

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

News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term, hopefully Spring itself is just around the corner!

World Book Day is always one of my favourite days in the school calendar and this year didn't disappoint. Thank you for the effort that was put into all the children's costumes, they all looked fantastic! We spent a lovely morning learning about each others characters and had a cosy, story telling afternoon, visiting different teachers around the school to listen to some lovely stories.

On Tuesday this week, we also marked the start of lent with a special assembly in the church. The children were all keen to tell me of things they may be giving up or 'taking up' such as cleaning their bedrooms or doing the washing up at home, hopefully many of your houses will benefit!

In Class 1 this week, we have been immersing ourselves in books. We have written about our favourite stories, learnt about different authors and used the computers to read some interactive stories.

Miss Sparks reported that 'Class 2 have returned to school on top form this week! They've worked really hard in their maths in particular - fractions can be a tough concept and they're really persevering with it well! The children have loved doing their world book week activities in literacy and have produced some gorgeous artwork to go with their review of their favourite book.'

Have a great weekend, Mrs Angela Hall

Star of the Week goes to Max for returning to school with an eagerness to do his best in all of his learning.



Class 1 An Achievement Award goes to Archie for some excellent counting in 2's and the Kindness Award goes to Olivia for always being keen to help with jobs around the school.

Class 2 An Achievement Award goes to Sam for great progress in reading and our Kindness Award goes to Stanley for helping Mrs Milton on Wednesday.

Our value this half term is justice and we will be looking out for values superstars to receive certificates.

This week marks the start of lent in the Christian calendar



Key Dates:

- 14.03.22 British Science Week
- 18.03.22 Comic Relief
- 18.03.22 Bag2School Collection
- 31.03.22 My Favourite Tree Competition Closing Date
- 05.04.22 Easter Service (Parents welcome COVID allowing)
- 08.04.22 Easter Bonnet Parade & End of Term
- 25.04.22 Back to School

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 returned from the half term break refreshed and ready to learn and play together. Our main story this week has been Tiddalick, a traditional Aboriginal tale. Connected to this, we have some frog spawn for the children to observe as it changes to tadpoles and froglets.



World Book Day provided a lovely opportunity for the children to dress up as their favourite character. We read lots of books and talked about how lucky we are to have such lovely books to read. From next week, the children can borrow a book to take home and share with their family!



Eco News

It is great news that the 'recycle more' kerbside collection system has finally been rolled out across West Somerset. We hope that every household will take the opportunity to recycle everything that they can. For anyone who is unsure what can be recycled and in which receptacle the following information should help:

There are now 4 categories of recycling:

Green box Glass bottles and jars of any colour. Rinsed, unbroken and with lids on. Tetra Pak or similar food and drink cartons such as fruit juice, milk and soup cartons.

Black box Paper such as newspapers, office paper, envelopes, magazines and leaflets. Cardboard such as cereal boxes, delivery boxes, egg cartons etc.

Brown bin Food waste in compostable bags.

Blue bag Plastic bottles, lids, pots, tubs and trays, food and drink tins, aerosol cans, aluminium foil, NO thin or crinkly plastic or pet food pouches. Household batteries and small electrical items can also be put out with your recycling but must be in a carrier bag or similar to separate them from other waste.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's well-being or safety you can talk to our

Designated Safeguarding Lead **Mrs Naomi Philp**. In her absence, **Helen Hickman** is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Dunster First School fully recognises the responsibility it has under the Education Act 2002 and the contribution it 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

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



helping to
keep you safe

Somerset's Domestic Abuse
Helpline

0800 6949 999
www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

"It's alright to
ask for help"

SAMARITANS

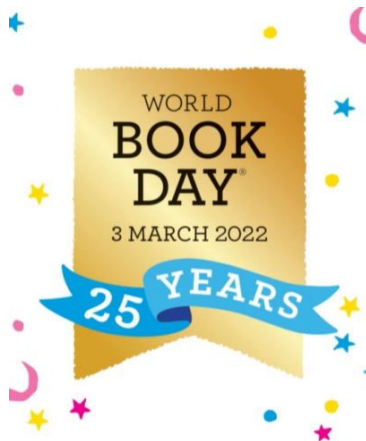
116 123

NSPCC

HELPLINE

0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

World Book Day



The Ukraine - helping children cope with world conflict.



The five ways to wellbeing are evidence based ways of looking after your mental health. Here, we think about how they can support children during a time of heightened anxiety and fear amid world events. Children under 7 are unlikely to take on board much of what is going on, so it can be best to wait for them to bring it up. With older children and teenagers, adults have less control over where their information comes from. Ask them questions to determine what they know and correct any misconceptions. With older children, respond to questions but don't overload them with facts. Keep messages simple and offer reassurances about the distance and the minimal risk of events directly impacting them or their families. Teens might have 'what if' questions - help them reality check these 'what ifs', explore what they could do in certain situations and focus them on the things they can control.



If you would like to make a donation to help those in need in the Ukraine, all monies collected in school over the coming week will be forwarded to The Red Cross.



Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss



IMAGINE, DREAM, LAUGH, DISCOVER & GROW



This is what our children should be free to do right now, while they are still young, let them leave the worry to us grown ups.

LETS PROTECT THEIR CHILDHOOD

Many of our children are consuming too much negativity and harsh media right now, as we slowly lift out of the restrictions of the Pandemic, we are now facing some of the worst scenes and headlines we have witnessed in our lifetime. I know I struggle to process some of the scenes and stories, our little one's certainly won't have the resilience or emotional understanding to process this and may even become too frightened to talk about it.



How do we navigate this? - Here are some ideas for you

Limit your child's exposure to breaking news. Some stories are simply too big to avoid. And as kids get older, if they don't hear about it at home, they'll almost certainly hear something from classmates at school.



Try not to let your child experience the news without you there, even 'just in the background' give them a safe space to reflect and share.

So, choose a quiet moment to check in with your children, maybe at the dinner table or at bedtime. Resisting the temptation to label anyone "bad guys" or "evil." It's not helpful, and it may increase fear and confusion. Instead, talk about people being in pain, being angry and making bad choices.

Bag2School



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Our next **Bag2School** collection
has been arranged for

Friday 18th March 2022

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Location: Timberscombe C of E First School

at9.00..... am / ~~pm~~

Any questions - please ask your
school collection organiser

Jaz Evans via School Office
.....01643 841259.....

www.bag2school.com



Coming Soon!

A truly unforgettable
10 day experience...



We are going to hatch some chicks!

Our eggs arrive on: Monday 7th March 2022

They will be hatching around: Wednesday 9th March

The chicks will be leaving us on: Thursday 17th March 2022

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Happy Healthy Holidays Somerset is back running over the Easter holidays, to provide fun-packed activity clubs that include food.

Find FREE activities local to you by visiting:
www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays

For more information email:

HHH@sasp.co.uk or call 01823 653992

**For children aged
5 - 16 years**

If you signed up to Playwaze in the summer or winter – you can log in and book your activity

BOOKINGS OPEN SOON



**Please get your
unique booking
code from your
school**

SCAN ME!



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***FREE places for children
eligible for benefits
related free school meals**



Department
for Education



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Minehead update

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

February 2022



Anti-Social Behaviour

We are currently dealing with reports of Anti-Social Behaviour by motorcyclists in our area. In recent weeks, we have received numerous calls relating to the use of motorcycles off-road on the hills, notably Grabbist, Hopcott, North Hill, and Croydon. Please can we remind you, Motorcycles are NOT allowed to be used on footpaths or bridleways, these are for walkers and horse riders. If using off-road, motorcyclists MUST have the permission of the landowner to ride there. Open land does not mean, "all vehicles allowed" We will be increasing our patrols in the coming weeks, and have the ability to take action against motorbikes which do not follow the law



We are also getting reports of anti-social behaviour in some of our park areas; we are increasing patrols across weekends during the evening



Meet PCSO's Mel and Sammie

Mel and Sammie are PCSO's based at the Minehead Station. Here they are at the new Calmzone /Afterlife Bench in Blenheim Gardens

Crime Statistics

Violence Against The Person **30**

Public Order Offences **14**

Sexual Offences **9**

Arson & Criminal Damage **7**

Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society **4**

Drug Offences **2**

Fraud **2**

Theft **2**

Vehicle Offences **1**

NEWS IN YOUR AREA



Road Safety Roadshow

PCSO's from Dulverton and Minehead attended a Road Safety Roadshow at Cutcombe Market, Wheddon Cross. Exmoor Hill Farming Network arranged the event. In attendance were Devon and Somerset Fire, Somerset Road Safety Partnership and the Exmoor Hill Farming Network. The event was an opportunity to explore how we look after each other and ourselves in rural communities, the event was very successful

Storm Eunice

The recent storms have caused numerous problems across the region including power outages, damage to property and trees coming down. The teams from Minehead, Dulverton and Williton have been working continuously together with other agencies to get roads cleared, traffic diverted and making sure that people are getting the support they need where possible. Large trees blocking the highways mainly effected routes through Minehead but these were able to be moved quickly. Due to the extensive power cuts, we remind people to be vigilant and to be aware of any neighbours that may be vulnerable and need additional care or support during this time

Keep up to date



Facebook and Twitter are a great way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. Follow us on:

Facebook:

MineheadandWestSomerset
NeighbourhoodPolicing

Twitter: ASPWestSom

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Bike marking

There will be a Bike Marking available at the MUGA on Seaward Way on 24th February between 11am and 2pm

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Anti-Social Motorcycle Riding in Rural Areas

Ongoing concerns regarding motorcyclists in rural areas of Minehead, riding on land illegally

Action: Increasing patrols over weekend daytimes

Patrols in parks

Reports of ASB in the parks in Minehead

Action: Patrols will be increased during weekend evenings

Speeding

Ongoing concerns for the number of speeders in the area

Action: The neighbourhood policing team will be speed gun trained and looking to actively recruit new community speed watch persons in the area

Drugs

Action: Gather information and target those supplying drugs in the Minehead area.

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		
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December 2021					January 2022					February 2022								
M		6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
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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