



# Timberscombe C of E First School

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Dear Parents and Carers, What a phenomenal term! When I think back to how the children felt in those early few days and weeks having been out of school for so long, with their anxieties and worries. From their questions about how school might be with new rainbow rules, to all they have achieved with us since then. It really is a Christmas miracle that they themselves have led. They have proven themselves to be amazing little heroes, trooping back to school, they have adapted to new routines and new ways of being with us and each other whilst engaging with their learning and making huge steps of progress. Little Oaks opened and the first littlest children returned into these amazing new facilities. Our reception children came back with their phased start and have enjoyed their time playing and exploring. The year 1 children have had settled in excellently to higher expectations. The year 2s have even had the phonics test to contend with and all did amazingly. The year 3s have moved up to class 2 with great maturity. And, our year 4s have been our little leaders, helping to care for all the younger pupils. The nativity was a special event for us all, the filming at school, at our church, in the community (safely) and finally at the Regal Theatre was such great fun. I couldn't be prouder of my pupils and my staff for all they have achieved together. When schools reopened in amidst this pandemic we did not really know how our children would respond, or how it might affect our staff, and yet here we are a term later and look at all we have been able to accomplish. I was so pleased to reopen and I am so pleased with the efforts of everyone; to our kitchen team offering hot dinners from the start to Mrs Gummer keeping us extra clean, administrators keeping everyone informed, to my teachers and support staff working day in day out with the children, giving them the best educational experience possible. Thank you for your support, you have worked alongside us, adapting and responding to our requests as needed. I am a very tired, but very happy and very proud Head teacher. Have a safe and lovely Christmas! See you in 2021! Mrs Naomi Philp.





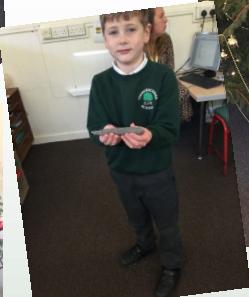
Dear Class 1

Just a little message to wish you all a very Merry Christmas; we hope you enjoy your break. Reception children, you have settled so well into school and it has been a joy to see your confidence grow this term. Year 1, you work so well as a group and to see you supporting each other and taking to the year one curriculum so well has been a pleasure to witness. Finally, Year 2, you all should be so proud of your progress this year. Firstly tackling a tough curriculum with such confidence and growth mindset has been amazing. Secondly, a huge well done to all of you for doing so well in the phonics screening. I am very, proud of you all for your hard work leading up to the quiz.

Merry Christmas



Mr Deeks and Mrs Cooper





Wow, what a busy term it has been for class 2! The children have settled so well back into school after such a long break. We started the term by focusing on mental well being and outdoor learning. Our Kilve outdoor learning day was a real highlight - even if some people got stuck in the bog!

As the term has gone on, we have also taken part in lots of fantastic learning. The children have really enjoyed their ancient Egypt topic, mixing science, DT and history work by making their brilliant electric pyramids. We've learnt all about light and sound in science, which has fitted in nicely with learning a new instrument - violin!

In maths, we have been working hard on place value and addition and subtraction. Our literacy this term has been writing very exciting mystery stories and explanation texts.

Have a lovely Christmas break, and we look forward to catching up with you all in the new year.

Miss Sparks, Mrs Waygood and Miss Hill





## Little Oaks

We have had a wonderful first term at Little Oaks!

The children have been busy this week doing Christmas crafts and have made lanterns, calendars and cards to take home. They have been learning about the nativity and have enjoyed acting out the story with our nativity characters.

It is great for the children to be able to share in the school celebrations by participating in the Christmas party, dinner, the Christingle service and the winter walk. Seeing the little ones mixing with the older children and enjoying each other's company, is wonderful and benefits them all.

From the Little Oaks team, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year

Mrs Sparks, Mrs Waygood and Mrs King

