



TIMBERSCOMBE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL



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

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

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Head Teacher's Blog

Dear Parent and Carers

Wow, the first week back has flown by. It has been truly magical welcoming the children back and also seeing all of you. It has been lovely to catch up and to see you all and know you are well. Thank you for being such a supportive community, it really does mean a lot to us. A second huge thanks to you and the children for supporting our new routines, working together we can help keep everyone safe. We miss you, especially from being able to come and chat freely in the classrooms, but we have adopted a risk adverse approach to this situation with the mantra that 'if we can do things differently to keep everyone safe, we should:' for example: if we can limit the number of people onsite, we should. This is in line with the guidance.

We are focused on wellbeing and the happiness of our pupils during these early weeks with lots of outdoor opportunities and play based activities. Pupils have responded well to being in their school with our staff and have already got back in to excellent routines with their amazingly kind behaviours and family ethos.

We are also working on providing wrap around care and hope to have news of this next week. Again, a huge thank you for your patience.

Best wishes for the weekend, Naomi Philp

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.

We aim to instill a life long love of learning.

Wellbeing

This may be a difficult time for some of our children and families. You may experience worrying thoughts about your health or that of your family and friends and you may feel anxious about the return to school. Somerset Health and Wellbeing has 'Return to Education' information and support for families on their main public health website:

<https://www.healthysomerset.co.uk/covid-19/happy/cyp/>



ONLINE GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS

Online Guitar and Ukulele lessons are available with music teacher, Mickie Ritchie.

For more information call or email Mickie on: 07963 087124 or mickie_ritchie@hotmail.com

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's well-being or safety please talk to

Naomi Philp

(Designated Safeguarding Lead)

or in her absence

at Timberscombe:

Kate McEntee or Helen Hickman

(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)

at Dunster

Kate McEntee, Helen Hickman or Louise Collins

(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)

Timberscombe First School fully recognise the responsibility they have under the Education Act 2002 and the contribution they can make to protect children and support pupils in school.

All staff involved with children (teaching and non-teaching) have a responsibility to be mindful of issues related to children's safety and welfare and a duty to report and refer any concerns.

Similarly parents and carers have a duty to report and refer any concerns.

Information about the Child Protection Procedures that are followed in Somerset and in our school can be found at:

www.swcpp.org.uk

If you are concerned about the welfare or safety of a child or an adult in our community, for information and advice you can contact Somerset Direct on:

0300 123 2224

Press 1 for Children's Services and 2 for Adult Social Care

Local Authority Designated Officer LADO/DO: Mr Anthony Goble



Growth Mindset Weekly:

"May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." – Nelson Mandela



Key Dates

- ⇒ Wed 23rd September—School Photograph Day (sorry—no siblings or class photos this year)
- ⇒ Friday 23rd October—last day of half term
- ⇒ Monday 2nd November—INSET day—school closed
- ⇒ Friday 18th December—last day of the Autumn Term
- ⇒ Brandon Calaz is running drop in sessions at Timberscombe on the following dates:tbc. If you would like to speak to Brandon in the meantime, please let us know in the office.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Don't forget to read our separate Community Bulletin for information about what's on in the local area



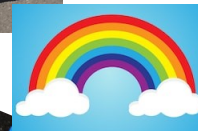
Online Safety

As a school, we will not send out specific warnings regarding viral scares or upsetting online content. A lesson learnt from publicity around previous scares is that it actually raises curiosity and increases the risk of children being exposed to the content.

If you are worried in anyway about online safety, please give us a call and we will help you find answers to any questions you have.

The following trusted websites contain useful information and advice:

- www.internetmatters.org
- www.nspcc.org.uk
- www.childline.org.uk



Star of the Week is Leo, who has returned to a school with an amazing attitude for learning.

Class 1—this week, Mr Deeks has nominated Louisa for a Kindness Award for being so supportive to the new reception children both in the classroom and playground. The Achievement Award goes to Oscar C for his fantastic story about space.

Class 2—Miss Sparks has awarded an Achievement Award to Hudson for some amazing maths this week and a Kindness Award to Stanley for being a lovely friend.

We are proud of all our pupils this week. They have settled in so well, are being kind to each other and are being very sensible in following all the new procedures

Wellbeing theme:

SEAL Theme: New Beginnings

RE theme: