



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

Our first week back has been delightful. Seeing the pupils and all of you again has been magical. The laughter and energy is back in our school and it has been brilliant. I know we still aren't able to be completely as we were before the first lockdown; we still can't welcome you back into our school buildings for example. But, like with the nativity, we have planned to give our pupils the very best experience of school that we can, seeking creative safe ways to include all aspects of the curriculum. We have included some diary dates taking us up to the Easter holiday, these include some Easter activities and Parents Evenings so do check those out!

If you were one of the 50 plus families that were given a laptop during the last lockdown to utilize, you need to liaise with the class teacher regarding ongoing usage for home learning and classwork. They will advise on how they would like you to use the device now the pupils are back at school.

Now schools are open, we would still like to continue to make good use of Google Classroom. Each class teacher will communicate on when they will be checking this for messages and how they will set home learning activities using this. This may differ from year group to year group to suit the demands of that age range.

Next Friday is Red Nose Day, Comic Relief. We wanted to make this a really fun day, and we have picked up on the 'share a smile' campaign. This means you can do anything to raise a smile- make something, perform something, sing a song, draw a picture, take a funny photo with a silly face, write a poem, invent a silly or fun game. This weekend I challenge you to see if, with your children, you can create something to raise a smile and post it on to Google Classroom with the title #raiseasmile. We will share these in classes and the one that makes us smile the most will win a prize! Happy Mothers day to everyone.

Mrs 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.*

Little Oaks News



We've had a wonderful week back at Timberscombe Little Oaks. Those of you who we didn't see while at Dunster – we missed you so much! It's been lovely to see all the children playing together again, taking no time at all to rebuild those friendships.

Our theme this week has been "on the farm", which they have all thoroughly enjoyed, it's been so much fun.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Little Oaks mums - keep your eyes peeled for some beautiful creations that the children have made as surprises for Sunday.

Parent's Declaration Forms will be going out next week to those children who are entitled to funded hours. This is for funded hours to be taken during the summer term (1 Apr—31 Aug) and needs to be completed promptly please, and returned to us. We will then provide you with a copy for your records.

Please remember to book your sessions through ParentMail by the Wednesday at the latest for sessions for the following week.

ECO NEWS

Next week is 'Compost Week' and the 18th (Thurs) is also Global Recycling Day:

<https://www.globalrecyclingday.com/>

Compost Week happens every year in the UK and celebrates the benefits of composting - encouraging us all to be rotters!



Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 to help recognise and celebrate the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet.

Every year, the earth yields billions

of tons of natural resources to transform into consumables. At some point, there will be nothing left, and our land and oceans will be polluted with plastics. That's why we must ALL think again about what we throw away.

Everyone can help to make a difference, so we do hope you will give it some thought at home too. Feel free to share your recycling ideas or news with us.



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Key Dates

18.03.21 Outreach Drop In Session—before school
19.03.21 Red Nose Day
30.03.21 Parents Evening 4.00-5.40
31.03.21 Parents Evening 6.00-7.40
01.04.21 Last day of spring term
19.04.21 Back to school
20.04.21 Hatching eggs delivery (rescheduled)

An Extract from Thought for the Week

*Ed Gregory, Director Education
Diocese of Bath and Wells*

Last week I saw a moving story from Yemen and was introduced to Ahmed the nine year old teacher, stepping in to teach classes when teachers were not there. If you've not seen the clip please do take a look on the BBC website here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-middle-east-56212929>

What struck me was the children's passion to learn, the passion to be with friends, their hope for the future – for peace, to help one another - one girl spoke of her dream to become a doctor. Ahmed's dream is to become a teacher – he has certainly taught me a great deal even in this short acquaintance.

This story reminded me that children and young people are resilient, adaptable, creative. There is a desire to be together, an aspiration to learn with and from others, to make great progress and to be amazing human beings. There is a desire to contribute positively to community, to treat others with dignity and respect, to bring hope into hopeless situations. If you weren't sure, watch the clip again and be inspired.

DROP-IN OUTREACH

Outreach Drop in Sessions- Emotional Health Worker, Brandon Calaz, will be at Timberscombe before school on **Thursday 18th March**. He will be based in the playground and this is a drop in session for parents who would like a chat. Please remember to wear your masks and observe social distancing.

Welcome back!



Our Star of the week is Joby for working so hard this week.

Class 2 - Miss Sparks has chosen Jesse for an Achievement Award for his impressive writing. And, of course, a special mention for all the children in Class 2, who have returned to school so seamlessly and with great attitudes!

Class 1 Mr Deeks just couldn't choose! He has been truly impressed by each and every member of class 1, so this week, the whole of class 1 gets an Achievement and a Kindness Award for settling back into school so well and supporting each other both in class and in the playground.

Safeguarding

What is private fostering?

Private fostering is when a child or young person under 16 years old - or under 18 if they have a disability - lives with someone for 28 days or more who is not a close relative, guardian or person with parental responsibility. A close relative would be a parent, step-parent, aunt, uncle or grandparent.

People become private foster carers for all sorts of reasons. They might be a friend of the child's family. They could be someone who is willing to look after a child they do not know, for example if that child is on an exchange trip or have parents who live overseas.

If Children's Social Care has made the arrangement, or the person who is caring for the child is an approved foster carer, this is not private fostering.

What to do if you know of a private fostering arrangement

The law says you must tell Children's Social Care if you know about any private fostering arrangements.

If you think you are privately fostering a child or know about a child who is being privately fostered, then don't worry, it is allowed. But you do need to tell us - we have a legal duty to ensure that all children who are privately fostered are cared for in a safe and suitable environment.

To report a private fostering arrangement, please call our Contact Centre in confidence on 0300 123 2224 or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

For general enquiries please email:
PrivateFostering@somerset.gov.uk



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Parent—Teacher meetings will take place on 30.03.21 (4.00-5.40) and 31.03.21 (6.00-7.40). These will happen over the phone and the system for booking your slot will be available next week. We appreciate your help with keeping within your booked time slot so that the evenings run to schedule and nobody is inconvenienced. If you feel that you need a lengthier conversation, please speak to your class teacher to arrange another time.

Growth Mindset Weekly

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out" Dr Seuss



Kindful Mindful

Did you know that the expression “It’s better to give than to receive” is backed up by research?

Kind and compassionate people experience incredible benefits to their wellbeing and happiness - they are much less likely to be stressed and also have improved emotional wellbeing.

Kindness releases the feel – good hormones

Have you noticed that when you do something nice for someone else, it makes you feel better too? This is down to the pleasure centres in your brain; doing nice things for others boosts your serotonin, the neurotransmitter responsible for feelings of satisfaction and well-being.

Kindness also eases anxiety! Whether it is mild nervousness or severe panic, it turns out that being nice to others can be one of the easiest, most inexpensive way to keep anxiety at bay.

Kindness is good for your Heart!

Making others feel good ‘warms’ your heart, it literally does affect the chemical balance of your heart! Kindness releases the hormone oxytocin which helps to protect the heart by reducing your blood pressure. Oxytocin also reduces inflammation in the body, which is associated with all sorts of health problems such as diabetes, cancer, chronic pain, obesity and migraines.

Kindness helps you to build stronger and more meaningful relationships, this then has a knock-on effect with the amount of stress you deal with in your life, so being kind helps you to live longer too!

Experts have determined that showing kindness changes the brain, and that selfless acts of giving provide physical and emotional benefits needed for a well-rounded individual. This is why it is essential for children to learn kindness early on.

“We Rise by Lifting others”

Kindness activates the joyful area of the brain – being kind increases happiness and decreases stress

Greater belonging and improved self-esteem - even small acts of kindness create feelings of self-worth and belonging.

Acts of kindness increase energy and give a wonderful feeling of optimism

Increased feelings of gratitude – children learn to appreciate what they have when helping those less fortunate

Better concentration and improved results - kindness is a key ingredient that helps children feel good; a positive outlook increases attention spans and enables more creative thinking

Less bullying – Research has documented that the effects of bullying can be significantly reduced by integrating kindness into every day.



Have a Kindful Mindful Day and wishing you all you Mums and Carers a very Happy Mother’s Day. xxx



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PAINT A PEBBLE COMPETITION

**Minehead Hospital are calling all
Adults and Children to participate in our decorate
a 'Pebble Competition'
from 1st March until the 31st March 2021.**

**Please can you paint or colour a pebble of any size
anything to do with 'SPRING'.**

**All pebbles received will be displayed in our front
entrance garden for all to see.**

**Our favourite pebble will be displayed in our
Main Reception.**

