

TIMBERSCOMBE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL



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Inspired by John 10:10, Gideon 6:11 and Corinthians 13:4



News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

There's an old saying 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Since joining the team at Timberscombe, it has become very apparent to me just how strong the Timberscombe community is. From our strong links with the church which I hope to expand upon, to eager parents attending our FOTs meetings and parents even willing to run a club for our children. In Timberscombe, this saying is really brought to life. I feel that this idea has been enhanced by our exciting new structure, linking our schools more strongly as part of The Moorland Federation. I am certain that there will be some really exciting opportunities ahead of us.

In Class 1 this week the children have made some fantastic junk model monsters with Mrs Sparks which have been staring at me since Wednesday! Continuing in the model theme, Reception have made an amazing lighthouse which all of the children have enjoyed role-playing in this week.

Class 2 have been learning about climate in the rainforests by being weather forecasters and have now started their new topic in literacy called the Iron Man.

In our assembly time this week, we looked at perseverance and listened to the story of The Hare and the Tortoise. The children showed some great understanding of what it means to persevere with a task and how they can show that in their learning habits.

Have a lovely, crisp Winter weekend with your families. Mrs Angela Hall



Star of the Week goes to Mrs Hall for completing her first full week as Head of School. She has been brilliant!

Class 1 Achievement Awards this week goes to Finley, Heidi and Evie for their wonderful lighthouse model; our Kindness Award goes to Amelia for constant kindness.

Class 2 An Achievement Award this week goes to Tyson for superb diary writing; the Kindness Award goes to Connor for always looking after Miss Sparks.

Little Oaks News

We have continued with our theme of Snow and Ice this week. The children have been finding out about animals that live in the Arctic, such as polar bears and Arctic hares. In outdoor learning we all went on a winter objects hunt. We also checked on the progress of our seeds which we planted in the Autumn and fed the birds. The children enjoyed making New Year cards and writing messages inside. They also had a lovely time dressing up in winter clothing.

Next week we begin our new theme of 'Materials' which will run for a fortnight.



*Train up a child
in the way he should go
and when he is old
he will not depart from it.*

-Proverbs 22:6

Key Dates:

18.01.22	Immunisations
08/09.02.22	Parents Evening
17.02.22	Whole school trip to Nutcombe Bottom
18.02.22	Last day Term
28.02.22	INSET Day
01.03.22	First Day of Spring Term 2

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.



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School Lunches

Please remember to make your child's / children's lunch choices by 8.00am on a Wednesday morning.

Safeguarding

There have been a number of indecent exposure incidents in the Minehead area, most recently this week involving the older children. You may want to speak to your children about what to do if it did happen to them.

Police advice is:

- ◆ Look away and move away
- ◆ Don't engage with the offender
- ◆ Try not to show a strong emotional response
- ◆ Report it

It takes courage to report something uncomfortable but you will always be taken seriously:

In an emergency—999

If it isn't an emergency—101; <https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident>

or you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>



The Clever Never Goes Campaign

Who remembers the 1980's public information films warning children about "Stranger Danger" and "Say No to Strangers"? Advice on how to talk to children about what was termed "stranger danger" has since changed. For a start, most strangers pose no threat to children, whereas, sadly, many people that do abuse children are known to their victims. There is also the problem that young children often only recognise somebody as a stranger if they are scary or sinister



The new **Clever Never Goes** programme, developed by the charity Action Against Abduction, seeks to move the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (anyone) is asking them to go with them. The aim is to help children identify specific situations which are unsafe, rather than to fear the worst of everyone they don't know. An important aspect of the programme is trying to encourage parents to use **Clever Never Goes** rather than the "stranger danger" message that they themselves probably grew up hearing. Parents can Download a Clever Never Goes home pack with information and activities: <https://clevernevergoes.org/>

helping to keep you safe

Somerset's Domestic Abuse Helpline

0800 6949 999

www.somersetssurvivors.org.uk

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

"It's alright to ask for help"

SAMARITANS

116 123

NSPCC HELPLINE

0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss

Let's Celebrate our imperfections!

As we continue to be gentle with ourselves this month, let us take a moment to celebrate the little wins in life, like not overreacting when the orange is spilt in the mornings, remembering the PE kit and wellies, helping siblings to navigate a difficult conversation, offering a hug to an eye rolling teen, and thats just for the first hour of the day!

So often, we are focused on achieving parenting perfection that we overlook the things we are doing well

Let's set perfection aside and pause long enough to celebrate the little ways we are working hard, overcoming old habits, teaching skills, encouraging our kids, taking care of ourselves, wiping bottoms, making food, organising playdates and listening to lengthy descriptions of YouTube Videos, the list goes on.



Imperfection is part of parenting, In order to raise children who are resilient, embrace challenges, and have a positive sense of self, we need to help them view their mistakes and imperfections as opportunities to grow and learn. By shedding our own perfectionist tendencies, and not condemning ourselves for our mistakes our children can recognize that they too can be free from them. So rather than feeling like a terrible parent for making a mistake, like forgetting an important event, we should use these situations to help our children learn and grow.



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
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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