



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

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Head Teacher's Blog

We have enjoyed our day out at Kilve Court Activity Centre this week. I hope the children have regaled you with tales of mud, water, climbing, problem solving, team work, archery, maze walks, blindfold sensory trails, wet stream walks and muddy bogs that ate teachers boots!!! We went to allow the children to play freely, to forget some of their worries for a day and enjoy being together in the outdoors. We gained so much more, we saw a real insight during the day into how resilient they are, or how able to help each other, or indeed who is going to need some support and help. Over the day of activities we were able to reconnect with our pupils and rebuild those positive relationships much more rapidly than in the classroom. These days allowed us to reflect on what they need to help them to remember how to be together, what rules they have forgotten, what routines and what expectations. This day together was invaluable and I truly hope every child went home with some aspect that they loved and were proud of themselves for. A huge thank you to the Kilve staff for their input and help, nothing was too much trouble. Thank you to all of you as well for your support of this week, from dropping children off, to remaining understanding when the bus was a little late due to someone looking for their wellies!

In other matters, we do liaise with other schools and are aware of the cases elsewhere. Please be reassured our risk assessments and cleaning routines are firmly in place. Just as with the other schools, everyone in education is working their utmost to make sure this is a safe place for children and staff. All my staff are helping with the cleaning- often missing breaks to ensure safety is paramount. I cannot thank my team enough.

Have a lovely and safe 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

ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama</p>			<p>1 Write down your most important goals for this month</p>	<p>2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times</p>	<p>3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you</p>	<p>4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good</p>
<p>5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list</p>	<p>6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation</p>	<p>7 Remember that things can change for the better</p>	<p>8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding</p>	<p>9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward</p>	<p>10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week</p>	<p>11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society</p>
<p>12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today</p>	<p>13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous</p>	<p>14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing</p>	<p>15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today</p>	<p>16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted</p>	<p>17 Share your most important goals with people you trust</p>	<p>18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to</p>
<p>19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead</p>	<p>20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time</p>	<p>21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters</p>	<p>22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague</p>	<p>23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently</p>	<p>24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise</p>	<p>25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to</p>
<p>26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans</p>	<p>27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time</p>	<p>28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?</p>	<p>29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face</p>	<p>30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life</p>	<p>31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future</p>	

Safeguarding

The Marie Collins Foundation and The National Working Group have launched a new resource that is aimed at parents and carers on how to respond when it is discovered a child has been harmed online.

"How Can I Help My Child?" is available as a downloadable leaflet here :

https://www.mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk/assets/news_entry_featured_image/NWG-MCF-Parents-Leaflet.pdf



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Key Dates

- ⇒ Tuesday 20th October 5.00—7.30—Parents' Evening (details to follow)
- ⇒ Friday 23rd October—Super hero dress up day
- ⇒ Friday 23rd October—last day of half term
- ⇒ Monday 2nd November—INSET day—school closed
- ⇒ Thursday 26th November—Whole school flu vaccinations
- ⇒ Friday 18th December—last day of the Autumn Term
- ⇒ Brandon Calaz is running drop in sessions at Timberscombe on the following dates:
Tues 3rd Nov 8.30-9.30; Fri 4th Dec 8.30-9.30

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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



If your child is due to **start school** or **transfer to middle school** in Sept 2021, it is now time to make your application.

The deadline for primary phase applications is 15th January.

Please apply online by visiting:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/>

The Admissions Team will **not** be sending out letters to parents telling them how to apply.

Please be aware that any children with an EHCP do not apply in this way. They will need to have an annual review and the SEND Team will be handling their placement.

schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/>

SOS AFRICA—Can you help us to support Charisna's Education?

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charisna>



This year, we have teamed up with Dunster to raise funds to sponsor the education and care of 6 year old Charisna from South Africa through local charity SOS Africa. Charisna is an intelligent little girl who lives in one of the poorest communities in South Africa. SOS Africa would like to send Charisna to school in January 2021 to help her gain a good education.

We are hoping to raise £240 to pay for Charisna's tuition fees for the whole school year. And if we raise £600, we can pay for everything Charisna needs for the year including tuition fees, school clothing, stationery, after school care and transport. Please help us empower Charisna through education instead of donating to our Harvest Festival this year. Thank you so much for your support



Star of the Week is Stanley for his valiant rescue efforts when Miss Sparks got stuck in the mud at Kilve! Watch the video here: <https://timberscombe-cofe.secure-primarysite.net/class-pages/>

Class 1—For kindness this week, Mr Deeks has chosen McCartney, for supporting and encouraging the rest of the children during the Kilve activities. This week's Achievement Award goes to Aurora for her excellent growth mindset and her attitude to learning
Class 2—This week's Achievement Award goes to Tom for his amazing maths work. Leo gets the kindness award this week for being so caring and supportive at Kilve.

We are extremely proud once again this week of every single child in our school. They all tried their hardest, didn't give up and were so kind to each other.



Wellbeing theme: Belonging
SEAL Theme: New Beginnings
RE theme: Thankfulness

*****School Photographs***
Please remember to order your school photographs online!**

"FOTS NEWS"
Unfortunately, this week's meeting had to be postponed—a new date will be arranged shortly.

Growth Mindset Weekly
"Just because you haven't found your talent yet, doesn't mean you don't have one"
Kermit The Frog



HARVEST FESTIVAL



Our Wellbeing and Fun Focused Kilve Activity Day

