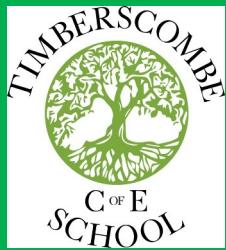


# Timberscombe C of E First School



As I write this newsletter I feel quite emotional about the school year. Our children have now had two academic years interrupted. Our schools have had to adapt at pace; staff, children and all of you, have had to rise to so many challenges. I am so immensely proud of everyone and it is that pride that makes me emotional. What has been achieved in our school over this year, and in the previous year, has been phenomenal given the extreme pressure and difficulties faced by everyone. As we begin a new phase, a phase where it feels like we are beginning to open up again, to come out of the cave (like the Croods) and face a new world, new ways, hopefully, some of the old ways, that we have missed will return, and some of the new positive things that we have learnt during this time will remain. I will try to retain the sense of larger community responsibility and our collaborative working with people beyond education. The view of our children from 0-25 will remain with stronger transitions. Positively we will also see the things we missed return. Many of you can return to our school site (albeit slowly, carefully and safely), group work in classrooms, community assemblies, so many things we took for granted. I do hope that next year will be very special in the return of what we lost and all the best of what we have learned. Our church school family, progressing, adapting, and improving but all the while as close and as kind as it has been. The success of the staff and pupils this year have all been based on our principles; safety, wellbeing and learning. We returned with the wellbeing week at Kilve, with the pupils bravely engaging with outdoor adventures after a long period of lockdown. We had our superhero day, we had our very special nativity. The first one filmed and the first one at the Regal theatre. After another lockdown we returned to provide a residential against all odds and we camped for the first time in our school's history! The year before it came to our 'sibling' school, Dunster's, field— we never want the children to miss out. Sports day still happened (albeit without the crowds to cheer us on) and our beach trip. Finally, today our year 4 leavers service back in our Church. From Little Oaks joining our school in September, to Santa visiting, to Pinkery, to dance with Mr Deeks, to sport with our coaches, to singing in Church, to Mr M's music, to this very leavers service, this school year holds many amazing memories for me personally, and I hope for all the staff and children alike. Despite all the difficulties of this time in our history, we are so very lucky to have each other and these shared experiences. Have a safe and happy summer. Good luck Year 4, but you won't need it you are awesome. Mrs Naomi Philp (Good luck to Miss Sparks with her new Puppy too this summer— only a training session away from being our reading dog!)



You're off to Great Places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So... get on your way!



Dear Class One

Where do we begin? The journey this year has been one I will never forget and that is down to your hard work and dedication. The minute you walk through the door your big smiles and positive attitude to learning is something I will always remember, and we are extremely lucky to have taught such a wonderful class. Mrs Cooper and I wish you all the best and hope you have a wonderful summer!

Love from

Mr Deeks



**Key Dates:**

06.09.21 and 07.09.21 —INSET days

08.09.21—Back to school



Dear Class 2

Well, what a year it has been! The children in Class 2 have worked incredibly hard this year, both in school and during their time learning from home. We have especially enjoyed our summer term's activities. We had a brilliant day on the beach, where the boys particularly enjoyed getting 'accidentally' soaking wet paddling in the waves! Continuing the water theme, our water fight this week was also a huge, hilarious success - it's been so lovely to fit in at least a few extra fun things for the children despite the restrictions.

We also had a fantastic Pinkery trip with Year 4. The boys were beautifully behaved and were a pleasure to take away on a trip. They threw themselves into every activity and conquered some fears along the way. I was very proud of them.

I hope you all have a lovely, well-earned rest over the summer holidays. This year has been another tough one, and I really want to thank you all for your support - it really is very appreciated. Lastly, a huge good luck to my brilliant, funny, wonderful Year 4s (and their families!). It's been a blast teaching you and I will miss you very, very much.

Stay safe and lots of love, Miss Sparks



## Little Oaks

We have had a wonderful first year at Little Oaks, despite all the challenges that have been thrown at us! We have grown from just two children on roll to nine and the signs are looking good for further growth. The children are happy and settled and are enjoying learning through their play. We've learnt about all sorts; from dragons and castles through to finding out about our local area - Timberscombe, Exmoor and the coast. Our beach day was a lovely way to bring their learning to life. Joining in with Sports Day last week and seeing all the children interacting, helping each other and having fun together was just what we envisioned this time last year! All the staff at Little Oaks wish you an enjoyable, safe and relaxing Summer.



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