

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

It has been a reflective time in school this week as the children learned about Remembrance and took part in a Remembrance Service in the church on Thursday. Year 1 led the service and did us proud as they explained why we remember. We finished with the 2 minute silence at 11am and Oscar T placed a poppy wreath. It was lovely to be joined by some members of the community who were in the church having a meeting—and we received an email from them afterwards which said “today was really very special. Each member of our PCC has been in touch to say how moving they felt the school service to be” From our very youngest children in Little Oaks, right through to Year 4, each and every one of them was thoughtful and respectful. We were very proud of them.



In this week's Wellbeing section, we hear more from Kelly Twiss about the wellbeing workshops that took place in school last week and we can see some of the mindful artwork that the children produced. Yet again, we hear what a credit our children are to the school and to you!

We are still finalising the time of our nativities—there's so much to fit in this time of year! We are still very hopeful that parents will be able to come and we know that some of you will be keen to have the times confirmed so that you can book time off work if necessary so we'll get these out to you as soon as we can.

Take care and 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

Remembrance has been our main focus this week. It is not an easy concept for young children to understand but they have shown real interest and have shown an awareness of the importance of it in our culture. They have made individual poppies and done some art and craft activities based on poppies. Our focus text this week was “We're Going on a Bear Hunt” and the children have enjoyed retelling the story with puppets and finding out about different types of bears. For the next couple of weeks we will be thinking about ‘people who help us’, starting with the emergency services.



ECO NEWS

Thank you to Plastic Free Communities for this post. See their Facebook page to get involved and find out how we can all do our bit



Plastic Free Communities in West Somerset

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PLASTIC FREE TIP OF THE WEEK

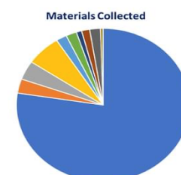
Recent beach cleans at Porlock, Minehead, Watchet and Dunster found that 76% of the litter collected was plastic fragments and micro-plastic. Plastic litter from many locations quickly blows into streams and ends up on the beach and in the sea. Use cloth bags not plastic....buy your veg loose at farmers markets or supermarkets....fill reusable bottles with tap water....we need less plastic in our beautiful environment 🌱 Keep sharing your ideas for reducing single use plastic !



Plastic Free Communities in West Somerset
Great British Beach Clean: September 2021



- Plastic/Polystyrene
- Cloth
- Paper/Cardboard
- Metal
- Sanitary
- Rubber
- Glass
- Pottery/Ceramics
- Wood (machined)
- Medical



- Beaches cleaned: Minehead, Porlock, Watchet & Dunster
- 155 volunteers took part
- Most commonly found items were:
 - Plastic and polystyrene
 - Cigarette ends
 - Fishing line & hooks
- We found a sweet bag dated 2002
- We found plastic leg rings from racing pigeons originating in Wales and Ireland
- We found and returned someone's wallet



"A seemingly clean beach is full of plastic"



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Key Dates:

- 19.11.21—No Uniform Day for Children in Need
- 10.12.21—Decoration day (Christmas jumper optional)
- 14.12.21—Nativity (times tbc)
- 15.12.21—Christmas dinner, party and 'special visitor' (party clothes!)
- 17.12.21—Christingle service 9.15 - Friday 17th (parents attending tbc)

An Extract from Thought for the Week

Ed Gregory

Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells

This year marks the 100th anniversary of both the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal which has a focus on care, peace, and hope.

In 2021 the 100th anniversary coincides with COP26 and our fight to preserve this beautiful planet. It also coincides with the greatest number of migrants reaching our shores, many seeking refuge from the ravages of war or persecution. Oh, and yes, it coincides with the far-reaching impact of the global pandemic that continues to be particularly prevalent across our own diocese at this moment.

At 11.00 on 11th November, we remember those from all backgrounds, nationalities and cultures who have given their lives for peace, for freedom and for future generations, for our generation.

In Mathew chapter 5 Christian believers are encouraged: "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family."

Perhaps this year the poppy's symbolism of hope and restoration is needed more than ever. Let us, following Jesus' own example, commit to being courageous advocates for wisdom, hope, community, and dignity. Whether we have any faith or none we can all join hands, holding a torch for good, for peace, for hope.



Safeguarding- What does County Lines mean?

County lines is a form of criminal exploitation in which criminals groom and manipulate children into drug dealing. The 'lines' refer to mobile phones that are used to control a young person who is delivering drugs, often to towns outside their home county.

- County Lines is EVERYWHERE and it affects all communities
- Children as young as seven have been targeted
- County lines operations are often hard to spot, but the signs are visible. We could all be in a position to stop it.

Find out more here: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/child-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines/what-is-county-lines>

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/drug-trafficking/county-lines>

Timberscombe Little Oaks Early Years/ Pre School Bank Staff positions available

Hours a week negotiable – during school time and term time

The post is paid on Somerset Payscale Grade 15 £9.62 per hour (rising to £9.81)

Start date: ASAP 1st Dec 2021 (but flexible for the right candidates)

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Timberscombe C of E First School is seeking to appoint **bank staff** to support its highly successful and growing Early Years / Pre School provision: Little Oaks. This exciting opportunity comes about as our intake has grown and we are looking to gradually increase staffing to extend our offer.

Posts are initially required for term time, but we would be interested in hearing from candidates who may also be able to offer school holiday provision.

Closing date for applications: 25th Nov 2021

Interviews taking place on: TBC

The schools have a commitment to safeguard children, and have a culture of vigilance to support this. The post holder will be required to undergo a disclosure check with the Disclosure and Barring Service before taking up employment.

Visits from prospective candidates are warmly welcomed. Please contact the school for an application pack.

Star of the Week is Tyson, who has really impressed Miss Sparks this week by working really hard in all areas.



Class 1 Mrs Hall has nominated the whole of Class 1 for an Achievement Award for an excellent and respectful Remembrance Service. The Kindness Award goes to Amelia, for helping her friends when changing for PE.

Class 2 An Achievement Award for Troy for great maths work; and a Kindness Award for Oscar C for being supportive and enjoying the success of others

Stress Awareness - Wellbeing Week



Last week I had the privilege of spending some precious well-being time with your amazing children. Years 1-4 at Dunster school and all classes at Timberscombe school, this was enjoyed by their teachers too and they all got to enjoy some slow-paced Mindful Art, using lots of different recycled materials made from all sorts of textures and autumnal colours

We talked about the importance of celebrating how special and unique we all are and about how each of us bring value to our class. So, the children produced some individual art to showcase this and then some magic happened!!!

We bought all our art work together as a collaboration and this made a giant picture, the children really got a sense of feeling part of something very special, a real feeling of belonging and community. The children all felt very immensely proud of their work.

What a wonderful way to ease the children into what is quite a busy term leading up to the festivities of next month. I just want to say what an absolute credit every single one of these children are to all of you parents and carers and to their lovely schools and teachers.

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	
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March 2022					April 2022					May 2022								
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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