

2nd December 2022

News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school is feeling festive and the children are excitedly preparing for all of our Christmas time activities and rehearsing ready for our Nativity. Thank you to The Melrose Family for our beautiful Christmas tree at the front of the school. Thank you also to everyone who came to support the Christmas Light switch on today on the village green, a wonderful way to begin the festive period.

Please make sure that you check the key dates as we have a very busy couple of weeks ahead of us.

Thank you to everyone who ordered school photos, we raised £69.58 from Tempest Photography for the school and also thank you for all the Poppy Appeal Donations—we raised an amazing £104.45.

The children have enjoyed learning about aspiration as our school value this past term and it has been interesting to find out what their hopes and dreams are for the future. This week in our assembly time, we have started looking at the Christmas story with a particular focus on Mary and the Angel Gabriel.

Have a lovely weekend with your families, Mrs Angela Hall

AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

This week our star of the week is Olivia for being an excellent helper for her younger friends, helping them to cut up their food every lunchtime and Oscar T for always being motivated in lessons and having a smile on his face.



Class One:

Achievement Awards go to: Daisy for lovely singing for our Christmas nativity, and Evie for some super reading.

Kindness Awards go to: Amelia D for being helpful around the school and Penny for really lovely manners all the time.

Class Two:

Achievement Awards go to: Ellie for putting her all into singing practice for the nativity and Aurora for always working hard and pushing herself in her school work.

Kindness Awards go to: Molly for always offering to help friends and teachers and Emme for being kind and friendly to the younger children within school.



Key Dates:

- 08.12.2022 Celebration Assembly 9.15am—St Petrocks Church Parents welcome to attend
- 08.12.2022 Christmas Jumper Day (poster below)
- 09.12.2022 FOTS Christmas Fair (details to follow)
- 13.12.2022 Nativity Performances 2pm & 6pm
- 14.12.2022 Jack and the Beanstalk—Queens Theatre, Barnstaple
- 15.12.2022 Christmas Party Day—Party Clothes!
- 16.12.2022 Christingle Service 9.15am at St Petrocks Church
- 16.12.2022 END OF TERM
- 02.01.2023 BANK HOLIDAY
- 03.01.2023 START 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

We have enjoyed learning all about poetry in Class 1 over the past 2 weeks. The children have learnt poems by heart, performed a poem to our Little Oaks friends and made up their own poems.

We have come to the end of our learning about habitats having made an underwater habitat and a Savannah habitat. We have sorted animals by what they eat, herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

We have enjoyed learning about the artist Picasso and creating our own Picasso style collage faces which look fabulous!

In maths, Reception have been learning all about how we can make 5, Year 1 have been concentrating on adding and subtracting using part whole models and Year 2 have been finding ways to add and subtract fluently.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Hall, Mrs Sparks, Mr How and Mrs Cooper



(Read in the style of a train)

Tinsel and dumplings, tinsel and dumplings, tinsel and dumplings, tinsel and dumplings

Chicken and games, chicken and games, chicken and games, chicken and games

Love and Christmas Trees, love and Christmas trees, love and Christmas trees,

love and Christmas trees

Snooooooooooooooooow!

By Max Merrett

News from Class Two

Class Two have had a busy two weeks. They started the week with a World Cup day in school. They picked a team to follow and then created the country's flag out of a range of materials. The focus of the day was diversity and the children completed an activity on how they are all different.

In literacy they have been following a non-fiction text about Tutankhamun, which they are now using to write their own explanation texts.

In history the children have been looking at everyday lives of Egyptians and have now started the final part of the topic, which is creating their own Egyptian painting. They are looking forward to welcoming family in to see their work in the Egyptian museum next week.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Stone, Mrs Sparks and Mr Payne



News from Little Oaks



The children absolutely loved our Robot topic last week! There was lots of robot building, painting, walking, talking even dancing! They got the chance to play with some real robots and enjoyed programming them to move where they wanted them.

This week our topic has been 'Our Village' and the children have been talking about where our school is and where they live. We have found where we live on maps and have been on a walk around Timberscombe. As part of PSED we have been looking at keeping safe when out and about in our community, in particularly staying with grown-ups and not talking to strangers. We also talked about what made us happy and sad. There were some amazing paintings of happy and sad faces.

Our key texts this week have been The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood so there have been lots and related craft activities. They have really enjoyed retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs, particularly the bit where the wolf falls into the pot!

We are excited to be starting the run up to Christmas next week and have two weeks of festive activities planned.

As some of you know, Little Oaks will be angels in the afternoon performance of the Nativity. We have white tabards and halo's but could I please ask that they bring in a white T-shirt or vest and white tights or leggings as it can be cold in church. Please could these be brought in a carrier/bag with their name on so they can be left on their peg?

Mrs King & Miss Cook





Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's well-being or safety you can talk to our Designated Safeguarding Lead who is **Mrs Angela Hall**.

In her absence, **Helen Hickman and Rosy Arch** are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Timberscombe 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



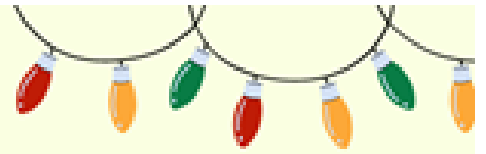
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Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss



Connecting mindfully



With longer evenings and us all watching our pennies, there are plenty of creative ways to bust the daily routine and re-connect with our loved ones after a busy day.



Artful Play - Take turns drawing with a blindfold on, your partner can describe a Christmas scene for you to draw.

The Exquisite corpse - Each participant takes turns drawing part of a persons body, then folding it to conceal their contribution and passing it around, the final result always ends up in giggles!!

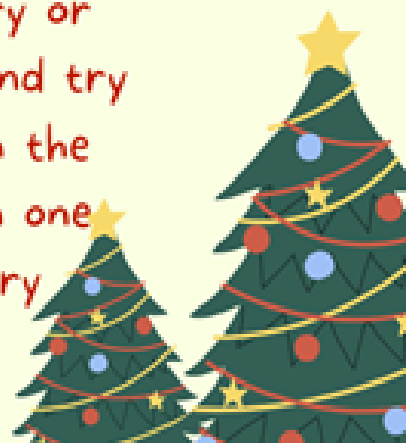


Turn on the music, and get the kids exercising – try hopping, skipping or jumping jacks. If you have more than one child, get them to take turns being the leader, and the others have to follow whatever exercise they are doing.



Memory Maps - Recall a memory or place that you have all been to and try and draw it, then compare with the others, the differences between one and another may be revelatory

Enjoy!!!!



Timberscombe C of E First School Christmas

Calendar 2022

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Tree Celebration

Everyone is welcome! The celebration will start at 2pm on Brewers Green.

Please find poster in 18.11 newsletter.



Friday 9th December

FOTS Christmas Fayre

Come and join in on the festive fun. Games from 50p such as Reindeer ring toss, Guess what's in the box.

Festive bakes and refreshments available.

3pm—5pm

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Nativity Performances

Performances at 2pm and 6pm.

Information on tickets to follow.



Wednesday 14th December

Moorland Federation Pantomime

Trip

A trip to the Queens Theatre, Barnstaple to watch Jack and the Beanstalk.

Please find more information on the letter sent out on ParentMail.

All forms to be returned by Friday 2nd December.

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Celebration Assembly

Christmas Jumper Day—Normal uniform with a Christmas Jumper (No donation needed)

Celebration Assembly—St Petrocks Church, Parents welcome. 9.15am

Friday 16th December

Christingle Service & Christmas Lunch

We will be having a Christingle Service at St Petrocks Church at 9.15am, parents welcome.

We will be holding our Christmas dinner for the children. Selections to be chosen nearer the time.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Jumper Day



Thursday 8th December

**Come to school in normal uniform
but wearing a Christmas jumper!**

No donations needed



MINEHEAD BARBARIANS RFC

WE TRAIN ON SUNDAY'S AT 10:30

PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

U6-12S BOYS AND GIRLS

U13S-U16 BOYS

GIRLS U11-U16 WEDNESDAYS @ 18:30

TEAMWORK-RESPECT-ENJOYMENT-DISCIPLINE-SPORTSMANSHIP

CONTACT DAVID SWANN FOR MORE
INFORMATION MBRFCMJCHAIRMAN@GMAIL.COM

#IAMBARBARIAN

*Warm Space,
Warm Welcome*



Alcombe Methodist Church.

Lower Meadow Road. TA24 6AN.

Every Tuesday 10 am – 4 pm.

Hot drinks, soup and roll, bring a book or a
hobby, chat with people and be warm.

For information: 01643 705689 / wsmc2425@gmail.com



September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
M			5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M			7	14	21	28
Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu		1	8	15	22	29
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Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27		Th		3	10	17	24	
F		2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28		F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29		Sa		5	12	19	26	
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December 2022							January 2023							February 2023						
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)
Term 2: 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days)
Term 3: 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days)
Term 4: 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)
Term 5: 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days)
Term 6: 05 June – 21 July 2023 (35 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2022/23

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	Easter Monday	10 April 2023
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2022	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2023*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

*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 the individual schools for their term dates.