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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 hope everyone has enjoyed the book week activities. I have enjoyed seeing the creativity from our children and their love of stories coming through—well done all of you for encouraging them and getting stuck in as well. In fact, you should all be so proud of everything you have achieved in these last few weeks/months. You have worked in partnership with us so well and we cannot thank you enough for all your efforts. We think our relationships have become stronger as a result, we know you and you know us that much better and on those strong foundations, we shall forge an amazing future for our school.

Next week in school we are welcoming everyone back and we are so excited. I know some of you may feel anxious, but we made this work together in September and it will be very similar again. I hope you all had a chance to have a look at the information we sent out earlier in the week with a set of questions answered for you, as this covers most things. I have also tried to see the children this week in live lessons and I know my teachers too have worked hard to answer their questions and alleviate any possible worries. My advice for this weekend is to have fun playing and to be positive and calm about the return. Children so quickly pick up on your anxieties and these will rapidly become theirs. Reassure them school will be just like it was in the Autumn term, remind them about the positive things that happened, like our nativity. Reassure them the staff are the same and everything looks the same—get them to have a look at the virtual tour on our website to remind themselves about the place. Tell them how well they have done with their learning and how proud you are and we are of them. We will focus on wellbeing, play and social activities as a priority and the learning will come along once children feel safe and happy and ready to learn.

If you have grown out of your school uniform, please don't worry—just wear something sensible.

Have a lovely weekend, 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.*

Little Oaks News

We have had another lovely week at Dunster playing and learning together. Making their own houses for the Three Little Pigs, brought out the children's design skills and they also worked well in teams.

We are really looking forward to going 'home' next week to Timberscombe, but we have been made extremely welcome by all the staff at Dunster and have enjoyed our time working together. Thankyou.

Just a reminder for Little Oaks parents and carers, our session times will be going back to the usual:

Morning 9.00—12.00

Lunch 12.00—1.00 (only available alongside a morning or afternoon session)

Afternoon 1.00—3.00

Please book through ParentMail by the Wednesday for sessions for the following week.



BOOK WEEK in Class 1

This week in Class One, the children have been creating their own book characters, and designing bookmarks. They also did a maths investigation that was linked to world book day. Alongside this, the children have been reading a variety of books to help create a Timberscombe bookflix. We have loved seeing all your wonderful photos—here are a few of them. We will show them all in our end of term newsletter



Key Dates

08.03.21—Back to school for everybody
09.03.21—Incredible Eggs hatching kit to be delivered
01.04.21—Last day of spring term

An Extract from Thought for the Week Ed Gregory, Director Education Diocese of Bath and Wells

Three enemies of personal peace:
regret over yesterday's mistakes,
anxiety over tomorrow's problems,
and ingratitude for today's
blessings.
WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

Lent, the Christian season we are now in, can sometimes be seen as austere, a time for refraining, for giving things up. Instead let us see Lent as a time for us to find joy within ourselves. Maybe we have committed time to reflect more, to look within rather than to the outside, to find a joy that proceeds not from 'things' rather from connecting with something more spiritual, from connecting with God. In his letter to the Romans, Paul wrote: 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' (The Bible, Romans, chapter 15 verse 13) Whether you have any faith or none we can all benefit from finding a source of joy, peace and hope. Perhaps this Lent will be the season in which you can connect to that source.

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



BOOK WEEK IN CLASS 2

Class 2 have been reading in some really funny places this week! Thank you for sending in your photos—they really made us laugh. We will put them all in our bumper edition end of term newsletter.



Our Star of the week is Stanley, for his amazing array of Book Week photos!

Class 1—Achievement Awards this weeks for the whole of Class 1 and their home learning teams.

Class 2—And Achievement Awards for the whole of Class 2 and their home learning teams, with a special mention for Connor, who has done some amazing maths.

Thank you so much to everybody for all your effort and support. You have been amazing. Miss Sparks, Mr Deeks and the Timberscombe team can't wait to see you all on Monday

Growth Mindset Weekly

"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try" - unknown

Wellbeing



By Kelly Twiss

Mindful Movement to feel good!

Any type of movement can have far - reaching benefits for the whole family's wellbeing.

Don't just encourage your kids to move, get moving with them! They will follow your lead.

There are plenty of ways to boost physical movement in your day and it doesn't need to be a 30-minute stretch of time, it can be 5 minutes here and 10 minutes there and still be hugely beneficial.

Take a look at your schedule and identify ways to get a little more activity into your week.

Make an appointment in your diary for this time together and give it the priority it deserves.

Draw attention to how much better you all feel after moving your bodies, helping to build your child's self-confidence. Move for improved mental health, as this boosts creativity, problem solving, focus, attention and memory.

If you are feeling in a low mood or you are bored or stuck in your thoughts, even finding yourself procrastinating - then move your body and feel the shift of energy this creates.

The benefits of moving the body builds strength, coordination, suppleness and growth.

This fuels our appreciation of our bodies and encourages our children to appreciate what their bodies are capable of, encouraging a sense of empowerment and positive body image.

Team sports provide a fantastic feeling of belonging and mindful moving with your family can also bring you together and propel you to greater achievements.

Here are a few ideas you may like to try:

- 1, Park a little further away from school and enjoy the walk in together, enjoying the beauty that surrounds us.
- 2, Dance - pop on your favourite tunes and have a dance - you can even do this whilst cleaning; I do - it gets done so much quicker!
- 3, Out in the garden, whilst enjoying some fresh air, you can do some hoola hooping, skipping, hopscotch or play twister out on the grass.
- 4, Take a ball to the nearest green and have a good kick about or take a frisbee to the Park or to the beach.
- 5, Take a longer nature walk, seek out some hills, we have plenty to offer around here and the views are definitely very rewarding!
- 6, Cycle, scoot or walk places to which you would usually drive to.
- 7, Get adventurous, we have kayaking and other watersports all here on our doorstep.
- 8, Join a local sports group - these will begin to start opening up again soon.
- 9, Enjoy any of the free work out sessions on YouTube, try something new such as Yoga Qigong, Pilates or Tai Chi
- 10, Go out exploring! Put some snacks in a backpack and try and find a new trail or investigate a new part of the coastal trail.

Have fun and feel great!!





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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.**

