



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,

This week seems to be a week for celebration and thanks. Firstly, a huge well done to all of our children over these past two weeks for excellent swimming. Every child has grown in confidence during their pool time and I would like to say a big thank you to Yolande for her encouragement and excellent teaching skills. Thank you also to Hilary for being our poolside and second person support, your help has been much appreciated.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Angie Gummer this week who has returned as our site manager. A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Waygood who have kept our school clean, tidy and spotless in her absence.

Congratulations and well done to Mrs King in Little Oaks who has been working hard to achieve qualified teacher status. I am delighted to say that after lots of dedication, lesson observations and exams she is now a fully qualified teacher! Well done Mrs King. Thank you also to Chloe King who has been helping out in Little Oaks and with swimming for the past two weeks. We are really grateful for your time and care you have shown for the children.

Finally, and by no means least, a huge well done to our lunchtime staff, Mrs Prole and Mrs Stevens who achieved an excellent outcome in our recent catering audit. We know first hand that the meals are delicious and nutritious, and the kitchen is run to a high standard, but it's great for that to be recognised officially!

Our children are the heart of our school and are so lucky to have such a wonderful team of people around them each day to help them to learn, grow and be the best that they can be.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Angela Hall

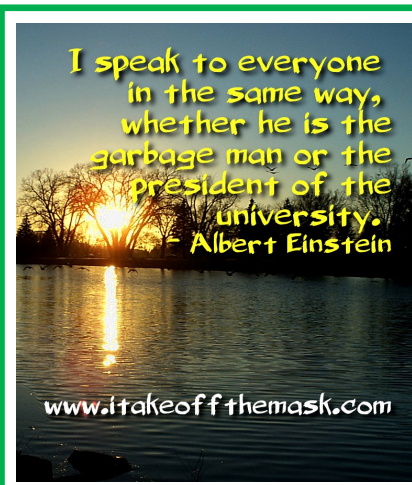
Stars of the Week go to Molly for always being enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Class 1 Achievement Awards go to Hermione & Percy for some lovely literacy work on Ocean Poems. The Kindness Awards go to Max for being kind and helpful to members of staff and Evie for helping her friends when they are sad.

Class 2 An Achievement Award goes to Ellie for her enthusiastic work in our topic on Hinduism. The Kindness Award goes to Noah for helping Mrs Prole at lunchtime.



Our values superstar award goes to Stanley and Sam this week who showed great respect for a friend who was struggling at playtime. Well done boys!



Key Dates:

- 28.06.2022 New Starters Stay & Play
- 06.06.2022 Move Up Day
- 07.07.2022 Sports Day (Weather dependent)
- 08.07.2022 Y4 Transition—Orienteering at Dunster (details to follow)
- 12.07.2022 Reserve Sports Day
- 19.07.2022 Moorland Federation Celebration Event (Yr 3 & Yr 4 only)
- 21.07.2022 Leavers Service
- 22.07.2022 End of Term

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.

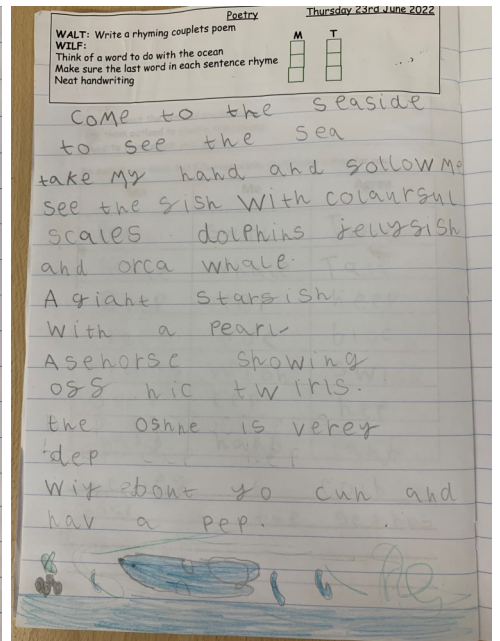
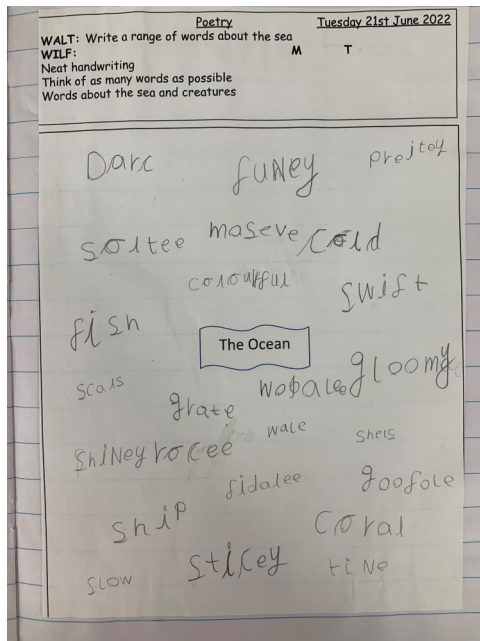
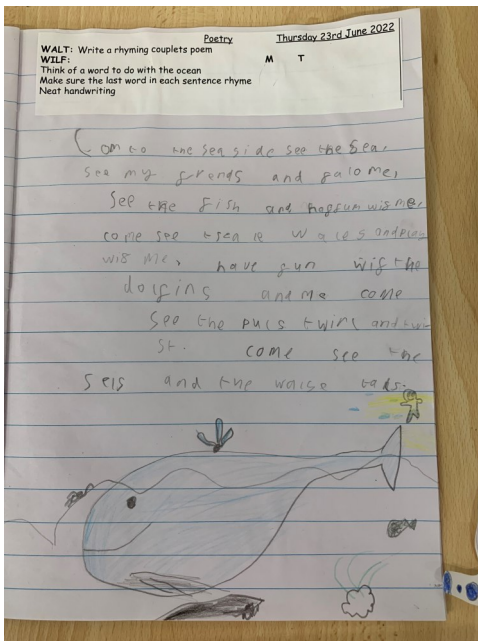
We aim to instill a life long love of learning.

News from Class One

In Class One, we have been busy learning about poems. We have focused on the ocean and created our own ocean rhyming couplets poems.

In science, we have been learning about micro habitats. We went across to the field and carried out a survey to see which mini beasts live in the range of habitats.

The class have swam nearly every day this week, and their progress has been amazing. Well done to all of you! Mrs Hall, Miss Bowden & Mrs Cooper



Thank you to Mrs Merrett who very kindly brought in ice-creams and lollies for all the children this week—they loved them!

Thank you also to our secret crochet / knitter who kindly dropped off surprise animals for all the children in the school—they had great fun choosing a new special toy.

News from Class Two

Over the last couple of weeks the children have had a lovely time! Last week, they all enjoyed having swimming lessons at Duddings. They also practiced being Roman soldiers and made some great formations on the playground. We've now designed, and will make, our Roman shields so that next time they will be fully equipped! In Art, the children have enjoyed making cardboard and clay models of themselves.

In mathematics we have been learning about capacity and in English the children are writing a recount based on their trip to Bristol. This trip was hugely enjoyed by the children, especially the songs in Billionaire Boy! Mrs Sparks, Miss Sparks & Mrs Waygood



News from Little Oaks

What an exciting start to this term we've had! The children absolutely loved our Circus week and embraced every aspect of it. It was lovely to hear from parents that the children were excitedly talking about what we were doing. I know as a parent that despite all the things we do in school, when you ask them what they've done, all too often, they'll say "I can't remember!"

We put on our own circus performance for class one with all the children dressing up and taking part, from ticket seller to lion and lion tamer, to jugglers and acrobats. We even had our own ringmaster!

This week's topic of 'The Summer' has tied in well with the hot, sunny weather. We have opened our own ice cream stall and have had our very own Oak Fest! The children made tents and danced and moved to different genres of music. We have been lucky to have Chloe with us again for two weeks so she has used her drama and creative arts training to do some music and movement with the children.

Next week we have swapped 'The Fair/Park for Pirates' to tie in with the start of the Pirates topic in Class One.

Please could the children who are in on Monday come dressed as a pirate?

Don't worry too much, a stripy T-Shirt and shorts/jeans would be fine. Please could we not have any cutlasses or swords!!!

Mrs King & Miss Cook



Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss



Whats your Magic Moment?

With transitions to new classes and schools being the hot topic in school and at home at the moment. The children and I have been exploring some of the difficult emotions that surface especially those linked to trying new experiences,

Inspired by a lovely book - The Magic Moment by Niall Breslin. When faced with an uncomfortable or difficult feeling we can bring one of our favourite 'happy' memories to mind whilst squeezing a thumb and finger together and breathing deeply for 10 breaths - this has worked wonders for so many of the children!!

In the process, we have flooded our brains with happiness by sharing all our 'happy Magic Moments' as well as adding another technique to our wellbeing box of tricks!



When you're scared or feeling sad
A little bit angry, a little bit mad
Just slow down and start to breathe
In and out ten times with ease
Think of something that makes you smile
And hold the thought for a little while
Then squeeze your fingers really tight
And your magic moment will shine so bright



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

Naomi Philp & Angela Hall

(Designated Safeguarding Leads)

or in their absence

Hannah Sparks & Helen Hickman

(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)

Timberscombe First School fully recognise the responsibility they have under the Education Act 2002 and the contribution they 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





Summer

Family Orienteering

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Venue	Date	Time	Activities	Book
Dunster Deer Park	Friday 29th July	10.00-2.00	Family Orienteering and Picnic	suzannenumber1ws@gmail.com
Dunster Deer Park	Friday 12th August	10.00-2.00	Family Orienteering and Picnic	Suzannenumnber1ws@gmail.com

Exmoor National Park will be there on the day providing activities such as Square Foot Challenge and Origami.



Information:- Meeting by Gallox Bridge/Packhorse Bridge, Dunster.

Who: This event is open to everyone. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Food: A Picnic will be available. Should you have any specific allergies, dietary needs please do mention them to us when booking. Please bring a drink.

Wear: Casual, comfortable clothes, wellies or trainers. Please dress appropriately for the weather on the day.

Book by: Please book by Wednesday 20th July. Numbers are limited.

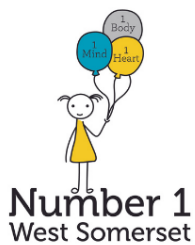
Cost: There is no cost to this event but donations will be accepted for Homestart. Funding from Exmoor National Park and SASP HAF Project.

Funding provided by:-



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Summer

Holiday Provision

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Venue	Date	Time	Activities	Book
Dunster First School	Mon 25th July Tue 26th July Mon 8th August Tue 9th August	9.00-1.00pm	Outdoor games, Racquet Sports, Team Games, Rounders, Athletics, Capture the Flag Dodgeball	Emmanumber1WS@gmail.com Free to Free School Meals Children or discounted £10.00 per child
St Dubricius First School, Porlock	Wed 27th July Thurs 28th July Wed 10th August Thurs 11th August	9.00-1.00pm	Outdoor Games, Raquet Sports, Team Games, Rounders, Athletics, Capture the Flag, Dodgeball	Emmanumber1WS@gmail.com Free to Free School Meals Children or discounted £10.00 per child

Working in Partnership with Moorland Federation and SASP HAF Project we have been looking at sustainability of the holiday provision for the future. As a pilot scheme we are going to offer transport for the two weeks above in the Summer Holidays.

It will be FREE to use. Places must be booked due to limited space.

Pick Up Points will be Porlock School, Exford School, Cutcombe School and Timberscombe School. This is not exclusive so please contact us if you need further transport arrangements.

Age: Children will need to be aged 5 years and upwards.

Siblings: Older Siblings will be able to attend the provision providing they have a sibling in one of the Moorland Federation Schools.

Who: All children from the Moorland Federation Schools.

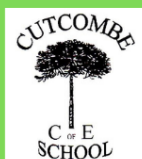
Food: Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please bring a refillable water bottle. Lunch choices will be organised nearer the provision.

Wear: Casual, comfortable clothes, daps or trainers.

Activities: Will include Team Games, Problem Solving, Dodgeball, Rounders and more with some arts and crafts.

Cost: The Holiday Activities are open to all, and discounts are available to everyone! **Children receiving Free School Meals are able to have a 100% discount.** This is the Somerset County Council Free School Meals and not the National Free Schools Meals for reception, year 1 and year 2. The discounted rate available to everyone will be **£10.00** per day.

Book by: Please book by Wednesday 20th July. Bookings will be made on a first come first served basis. Limited numbers.



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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	
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December 2021					January 2022					February 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