



# 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 Parents and Carers

I can't believe it is half term already, it feels only minutes ago that I was welcoming you back after the long lockdown and summer. Things have been different, as you have experienced, different for you, for us and for the children. We are so proud of how they have settled back in to school life, it has taken some time, to remember the rules, remember how to socialise with children other than siblings, to build up the stamina for class work, but they have got there and continue to amaze us. One of my staff in appraisal this week said to me how utterly amazed and impressed they were by their class and how the children had responded to change fantastically well. This is so true, they really are the superheroes they are all dressed up as today. I have a school full of superheroes, mini ones and big adult ones!

I have said to you before, schools are not perfect places as they have perfectly imperfect humans in them, but we have all tried our absolute best, children and adults alike and our school is filled with the love for each other to make this new mode of education work. We have not given up hope, we have kept what we value and held that dear and we approach half term as a point of reflection. A time for us all to regroup, with families where we can, but also to take a moment to think about all we have achieved together and all we intend to do next. Monday 2nd is an INSET day, Suzanne (Number1WestSomerset) is providing childcare wellbeing sport activities if you wish to access that. This INSET will allow staff to regroup on our curriculum plans and ensure the next half term is as successful and even more exciting and fun for our pupils.

Little bit of housekeeping before I wish you all well: Information on wrap around care will follow separately please keep an eye for that, google classroom logins should now be with you all as this forms part of our blended offer (poster has been sent out with the curriculum maps earlier today).

Have a lovely and safe half term, Mrs 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.*

By Kelly Twiss from "Mindful Mayhem"

## 'A strong Family is all a little person needs to become confident in life'

All the following activities maintain and create great family connections and communication as well as lots of fun and memories to keep forever.

### What Mindful Adventures can your family enjoy together this Half term?

Carving and painting pumpkins together.

Make an apple and caramel crumble or toffee apples—remember those?

Host a family Harry Potter movie night complete with butterbeer and honey dukes candy bars

Decorate your fireplace or front door in autumn colours, leaves, conkers, swirly twigs to hang spooky things from and decorate.

Make a big pile of leaves and then run and jump in them!

Write a prayer to celebrate Autumn and the changing season to winter.

Make your own disco play list and sing and dance around!

Take some crazy Autumn pictures that we can share on the school website!!

Enjoy a candle lit dinner together, perhaps the children can help make an Autumn centre piece.

Make some disgusting looking potions or perfumes from your out of date herbs and spices bottles (we all have them) or from leaves, petals, moss and glitter, you can even make authentic looking bottles to put them in!!

Most importantly have way too much fun, enjoy each and everyday with those amazing little beings!! **HAPPY HALF TERM!**



## Halloween Wellbeing

Many children love to dress up and enjoy the Halloween tradition of Trick or Treating. As it is not safe to trick or treat this year, we have been sharing a lovely idea which only happens when Halloween falls on a full moon (as it does this year!). The witches will be flying over our houses with cauldrons full of sweets, these witches haven't been out all year so will be quite clumsy and sure to drop sweets in gardens, on balconies, along a moonlit walk, use your imagination!! I thought this was a magical idea and they can still be all dressed up!

### Autumn Prayer:

Thank you God for the rich colours of this season. For hot chocolate on a cold day, for a friend's laughter, for a family hug, for time together. Thank you for all the simple things that give me joy and make me feel safe.

## Key Dates

- ⇒ Friday 23rd October—last day of half term
- ⇒ Monday 2nd November—INSET day—school closed
- ⇒ Wednesday 11th November am—Remembrance Day
- ⇒ Friday 13th November—Children in Need
- ⇒ 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

### Little Oaks News

As we reach the end of our first half term at Little Oaks, it is nice to reflect on how happily our children have settled in to our routines and play opportunities. We have enjoyed our "All About Me" theme, which has enabled us to get to know the children really well and for them to make friends with each other. Recently we have started our "Fantasy" theme, which has encouraged the children to use their imaginations and experience feelings of excitement and empathy. This was especially evident when our two fearless knights chased a nosey Dragon (aka Mrs King) from their castle into the playground! Our lovely reception children have also enjoyed accessing their continuous provision with us, allowing all the children to play and learn together. We hope you have a great half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd November.



### IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION

If you or anybody in your household tests positive for Covid-19 during the half term break, it is extremely important that you inform Mrs Philp by text on 07734960558. Mrs Philp will then call you back to ascertain details.

Thank you

## Safeguarding childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Childline Toolbox is part of the Childline website and has games, advice and guidance for children and young people on all sorts of things from bullying through to exam stress. It includes online tools for children and young people.

However you're feeling, it can be great to express yourself and do things you enjoy. Take your mind off things with [games](#), advice from our [videos](#) or find new ways to handle your emotions. And all in your handy toolbox: <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/>



**Star of the Week is: Everyone for being superheroes and** Mr Evans, Noah's and Heidi's dad. Thank you so much for building our school an outdoor phonics washing line!

**Class 1** For kindness this week, Mr Deeks has chosen McCartney for his willingness to support others. This week's Achievement Award goes to Jack, for resilience and hard work in all areas of his learning.

**Class 2**—This week's Achievement Award goes to Harry for working hard on his presentation. Leo gets the kindness award this week for looking after the younger children in the playground.

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



Would you like your child to learning French or Spanish? See today's Community Bulletin for lessons that are available locally.



## GROWTH MINDSET WEEKLY

Believe you can and you are halfway there.  
Theodore Roosevelt