

# 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** It was lovely to see so many of you this week, in for parents evenings– actually 'in' the building! I have loved being back, having had Covid myself followed by the sickness bug, I had really missed being in, especially missed superhero day, prior to the half term. We are all really hoping for a much more normal and settled half term. So exciting things coming up: we hope to have our nativity in the church this year (two showings and limited numbers for space and ventilation– but back!) we hope to welcome you back to Tuesday morning Collective Worship in the coming weeks too! We will also be forming our student parliament and allocating those key student leadership roles. Our Christingle service will be back to close our term and much, much more. This is such a magical time of year in the primary sector and we intend make the most of every learning and fun opportunity. Please continue to follow our drop off and collection routines outside as usual though. We will be running tours for new parents soon, and we will also offer an opportunity for you all to attend an open day session, so you can properly see our changes. This week we went to the church for our Collective Worship and the pupils wrote prayers on autumn coloured leaves for our tree. It is this sort of interactive display you will be able to see on the tour. We also had Wellbeing workshops run by Kelly Twiss for all pupils and staff together, such lovely creative sessions that everyone enjoyed. We will be holding two meetings before Christmas that we would love for you to attend: Revisioning and reevaluating session—this will be looking at what has gone well and what we miss that was perhaps lost during the pandemic. **And FOTs!!!! Our school needs you!** I know many of you had a lovely informal coffee morning at the village hall, which sounded lovely; but we need you! We need the funds for so many things and without FOTs we are going to struggle and costs may then end up coming back to parents or indeed the quality and richness of what we can provide may suffer. Please help us! Please come and support in whatever way you can– if you would like to come and can only attend at certain times– please let Rosy in the office know. On that note- We welcome our new and amazing administrator, Rosy Arch, who has joined us and has been a real asset straight away! Thanks Rosy! Have a safe and well 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 returned refreshed from their half term break and have quickly settled back into the routine.



We have a firework theme this week which covers the traditional firework celebrations of November 5th and the Hindu festival of Diwali. The children have enjoyed making firework pictures using different materials. They have also worked hard to create diva lamps from clay. Next week our main focus will be remembrance. Poppies and other small items are available in school to help raise money for the annual British Legion poppy appeal. Please feel free to send in a donation if you would like to.

## Poppy Appeal 2021



**Traditional poppies and other 'poppy' items are available to purchase in the school.**

**There are suggested donation amounts, but any donation amount is hugely appreciated.**



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## **Key Dates:** Please see *Term Dates 2021-2022* on Page 3

### **Squid Games SAFEGUARDING Warning:**

**Squid Games is a Netflix programme, but is also available on You Tube and on some gaming sites. It is NOT suitable for children is an age 15 rating and children should NOT be watching it on any forum.**

### **An Extract from Thought for the Week**

*Ed Gregory*

*Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells*

November 1<sup>st</sup> was All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day. It is a long-held opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. What do you think being 'saintly' involves, today? Does anyone you know fall into that category? If there is somebody you can think of - what was it about them, the qualities that shone out? We may not expect one another to be 'full on' saints with gleaming halos, yet we can all do our best to be 'saintly', when communicating with those around us, when demonstrating care and support, when standing firm for all that is good, kind and patient. Let us start November with fresh expectations and a new resolve to make every day a saintly day.

**Well being tip for the week:** Look ahead for the half term. Plan in now some times, evenings, weekends etc that will be time for you – and do your best to hold these firmly in your calendar. Planning in, and holding firm, some 'breathing spaces' now, will pay off enormously later in the term as you look forward to them and as you enjoy them when they come around. You never know, it may become a really good habit for the start of every half term.

## **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: Helen Hickman**

(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)

**at Dunster: Helen Hickman**

(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](http://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



**Star of the Week** is Jack for coming back to school with an excellent attitude to learning.

Class 1— The Achievement Award goes to Finley for some excellent history learning.  
The Kindness Award goes to Emme for helpful tidying up.

Class 2 — The Achievement Award goes to Louisa for great column addition work.  
The Kindness Award goes to Edward for being a good friend to others.

# Somerset School Terms and Holidays – WSEP/ Moorland/ KT 2021/2022 Academic Year

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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	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		3	10	17	24	
F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F		4	11	18	25	
Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26		
Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su		6	13	20	27		
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
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	W		4	11	18	25	
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Su	6	13	20	27	Su	3	10	17	24	Su	1	8	15	22	29			
June 2022					July 2022					August 2022								
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	31	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25		
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Su	5	12	19	26	Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28			

## Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

## 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