



# 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 move up day was a success this week, the children were excited the day before, telling me they were moving up and I was going to be in year 4!! Mrs Hall had a great day and said she felt the school was calm, happy and the children and staff made her feel very at home. For the Year 4s, a google meet with their Year 5 teachers has been arranged for Thursday 15th July at 6.30pm—details and links were sent out on ParentMail yesterday. We know transition for some children can be a scary event, but we hope after the move up day in their new year group, the children all felt reassured, safe and happy. They all certainly seemed to have a great day. The beach day was another lovely event, so nice for our school family to all spend the day together just playing and exploring. Invaluable time, and actually lots of learning incorporated including sun and beach safety.

Our leavers service will be in the Church on the last Friday of term, it will start at 1:30pm and parents of year 4 pupils are able to join us for this special occasion. Sadly due to restrictions we have to limit this to two family members per child and cannot open it up to parents who don't have children in Y4

I know some of you have been really disappointed about not being able to come to sports day, especially when everyone seems to be finding their way through guidance in their own manner. I am proud that we have made it this far without having to close bubble groups or lockdown and am keen our pupils get to complete their school year, so our priority has to be safety. We will give the pupils a really nice experience, not too competitive, lots of good fun, but we cannot risk a gathering. Please do not just arrive at the field as this will really hamper our event and could cause it to end prematurely for the kids. We will take lots of photos! Let's all get to the holiday as safely as we can so you can all enjoy the six weeks and our year 4s can enjoy their leavers service on the last day. If we had to close now, we would miss so many lovely moments and every effort is being made to take us through to the end of term together, please support us in our endeavors.

We all hope for a much more normal year next year and to be able to welcome you back to our events throughout the year. 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.*

## Little Oaks News

We had a wonderful time at the beach last Thursday. The children enjoyed digging in the sand, finding shells and building castles. We also had a little paddle and experienced the feel of the sea washing over our feet and jumping over the waves.

Building on this experience, this week we have made our own rock pool and have enjoyed finding out about the creatures who live there. We've been reading "Sharing a Shell" and "The Rainbow Fish". Next week we will be learning all about 'under the sea'



Could you be an Exmoor Park Protector? To earn the award, children must complete 8 activities from a range of suggestions from ENP: from nature eye spy to pebble tower building!

Once they have completed 8 activities and had their record sheet signed by an adult, you can visit the Information Centre in Dunster to collect a certificate and prize. Anyone can take part in this project, and it has some nice ideas for summer holiday activities.



Print out the attached record sheet, which we have included with this newsletter, or pick up a copy of the Exmoor Visitor if you would like to take part.



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## Key Dates

11.07.21—Euro 2020 FINAL!  
 14.07.21—Teddy Bear's Picnic  
 15.07.21—Sports Day (now at school—no parents, sorry)  
 19.07.21—Revised date, road map step 4  
 23.07.21—Leavers Service (Parents of Y4 and Little Oaks graduates only)  
 06.09.21 & 07.09.21 INSET Days  
 08.09.21—Back to School

**Please see Term Dates 2021-2022 on Page 4**

## GREAT NEWS!!



Are you looking for a way to keep your

children happy, active and fed over the summer holidays?

There are a number of activity clubs running throughout the summer holidays and the good news is they are now **FREE TO ALL CHILDREN** in our school. There is a central online booking system available from 5th July at 10.00am:

<https://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays>

Or you can call **01823 653992** 10-2pm Monday – Wednesday  
 To book, you will need a **unique** code and these were sent out via ParentMail on Thursday 1st July but call us if you need a reminder.

## An Extract from Thought for the Week

Ed Gregory

Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells

### Theodore Roosevelt said:

*“Credit belongs to the one who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; the one who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if they fail, at least they fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”*

Thank you all for stepping into the arena, for daring greatly, for the sake of our children, young people and households.

## Safeguarding



# DOMESTIC ABUSE

It can happen to anyone

Call the local domestic abuse helpline:

**0800 6949 999**

for confidential advice

In an emergency, call 999



**Our Star of the week** is Sam for being such a good example to the other children on move up day

**Class 1** Mrs Cooper has nominated the whole of class 1 for a Kindness Award for how they welcomed and looked out for the new September Reception children on move up day. This week's achievement Award goes to McCartney for his excellent predator science homework

**Class 2** An Achievement Award for Tom for some amazing writing this week. Connor gets a Kindness Award for looking after our visiting children.

**Growth Mindset Weekly:** “Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground.” Theodore Roosevelt



# Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss



## Summer Wellbeing

The weather has taken a little dip but it's still lovely and warm, I would like to share some more lovely mindful craft ideas with you to share as a family, as time together is precious and fun!



If the weather is looking a little on the sad side, this following activity can be enjoyed inside too! Have you ever created a marble run reusing tubes and cardboard from the recycling? This promises hours of fun and you can design it anyway you like by painting it or putting stickers on.

How about a scavenger hunt at the beach, collecting shells, feathers, pretty stones and seaweed? Then you can make an underwater sea scene using an old shoe box; add some glitter and some handmade sea creatures or even a shipwreck!



There is lots of fun to be had creating some scenes using Chalk; here are some fun ideas, or the children could draw a miniature town for their cars and add their favourite little Characters!

Another fun activity which the older children like to do for the younger ones is to make a puppet show and theatre recycling old boxes, or you could make up some guessing games where the children have to guess what object is in the mystery box just by feeling it.



You will never look back and think, "I spent too much time with my kids" xxx

It's the little memories that will last a life time...





# Be An Exmoor Park Protector

## Our National Park needs your help!

We love having so many visitors enjoy our National Park, but more visitors can sometimes mean more mess. An act of kindness can go a long way to help our Park and our own wellbeing.

Complete 8 of these 12 tasks, get them signed off by a grown up, and head to one of our National Park Centres to claim your Park Protector Certificate along with your very own free Exmoor National Park stationery set (while stocks last)



<b>Litter Pick-up</b> <p>On your visit if you see some litter, pick it up and dispose of it correctly. Even better, head out with some gloves and a rubbish bag and go on a litter search. Always wash your hands afterwards.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Hug A Tree</b> <p>Trees need love as well! Did you know, England's tallest tree is growing on Exmoor, if you visit Nutcombe Bottom, be sure to look (up) for it.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Plastic-free Picnic</b> <p>Try and pack a no single use plastic picnic to take with you on your adventure. Did you know that Exmoor is working hard to earn its Exmoor Plastic Free Award, help us out by bringing and using less.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Mindful Moment</b> <p>Get comfy and take a break, use all your senses to look, listen, feel and smell your surroundings. Do this in as many different places as you can. Maybe you'll fall in love with the sound of a stream, the smell of the ocean or the softness of the moss on a tree.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>
<b>Eye Spy</b> <p>Try and increase your nature knowledge by downloading the <a href="#">iNaturalist</a> app, looking in a book or online, to identify a new creature, tree, flower, or plant that you don't know the name of.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Visit a National Park Centre</b> <p>We have three National Park Centres open for visitors (see page 2) Pop along to one of them to meet our friendly staff, do an activity and pick up some free habitat posters and leaflets.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Get your feet wet</b> <p>Paddle in a stream or rockpool and see what kind of creatures live under the rocks. Don't forget to be gentle when moving anything, they might be someone's home! Be water safe and check the tides.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Make a pebble tower</b> <p>Challenge yourself and build a tower as high as you can. Don't forget to put them back when you are done.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>
<b>Recycle</b> <p>While putting your rubbish in a bin is great, taking your litter home to correctly recycle is even better!</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Reach New Heights</b> <p>Take a walk to the top of a hill. You will be rewarded with panoramic views of our amazing National Park.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Bug Hotel</b> <p>Using debris and natural items you can find around you, build a warm and safe home for a small creature.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>	<b>Turn your lights off</b> <p>Turn your lights off at night to see just how many stars are out there. Exmoor is Europe's first Dark Sky Reserve for a reason.</p>  <p><b>Signature of completion</b></p>

Make your visit to Exmoor National Park count, leave no trace, and take only memories.

# Somerset School Terms and Holidays – WSEP/ Moorland/ KT

## 2021/2022 Academic Year

WWW.SOMERSET.GOV.UK



September 2021						October 2021						November 2021					
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	
F	3	10	17	24		F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	
Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	
Su	5	12	19	26		Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	
December 2021						January 2022						February 2022					
M		6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	
W	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	
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March 2022						April 2022						May 2022					
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M	2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	3	10	17	24	31
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June 2022						July 2022						August 2022					
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### Key:

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### Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 22 October 2021 (35 days)  
 Term 2: 01 November – 17 December 2021 (35 days)  
 Term 3: 04 January – 18 February 2022 (34 days)  
 Term 4: 28 February – 08 April 2022 (30 days)  
 Term 5: 25 April – 27 May 2022 (24 days)  
 Term 6: 06 June – 26 July 2022 (37 days)

**TOTAL = 195**

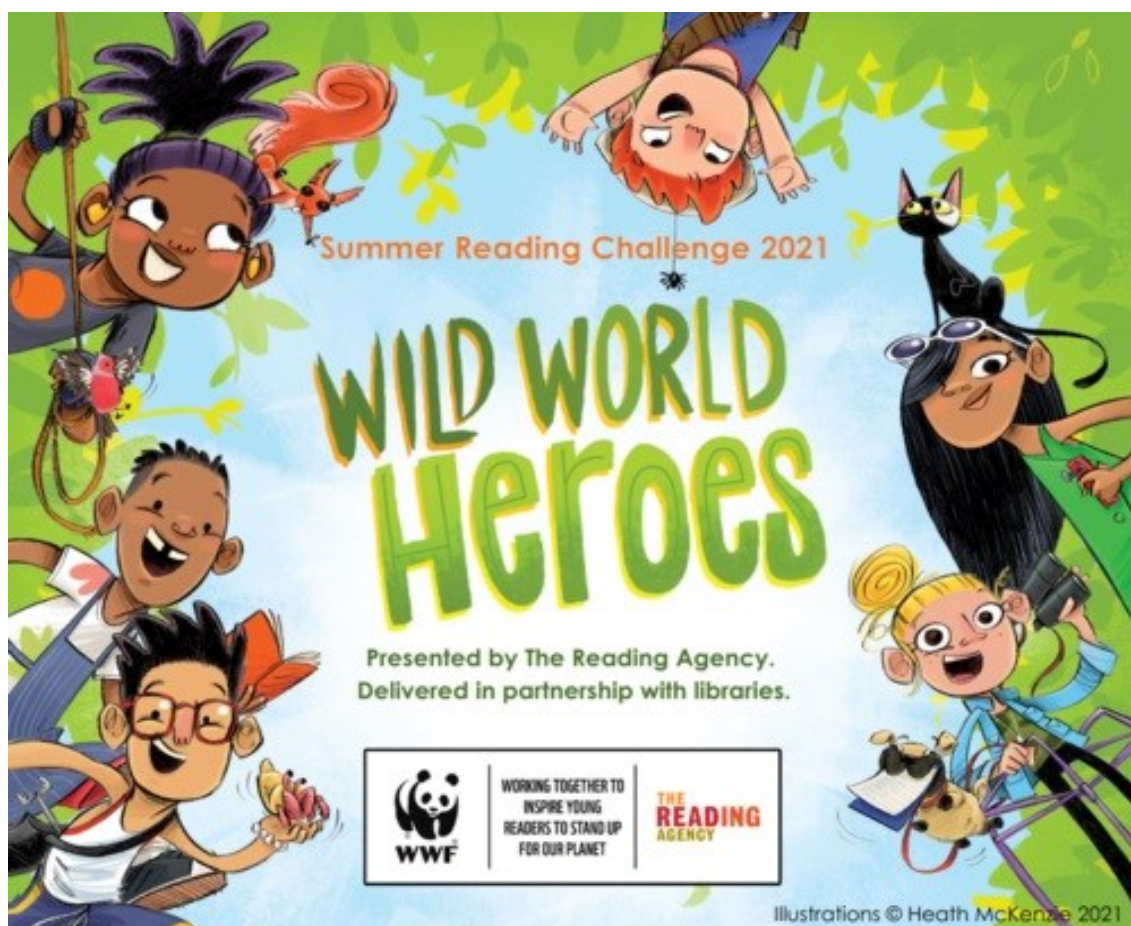
### Bank and public holidays 2021/22 – Revised to include the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2021*	Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2021*	Early May Day Bank Holiday	02 May 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2022*	Spring Bank Holiday	02 June 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Platinum Jubilee	03 June 2022
		Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022

\*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with individual schools for their term dates





## **We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!**

Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, arriving **online** and in your **local library** this summer.

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville!

It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how **you can make a difference** to the environment too.

We're teaming up with **WWF** for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

Are you excited to join the **#WildWorldHeroes** this summer?

Keep an eye on our **blog** for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge news

**On the Summer Reading Challenge website you can find:**

**Find a Read - Book Sorter - Reading Club**

**Chat - Activities - News - Games**