2 in school 9.00-3.00
 07.07.20 YR and Y1 in school 9.00-3.00; Y2 in school 9.00-3.00
 08.07.20 YR and Y1 in school 9.00-3.00; Y2 in school 9.00-3.00
 13.07.20 YR and Y1 in school 9.15-2.45
 14.07.20 YR and Y1 in school 9.15-2.45
 16.07.20 and 17.07.20 Y4 at Pinkery
 17.07.20 Last day of the summer term
 03.09.20 and 04.09.20 Inset Days
 07.09.20 First day of the autumn term

The School Grounds

We realise the school field and some of the grounds have been a little neglected during lockdown but we are pleased that grounds maintenance is once again underway with a new supplier. Please bear with them as it will take a few cuts to get things looking ship shape again.

School Bunting Project

Make some colourful and fun bunting and be part of our school bunting project. We would like to make some unique bunting to commemorate 2020, something that will be treasured by the school and used on special occasions for years to come. So go on to our website: <https://www.timberscombecofefirstschool.co.uk/class-pages/> for instructions and then get creative and become part of Timberscombe C of E First School's history. You can send or hand in your bunting to us here at school, and we have somebody on stand-by to stitch it all together. Get your whole family involved—we can't wait to see your creations!

Joke of the Week

What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree!

If you have a good joke for the newsletter, please email it to Mrs Hickman: timberscombe@educ.somerset.gov.uk



AWARDS

Class 2—This week, Miss Sparks has chosen Hudson for an Achievement Award—he has been doing some great maths in school. A Kindness Award goes to George for being so lovely to everybody on his days back in school.



Class 1—Mr Deeks has chosen Stanley for the Achievement Award this week. He has been working so hard, especially in maths.

Esme gets the Kindness Award this week for her politeness and her great big smile :)



An Extract From "Thought For the Week"
Ed Gregory

Director of Education; Diocese of Bath and Wells

During the current pandemic, there has been immense national and local support for the NHS and its front line workers. The emergence of the Thursday 'Clap for Carers' was a significant experience in the lockdown. Thanksgiving binds communities together, turning 'I' into 'we'. The contribution of carers and key workers who have given of themselves sacrificially needs to be honoured. Sharing stories of people and events during the crisis is likely to form the kernel of any community celebration. Unsung heroes need to be applauded.

Virtual Pilgrim Days

Virtual Pilgrim Days are available on the Diocese of Bath and Wells website. This is aimed at the Y4 children who are moving on to a new school in September:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-children/school-effectiveness/pilgrim-days/virtual-pilgrim-days/>

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