

TIMBERSCOMBE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL



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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 had another festive week of activities here at Timberscombe, and it's all action stations for the nativity next week. The children have been brilliant learning their lines and rehearsing in the Church and we hope that nothing changes too much and that you can still join us for the reduced audience two performances. Please when you attend make sure you have taken an LFT in the morning and only attend if you are well. Masks will need to be worn throughout– thank you. Please only attend the performance you are ticketed to attend as we will only be able to accommodate small audiences safely. I love nativities and cannot wait to see this one with you all.

Our Christingle service on the last day is now only for children. I am sorry, but we feel that this event is so close to the holiday it would be awful if folk missed time with love ones due to an event we had run. We cannot run two (to reduce numbers) in the same way as the nativity so this event is best kept for the children only. Thank you for your understanding.

In other exciting news, I am pleased to have been able to write to you separately about our appointments to our Moorland Head of School posts. Miss Sparks will become Head of School at St Dubricius, but remain at Timberscombe teaching four days a week until the end of the summer term to ensure transitions for the pupils. Mrs Hall takes the Head of School position at Timberscombe. How lucky are we to have two such amazing leaders at our small school, and both able to work together closely ensuring Timberscombe continues to go from strength to strength.

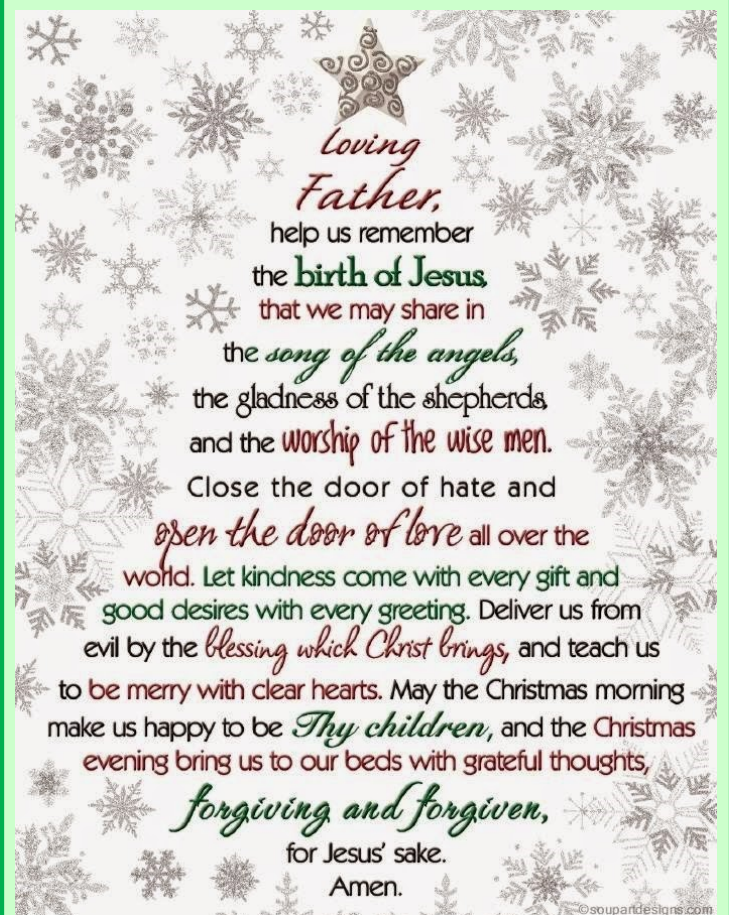
They should both be immensely proud, as you can be of them, the interview was a rigorous process and they did superbly. They are both going to be an asset to the senior leadership team of our Moorland Federation family of schools.

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and well. 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

Christmas has arrived in Little Oaks this week and the children have enjoyed decorating our Christmas tree and taking turns to open the advent calendar. We have also been finding out about reindeer and have made some with collage. We are reading a range of Christmas stories and rhymes and have been singing seasonal songs. We have also practiced our snowflake dance ready to perform in next week's nativity. Next week will be very busy with the performance, parties, Christmas dinner and the Christmas walk, not forgetting our special visitor on Wednesday afternoon.





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Key Dates:

- 13.12.21 Closing Date for Colouring Competition Entries
- 14.12.21 Nativity (11.00am & 6.00pm)
- 15.12.21 Christmas Dinner, Party and 'Special Visitor' (Party clothes!)
- 17.12.21 Christingle Service (Pupils only)

**Children's Crib Service 24th Dec
3.00pm**

St Petrock's Church, Timberscombe
This year the service will be held outside the church by the Christmas tree
All Welcome

Nativity Safety

For everyone's safety please ensure you wear a mask to the performance and observe social distancing. Please take a lateral flow test before you attend and only attend if you are negative. Please only attend the nativity performance if you have a ticket.

FOTS NEWS

FOTS has held some fantastic events in the lead up to Christmas with still a few more to happen!

The cake sale made £45.96, thank you to Jasmine Evans for making arrangements for this.

Sophie Merrett very kindly organised the Christmas cards & merchandise, making £32.00.

On Tuesday all year groups (and staff) took part in the Christmas Games Afternoon and it made £52.38

On Wednesday all year groups took part in the Christmas Film / Pyjama Afternoon and it made £24.00

TOTAL £154.34

Thank you to everyone for their support and contributions towards these events.

ECO NEWS

As we approach Christmas and our recycling boxes become even fuller, remember that packing them carefully will ensure that their contents cannot escape in to the environment.



Putting your boxes out in the morning rather than the night before will also help to make sure that recycling remains in boxes and doesn't end up in the street, countryside, rivers or the sea.



Thank you to Plastic Free Communities in West Somerset for the photos & tip.

Safeguarding

If you need help and support over the Christmas period, there is a lot available and **you are not alone**. The most important thing is to speak to someone and let them know if you feel anxious, worried, upset or need some support: In an emergency, please contact the emergency services on 999. Look after each other and stay safe and well.

If you're worried about a child:

0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk

"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS
116 123

helping to keep you safe
Somerset's Domestic Abuse Helpline
0800 6949 999
www.somerseturvivors.org.uk

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE



Star of the Week is Connor for being extra helpful in the church.

Class 1 Achievement Awards this week goes to Amelia for some excellent Christmas writing; the Kindness Award this week goes to Max for always being caring to others.

Class 2 An Achievement Award this weeks goes Edward for excellent science work; the Kindness Award goes to Tyson for being kind to Little Oaks children.

Christmas Holiday Provision Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December

With Zoe Snape (BA Hons, Goldsmiths College) is a contemporary multi-media artist based in Somerset, UK. She runs Practical and Therapeutic Art classes for adults and children. Zoe will be making paper Christmas wreaths for the children to take home. The workshops will also include a range of games and challenges as well as Arts and Crafts.

To book: emmanumber1ws@gmail.com

Payment to be made on booking where necessary.

Space are limited so booking will be made on a first come first served basis.

Venue:	Dunster First School
Dates:	Monday 20 th December
Time:	9.00-1.00
Dates:	Tuesday 21 st December
Time:	9.00-1.00
Open to:	Children who attend the Moorland Federation Schools – Dunster, Timberscombe, Cutcombe, Exford and Porlock.
Siblings:	Siblings are welcome to attend as long as they are at school age.
Cost:	A variety of discounts are available. Maximum cost will be £10.00 per session. Children who receive free school meals will be able to attend free of charge.
Food:	A meal will be provided at lunchtime. Please just bring a refillable water bottle.
Wear:	Please wear clothes you will not mind getting covered in crafts and a coat and hat as we will be outside some of the time.

Christmas Holiday Provision

Venue:	St Dubricius School, Porlock
Dates:	Monday 20 th December
Time:	2.00-6.00pm
Open to:	Children who attend the Moorland Federation Schools – Dunster, Timberscombe, Cutcombe, Exford and Porlock.
Siblings:	Siblings are welcome to attend as long as they are at school age.
Cost:	A variety of discounts are available. Maximum cost will be £10.00 per session. Children who receive free school meals will be able to attend free of charge.
Food:	A meal will be provided at teatime. Please just bring a refillable water bottle.
Wear:	Please wear clothes you will not mind getting covered in crafts and a coat and hat as we will be outside some of the time.

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying these festive activities!



By Kelly Twiss

Wishing you all a Mindful Christmas



Beautiful rosy cheeked smiling children, festive visits to see Santa, the endless Christmas fayres, magazine worthy decorated houses and a roaring open fire with home-made mince pies for all that visit? Yep! Very unrealistic expectations!! "Taking the time to reflect upon this and recognise that expectations are potential disappointments frees us up to enjoy Christmas just as it is."

Let's try to let go of the 'perfection' so many of us strive for over this coming period. Ignore the social media show - offs, with the perfect Christmas trees and endless presents 'It causes you to focus on others more than yourself', and constantly being reminded of others' accomplishments can have an impact on our mental wellbeing. Social media presents a distorted version of reality, we only see the perfect pictures and real life just isn't like that.

Mindfulness is important when it comes to self-care, because without it, we are not likely to notice when the pressure is getting to us. We have a habit of trying to soldier through things on auto - pilot, often thinking to ourselves that we'll only have time to rest once everything is done.

Create time for yourself

Actively carve out some moments of calm for yourself amongst all the madness. A long soak in a scented bath, or find half an hour to sit with a hot chocolate and read your book. Whatever it is that makes you feel more relaxed, happy or rejuvenated, try and find some time for it this Christmas, because when we take care of ourselves, we have more energy for taking care of other people too.



**"An Empty lantern provides no light.
Self-care is the fuel that allows your
light to shine brightly."**

Why not put our favourite Christmas song on that fills us with warm nostalgic Christmas feelings, or go for a brisk walk out in the fresh air by ourselves to have a reset and re focus before heading back into the Christmas mayhem.

Whatever helps you to unwind a little, take some time now, to think about what you can do to help you and your family to enjoy the festivities without too many unrealistic expectations. **Have a wonderful Christmas!!!!**



Saturday 18 December - 2.30pm

Henry
LAWFULL Toby
JONES Sally
HAWKINS Kristen
WIIG Michiel
HUISMAN Zoe
GOLLETTI Stephen
MERGHANT with Jim
BROADBENT and Maggie
SMITH



Certificate PG

Tickets: £5 (Regal Film Society members/Friends/Students/Under 14s £3)

The Regal Box Office, open Mon-Sat 0930-1200 Tel: 01643 706430

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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Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26		
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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								
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	
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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