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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

The news may have reached you about our staffing change from September, we are so excited for both Mrs Hall and Mr Deeks for this opportunity for them to move between sites. The pupils of both Dunster and Timberscombe get to benefit from the wonderful expertise of this team and the partnership working between the schools has already secured many successes working together; this is another example of positive outcomes. We retain two amazing staff for our lovely children.

In other news, Judith Edwards-Heathcote has raised over £600 for our community allotment project with her sponsored leg lifts. We dropped round to see Judith today, on her birthday. The children sang her happy birthday and thanked her from a social distance outside. Other support for our allotment project is beginning to flow in – please let us know if you or someone local, or in your family has any time to help us - we need man power to shift this project along. Thank you to those who have already given their time and ideas, thanks to Owen Rush, Marion Jeffreys and Jill Davies for their time and input.

Transition planning has been a theme of this week, as we also spoke to the year 4 children about Pinkery! Last year we managed to ensure our year 4s got the send off they deserved; this year we have managed to secure a residential experience for them. This is such a key part of that transition from first to middle school, that first trip away from home, where they have an absolute brilliant time and bring home lots of dirty laundry! I am truly delighted that we can run this for them.

We are also pleased to tell you Little oaks is thriving and growing almost daily– spread the word about our wonderful school and this fabulous early years provision as part of it—be our ambassadors!

Finally, we wish you all a happy VE Day for tomorrow and a safe 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

The children have had another lovely week playing and learning together. They are particularly enjoying the sound therapy sessions where they have the chance to play instruments, learn about sound waves and vibrations and just have a wonderful time together!



ECO NEWS

As world leaders prepare to sit down to talk about climate change when the G7 Summit opens in Cornwall on June 11, children around the UK will be raising their voices in song.

A song, written by West End musical songwriter Sir Tim Rice, is a message for the G7 Summit world leaders asking them to listen to the plight of the world and of children everywhere. Its aim is to put children's voices at the heart of the 2021 G7 Summit.

Sir Tim said: "I wanted to write a song that is fun and toe-tapping so that children enjoy singing it." It ends with an urgent message to G7 leaders to collaborate and take their responsibility seriously to each other and to the rest of the world. You can learn more about Sing2G7 and listen to the song here:

<https://www.sing2g7.org/>





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Key Dates—some dates are subject to the government road map unfolding as planned

10.05.21—4.15pm Pinkery Parents Meeting (online)

11.05.21—Somerset Day

17.05.21—Road Map Step 3

21.05.21—Outreach Team Drop In

26.05.21—Whole School and Leavers Photographs

28.05.21—last day of half term

07.06.21—Inset Day

16.06.21-18.06.21—Y4 Pinkery Residential

21.06.21—Road Map Step 4

02.07.21—Outreach Team Drop In

07.07.21—Move Up Day

23.07.21—Last day of term

02.09.21 & 03.09.21—Inset Days

06.09.21—Back to school 2021-2022

Safeguarding



We all want to keep our children safe

You've probably already talked to them about things like crossing the road safely. But have you spoken to them about how to stay safe from sexual abuse? We know it's a conversation no parent wants to have, but we believe it can feel just as natural, and be just as easy, as the road safety chat.

We call it talking PANTS. From P through to S, each letter gives an important message for children as young as four to help them stay safe.

For more information and advice, go to:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

That's why we want all parents to **talk PANTS** – because we know that talking regularly with children about these important messages really can help them stay safe.

"We are a Telling School"

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

N O MEANS NO

T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

Coming Soon!

Holiday Club Provision brought to you by The West Somerset Academies Trust



Provision will run from Minehead and Williton
Ages 5 - 12
8am - 4pm
Details to follow shortly!

July & August 2021



An Extract from Thought for the Week

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Even before our schools, Jesus was teaching and modelling the importance of inclusion, of justice, of opportunity for all, including children. In the Bible we are reminded to 'Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.' What a great summary of how to be a force for good and a great reassurance that we don't walk alone, however challenging the path may seem.



Our Star of the week is Joby, who has done an amazing job helping in Little Oaks this week.

Class 1 This week's Achievement Award goes to Louisa for her perseverance and hard work in maths. McCartney gets the Kindness Award for supporting children in the classroom and on the playground.

Class 2 Leo gets an Achievement Award this week for his great work in fractions. A kindness Award goes to Connor for always encouraging others.

Growth Mindset Weekly

"Give yourself the same care and attention that you give to others and watch yourself bloom."

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Journaling For Wellbeing...



Writing is a great way to process difficult emotions, freeing up your mental resources.

Writing Mindfully can really loosen the grip of sticky emotions by bringing them out of the dark.

Journaling is inexpensive, portable and can brighten our quality of awareness, helping us to make sense of thoughts, feelings and perspectives. It gives us a chance to really slow down, breathe, turn to a fresh page and really get in tune with what we are thinking and feeling.

It's not just about putting words on to paper, you can enjoy sketching, doodling and filling your journal with inspiring quotes and art or interests you may have.

You don't have to erase your doodles, correct your grammar or hand your work in! You also don't have to worry about gathering likes and emojis from a virtual fan club.

Expressive journaling is expressing yourself, for yourself!!!



Mindful Journaling allows you space to just hang out with any emotions that show up, whether its contentment and peaceful emotions or anxiety, feeling overwhelmed or sheer boredom.

Happy
Journaling!

If children are able to write down their thoughts and feelings, this becomes an excellent way for them to navigate their way through emotions too. There are lots of journals available now that have prompts for children and adults alike.

