



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,

Last week I was fortunate enough to accompany our Moorland Federation Team of gymnasts to Taunton for The Keysteps Gymnastic Tournament. Coming from small schools, this was the first time that many of our children had been given the opportunity to take part in an event of this kind and a fantastic way to make new friends from across the federation. Our 2 teams from key stages 1 and 2 did us and themselves proud, not only in their amazing show of skills, but also in their excellent manners and behaviour. Well done and thank you to all that took part!

In Class 1 this week we were sad to see our chicks leave, but have spent a lovely 2 weeks watching them hatch, take their first steps, become fluffy (and cute) and play with their chick friends. We learnt all about the life cycle of a chicken and produced some super artwork of the chicks.

News from Miss Sparks 'Class 2 have had a busy week debating all sorts of hot topics! The children have considered deforestation, whether or not children should have to wear uniform and even whether they should be allowed on computers! They have really developed their verbal debating skills and have taken great care to be fair in their arguments. In maths, we have continued to work on fractions, and the year 4s are just starting to look at decimals.'

During our assembly time, we continued the theme of justice, but also referred back to our motto of kind hands, kind words and kind hearts. We spoke especially about how saying something mean about someone behind their back is also a form of unkind words. We spoke about what we could do if we heard someone else talking unkindly about one of our classmates.

I hope that the sun stays out for everyone this weekend, Mrs Angela Hall

Stars of the Week go to Archie who has been on top form with his learning all week and Jack for working really hard in mathematics!

Class 1 Achievement Awards go to Victoria for an excellent piece of snail artwork and Finley for his thoughtfulness in answering questions; Kindness Awards go to Hermione and Teddy for sorting out the whiteboard tray for the class.

Class 2 Achievement Awards go to Connor for outstanding progress in reading and Oscar C for brilliant literacy; Kindness Awards go to Ellie for being a good friend and Oscar T for looking after everybody (adults and children!).



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

This prayer was written by the children as part of our assembly time:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us life, the planet that we live on and everything we need to survive.

Thank you for friends and family and for people who take care of us in and out of school.

Thank you for the trees that give us oxygen.

Thank you for people who stand up for justice.

Amen

Key Dates:

23.03.22	Village Jubilee Meeting 2.30pm VH
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.*



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Little Oaks News

Last week we continued our theme of stories from other cultures. We read Handa's Hen which is a lovely counting story set in Africa. This connected nicely with our hen eggs which arrived in their incubator and caused great excitement when they started hatching. We now have six beautiful, fluffy chicks! In Handa's Hen, the two girls look for the missing hen because they want her eggs for breakfast. The children enjoyed making their own 'breakfast' of jam or marmite on toast, which they ate at snack time.



This week we have been thinking about dinosaurs. The children have found out facts about dinosaurs and the different names. They've played dinosaur dominoes and compared objects to a dinosaur footprint to find things that were bigger than and smaller than the footprint. The text for this week was Hide-a-Saurus which was a counting and finding story.

The children enjoyed our workshop on well being on Wednesday, where they found out about staying healthy and recognising feelings.



We have started our sharing books project now which we hope will bring enjoyment to the children and families and promote a love of reading and books.



Bag2School

Thank you very much to the Village Hall Committee who kindly donated all unsold items from the recent Jumble Sale to the school for the Bag2School Scheme. Together with donations from parents a fantastic £72.00 has been raised for the Friends of Timberscombe School.



BritishRedCross

**British Red Cross
Donations to the Ukraine**

Thank you so much to all that have donated to this appeal. We have been able to sent £27.00 to this cause.



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COMIC RELIEF 2022

This year we celebrated with odd socks, fun tights and plenty of accessories including some wonderful face paints!



We raised £15.38!

Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss

In today's rush, we all think too much, seek too much, want too much and forget about the joy of just being.- Eckhart Tolle

Simple Mindfulness activities to

* * share with your children



* * Practice kind thoughts by
* * prompting your child to think of 5
* * people they would like to send kind
wishes to



Tune into the body by getting down on your child's level and feeling each others heartbeats

Enjoy a 'mindful' snack by describing the smell, texture and taste of the food



Try 'buddy' breathing and invite your child to grab a toy/stuffed animal to place on their tummy while they lay down and take slow breaths, in through the nose and out through the mouth

Use a happy moment to 'soak in the good' by pausing with your child to observe the pleasant physical and emotional feelings present





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For September 2022 a teacher to cover both KS1 (1 day) and KS2 (3 days) classes. This post is permanent position.

This post could be filled with a .8 (4 day a week singular post) or a combination of a .2 and .6 (1 day a week and 3 days a week job share).

St Dubricius First School (part of the Moorland Federation of Schools) requires a motivated and enthusiastic teacher to join our team in a happy and successful learning environment. Early Career teachers are very welcome to apply.

We would welcome candidates with a passion for developing the curriculum area of mathematics as this post would include possibilities for federation wide subject leadership and development. We currently have a vacancy for internal Moorland Federation staff to lead mathematics across our five schools as a Core Curriculum Champion, this responsibility has a TLR included. The successful candidate may find this additional opportunity an exciting one. You do not have to have a keenness for leading maths to apply for this role, but it would be an advantage.

Successful candidates will need to:

- demonstrate high standards of teaching and learning
- be enthusiastic and committed to raising standards
- have some experience in KS1 and KS2
- be creative, innovative and forward thinking
- have a willingness to contribute to all aspects of school life
- be fully supportive of the values and ethos of our school and the wider federation
- uphold all the facets within our staff code of conduct, including working as a member of our school and federation wide team
- commit to our school and federation wide vision
- fully support our Christian distinctiveness, ethos, vision and values

All posts are subject to the usual safeguarding checks and procedures for references and application. Interested candidates are warmly invited to look around the school. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Closing date: 31.03.22 Interview date: 04.04.22

For further details and to apply please contact the school.

All posts in educational establishments require a criminal background check via the disclosure procedure.

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

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Thursday 7th April World Health Day.

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wonderful we all are!**

Dunster School Hall, St Georges Street, Dunster.

TIME	CLASS	DESCRIPTION	INSTRUCTOR
5.30-6.00pm	Legs Bums and Tums	High Impact - is what it says!	Suzanne Richards
6.05 - 6.35pm	Total Body	Lower Impact, small equipment, high intensity	Jayne Lethaby
6.40-7.10pm	Zumba	Dance, have fun and stay active!	Guest Instructor Fran Eagle
7.15 to 7.45pm	Boxercise	nothing like any other class!	Suzanne Richards
7.50-8.20pm	Barre Pilates	Challenge your core, improving muscular endurance!	Jayne Lethaby
8.20-9.00pm	Q & A with Instructors	Tea/Coffee and biscuits	Suzanne and Jayne



To book please contact
Suzanne 07853 898231 or
Jayne 07984 796750



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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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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Su	6	13	20	27	Su	3	10	17	24	Su	1	8	15	22	29			
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	
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	31	
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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