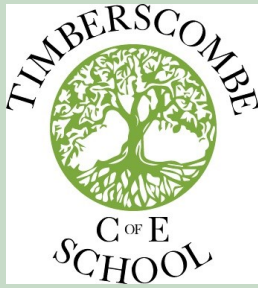


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Dear Parents and Carers, I cannot quite believe we have reached the end of this academic year! When we look back on this very challenging, difficult and emotional time it is easy to focus on the sadness, the regret and the missed opportunities. However, as I write to you today and I look at the photos in this newsletter I am filled with pride, joy and an overwhelming sense of content. That as a community we have made the absolute best of this situation. We haven't got it perfect, but my goodness we have tried. You have all tried so hard at home, we too have tried here. We have much to be proud of as a school community, each unique and wonderful pupil and family. We collected over 150 rainbows over the Easter weekend to make a collage and slides for the maternity ward at Musgrove, which was then celebrated at County level. We created a virtual choir and an original song to say thank you to Key Workers (special thanks to Mr M for his help with that). We made a new school from across the Moorland Federation to make sure the Key Workers could continue with their critical front line work. We opened to year R and 1 in their own classes with their own teachers. We extended this to offer every child a chance to reconnect with our school, their teacher and classroom, before the holidays. We ran a food bank, a delivery service, including a medication delivery service, organized a phone call system for those feeling lonely and isolated, we even supported safeguarding locally with safe and well checks in the community. We found new partnerships to make this happen, the rangers, Kilve staff, Minehead Eye and the Food Bank. Finally, we gave our year 4 pupils the send off they so deserved, we brought Pinkery to them. Pinkery came to school! We had three days of pupils here on our Dunster site, two Dunster groups and one Timberscombe group, from early in the morning until late at night. They took part in axe throwing, archery, team building games, wildlife walks, bat watch, forestry skills, toasted marshmallows round a campfire and learnt how to put up and take down tents. The highlight for most of them, was of course, the grass sledging, and after three days of pushing kids down hill on sledges my senior team and I are very ready for a rest! This additional work at the end of this year was both a privilege and pleasure., I have laughed so much with our wonderful children and staff in this last week as we shared pure moments of joy. I could not be prouder of everyone and our school. We hope September brings a little more normality, but regardless of the challenges ahead, what I have learnt from this time is that my team and I will always find a way to make the best of a situation for our children. This really is a very precious group of staff and pupils. The effort to transform our site for our Early Years provision has been humbling, the staff truly love our school. Please relax, enjoy the break and we will be back in touch nearer to September. Until then stay safe, well and happy. Mrs Naomi Philp

Remembering Lockdown 2020: "Thank You" song and Collage of Rainbows "we appreciate our NHS"



Class 1

Dear Class 1

As we finish the last week of school, I wanted to say how immensely proud we are of all of you for your hard work and growth mindset during this difficult time. Photos, emails and conversations with your parents have shown me that even during a challenging time you are all willing to work hard to continue your learning at home.

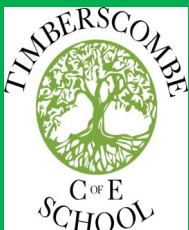
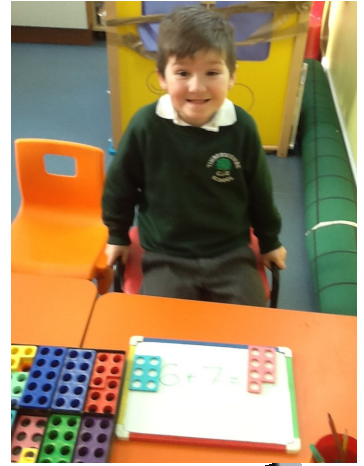
We all have missed you greatly and cannot wait until September to see you again, until then I have one more challenge for the Summer! - Please create new memories, enjoy the sunshine, go on adventures and mostly have fun as we are very much looking forward to hearing your summer stories in September.

Stay safe and well

Mr Deeks



Summer Term



Class 2



Phew! What a year it's been! Thank you to Class 2 for being such a brilliant, funny and hardworking class this year. The effort you have put into your learning has been amazing all year, including the work you have continued to do at home this term!

Despite a premature end, Class 2 achieved so much this year. From great performances in nativity and handbells, to excellent singing and reading at the Exmoor musical. Another

highlight was this year's trip to Bristol with Year 3. The children had an amazing time and were an absolute pleasure to take away and spend time with.

Year 4s were super stars at Wells Cathedral just before lockdown, and had loads of fun at 'Pinkery comes to Dunster!' It was so lovely to be able to see you all before moving on to your new schools.

Year 4 - you've been a lovely bunch to have in class 2 over

the past two years and have been a pleasure to teach throughout your time at Timberscombe school. We will miss you very, very much, but are sure you are destined for great things in your futures. For now, we say a massive good luck to you all. Keep in touch, and I'm sure we'll see you soon!

Miss Sparks



2020 — the year Pinkery came to us!



Good
Bye

