



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,

We have been focusing on democracy this week, as one of our British Values, and talking about voting systems ready for our student parliament voting, which is a great model for the children to engage with practically. We also looked at maps showing when women got the vote and in which countries first and which countries children's rights are well implemented.

Thank you for your fund raising for both Children in Need and for the Poppy Appeal, we raised £58.38 for the Poppy Appeal. Almost double than the previous time we participated, a lot for a smaller school.

New Covid guidance was issued to schools on Thursday evening due to the high level of cases in West Somerset, largely focusing on safe ways to have events in the lead up to Christmas. We are reviewing our plans and hope that everything we have already considered (such as having two performances to make audiences smaller and more spaced out) will mean we can continue as planned. We do have a plan B!

Finally, I think it is right and important that we take a moment to send our love, thoughts and prayers to the relatives and friends of the family, and all our colleagues and friends at the West Somerset College, who have been affected by such a devastating tragedy. Obviously, it is key we respect everyone's privacy and act with kindness and care in all our interactions both online and in person. Grief is something that may or may not have touched our lives, but we can all empathise with those affected and offer our support without prying. The love we feel in our schools is real, is genuine, the care for each other and the children. The bereavement will be felt by many. I am sure you will all join me in taking a moment this weekend, to stop, to reflect, to care.

If you have been adversely affected by this tragedy and feel you need additional support we can sign post you, so do not hesitate to speak to us. Talking is strength not weakness. Have a safe and happy weekend with loved ones. 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



We have had an exciting week finding out about a range of people who help us. We have learnt about the RNLI and the Coastguard and the children loved playing in our cardboard box lifeboat.

On Wednesday Little Oaks had some special visitors in the form of a range of pets who all required looking after for the day. The children really showed their caring natures as vets, helping them get better from various injuries and ailments!

Finally, we all enjoyed the visit from the Coastguard team who brought their special vehicle and equipment for the children to see. Next week we are off into 'Space'!



An Extract from Thought for the Week

Ed Gregory

Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells

Sunday, 28th November, will be Advent Sunday, advent meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. The period of Advent, four Sundays, is a way of marking the run up to Christmas, it may be through an advent calendar (with or without chocolates, gin, or any other treats!) or advent candles. Advent is often a time, a countdown, when we work through our shopping and other lists in our own preparations for Christmas.

The purpose of Advent in the church calendar is a time for personal preparation, through reflection, contemplation, reading or prayer; to celebrate the coming, the arrival, of Jesus.

Radio 1 recently shared a game linked to Ewan McVicar's song 'Tell me something good.' <https://youtu.be/aewMIEfQvSM> The game involves everyone taking a turn to share a sentence about something good that has happened to them or that they are aware of. The idea is to pass from one to another really swiftly, sharing stories of good news, a real antidote to the colder days and darker nights.



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Key Dates:

- 10.12.21 Decoration Day (Christmas jumper optional)
- 14.12.21 Nativity (11.00am & 6.00pm)
- 15.12.21 Christmas Dinner, Party and 'Special Visitor' (Party clothes!)
- 17.12.21 Christingle service 9.15 - (Parents attending TBC)

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need. You helped us raise £51.50!!



The Friends of Cutcombe School are hosting a small (Covid conscious) Christmas Craft Fair this Saturday 27th November.

Please pop along to support raising money for a new climbing frame.

Friends of Cutcombe School

Christmas CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 27th November, 10 - 2pm
At The Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross

COME AND SHOP FOR:

- Homemade crafts
- Unique gifts
- Local jewellery
- Christmas cakes & cards
- Plus 'nearly new' bric-a-brac and refreshments!

Free Entry

Raising funds for a new climbing frame at Cutcombe School!

Stallholders - £10 per table
Please contact Rosy Arch by 13th November on 07748 808211 or email focs2021@outlook.com

ECO NEWS



It is estimated that in excess of 40% of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions come from our individual use in the home.

We can reduce this by encouraging our children to:

- Say Bye-Bye to Stand Bye....
- Use Energy Saving Lightbulbs

Kid's Mission: How many light bulbs do you think you have on the go? Have a guess then go and count up all the light bulbs in the house - don't forget table lamps and ceiling lights - you'll probably be amazed by how many you use!

Safeguarding



Somerset Mindline

0800 138 1692 Freephone
01823 276 892 Local

Here when you need us 24/7 For anyone of any age in Somerset experiencing mental distress or wanting emotional support. 24/7 EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT HELPLINE

REQUEST WELLBEING SUPPORT at Young Somerset

WWW.YOUNGSOMERSET.ORG.UK/WELLBEING-SUPPORT

FIND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU at Somerset Big Tent

WWW.SOMERSETBIGTENT.ORG.UK

Star of the Week is Oscar T for being a ray of sunshine around the school.

Class 1 Achievement Awards this week go to Finley, Evie and Heidi for some excellent number work; the Kindness Award goes to Hermione for collecting Mrs Hall's printing from the Printer.

Class 2 An Achievement Award this weeks goes to Jack for superb writing; the Kindness Award goes to Sam for being a supportive leader to other children.



Bake Sale

Friday 3rd December



3pm



In the playground

Cupcakes 50p each
A slice of cake £1 each
Biscuits 20p each

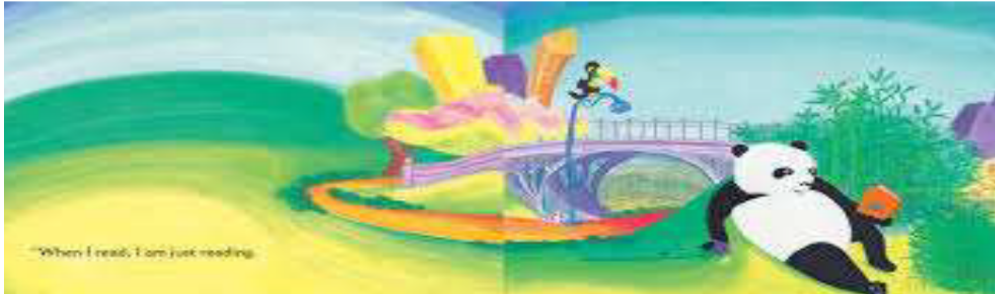
Bring a tin to
stock up for the
weekend!!



Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss

Storytime Mindful Meditation



When I am reading, I am just reading

For thousands of years people have shared stories, tales of wonder and great journeys have been used throughout the ages to chronicle history, share lessons, spread teachings, entertain and inspire us.

Sharing stories is a great way to teach children about cultures, traditions, places and helps children to develop empathy for characters and individuals within the stories.

Reading is a fun and relaxing mindful activity for children. In addition to helping them excel academically, it's also good for their health, wellness, and learning development.

Another great way that reading can benefit children is by encouraging them to explore their emotions, concepts such as self-love and acceptance.

It can be challenging to get a child to sit down and practice a mindful challenge and I think books are an excellent medium for this, as we can always connect with the child on a subject or character they are already interested in. Books are an effective and simple tool that can encourage self-awareness and emotional processing. Well-crafted tales can captivate attention, spark imagination, and can even inspire self-reflection and positive change.

The benefits of this mindful practice in addition to helping a child's cognitive development helps children to focus, unwind and understand themselves and the world around them.

Reading teaches children how to relax, it encourages them to be still, present and fully aware. Most reading is enjoyed sitting or lying down, so children learn to embrace stillness. In these moments of quiet and calmness, children learn to relax and unwind.

For a parent to be fully engaged in the story your child is reading to you, will help you to step away from the busyness and commit to being present in order to share a story together, both enjoying getting cosy, bonding and gaining all the benefits of Mindfulness and Meditation.

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	
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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	
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June 2022					July 2022					August 2022								
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	
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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