

3rd March 2023

News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed an amazing 'book week' in school this week. We have enjoyed listening to stories told by some very kind members of our community, held a story swap morning where we moved around the school in small groups listening to stories prepared by different members of staff and of course we had our wonderful parade of book characters on Thursday! Thank you to you all for the effort that went into the children's costumes, they all looked brilliant! Sharing stories with our children is always magical and it allows their imaginations, vocabulary and literacy skills to grow and develop. In other exciting news, we took delivery of some chick eggs in school this week, four have hatched safely and we are eagerly awaiting the other little chicks hatching out to say hello to us. I am sure the children will keep you updated on the hatching.

In Class 1 so far this term, we have been learning all about the chicks and have begun looking at the hen life cycle including an exciting 'what's in the box' guessing game to guess what would be visiting our classroom before the chick eggs arrived. We have taste tested ingredients for a pizza in our DT learning, been finding out all about maps and our local area in Geography and completed an investigation into how some ice got into some balloons! Class Two have had a fun filled week they have taken part in a dance workshop and SCARF workshop. In literacy the children have been focusing on creating their own short stories. They looked at a range of books to create a brainstorm of ideas about characters, setting and plot. After thinking of a character, the children wrote their stories and illustrated them. The stories were then shared with Class 1 in groups which were enjoyed by all. Next week the children will be creating their own informative leaflet. In Science the children finished off the unit of rocks by digging out their own fossils that they made and then looked at how soil is formed. They have now started the new science unit which is States of Matter. In RE the children have been focusing on lent which was set off with an informative assembly, followed by a lesson where they all thought about what they could give up or promise to do for lent.

Please look out for the leaflet in your child's bookbag this week with some updated information on our school development plan. We are constantly trying to improve the educational experience here at Timberscombe for our children and we feel that it is important to share what we are doing with all of our families. With my best wishes for a great weekend, Mrs Angela Hall

AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK This week our stars of the week are Riley for being kind & helpful to the younger children and great focus in lessons and Evie for amazing attitude to learning.



Class One:

Achievement Awards go to Delilah for working hard with her phonics and Finley for some lovely handwriting.

Kindness Awards go to Daisy for always offering to collect the register and Clara for always having lovely manners.

Class Two:

Achievement Awards go Molly for showing continuous effort in all subjects and Ellie with being so motivated and completing some lovely work over the last two weeks. Kindness Awards go to Oscar C for helping staff & children around the school and Aurora for supporting and helping her peers in class.

Key Dates:

08.03.2023—Transition Musical Yrs 3 & 4 only

09.03.2023—Celebration Assembly—ALL WELCOME

10.03.2023—Catch Ball Starts & B2S Collection AM

16.03.2023—Bristol Trip Year 3 only

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21 & 22.03.2023—Parents Evenings

23.03.2023—Celebration Assembly—ALL WELCOME

29.03.2023—Jackdaws Opera Workshop (Daytime) Y3&4

30.03.2023—Easter Service—ALL WELCOME

31.03.2023—Easter Bonnet Parade—ALL WELCOME

30.03.2023—Jackdaws Opera Performance 4pm—7pm Y3&4—
more info to follow

31.03.2023—No Catch Ball & End of Term

31.03.2023—Closing Date for My Favorite Tree Competition
(Entries can be dropped into the school office)



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.
Nurturing our unique acorns, for the infinite possibilities of the mighty oaks they shall become.*

News from Little Oaks



The Focus this term is 'On the Farm', which is covering everything from animals and new life, to buildings and machinery. The children are loving this theme and we are spending a lot of our time outside, which is great!

This week we have also been expanding our love of books. We have really enjoyed listening to the wide range of stories that have been read to us by visiting story tellers, watching traditional tales from around the World, as well as listening to classic books and fairytales. As always World Book Day itself was a huge success! The children have also been 'writing' and illustrating their own stories. They have such amazing imaginations!

If you read one book a day to your child, they will have read 1825 books by the time that they are 5! Please remember to change your child's sharing book at least once a week.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, you more places you will go.” – Dr Suss

Mrs King, Miss Cook & Mr Payne



WELLINGTON BOOTS

Following some useful conversations with parents, please can every child have a pair of labelled wellington boots in the school at all times. We try and do our outdoor learning on Fridays, but only if the weather is kind and we have sufficient staffing. To ensure we are able to get out and about more regularly, we thought it might be better to have boots in school all the time. Please do donate any outgrown boots to school so that we have spares.



Thank You to FoTS

A big thank you to FoTS for putting on the fundraising disco at the end of last term - it was lots of fun!

The school is hugely grateful for the efforts made by the parents, and we are really excited to have ordered some new gymnastic equipment, and also a brand new team kit that can be worn by our sports teams when they are at events.



WORLD
BOOK DAY
2 MARCH 2023



SAFEGUARDING

LEARN PANTOSAURUS' FIVE EASY RULES FOR STAYING SAFE

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE
Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.

A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU
No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see or tries to touch you underneath your underwear say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.

N O MEANS NO
You always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.

T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU
There are good secrets and bad secrets. If a secret makes you feel sad or worried, it's bad – and you should tell an adult you trust about it straight away.

S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP
It's always good to talk about stuff that makes you upset. If you're worried, go and tell a grown up you trust – like a family member, teacher or one of your friend's parents. They'll say well done for speaking out and help make everything OK. You can also call Childline on **0800 1111** and someone will always be there to listen.

Remember all of these rules and they'll help you stay safe, just like Pantosaurus

We are all responsible for keeping children safe at all times. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Angela Hall and the Deputy Leads are Mrs Hickman & Mrs Arch

helping to keep you safe
Somerset's Domestic Abuse Helpline
0800 6949 999
www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYWHERE
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

"It's alright to ask for help"
SAMARITANS
116 1

NSPCC HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

Easter

Holiday Provision

SUZANNE RICHARDS

(Mobile 07853 898231)

Suzannenumber1WS@gmail.com

Venue:- Dunster First School - transport available!

Date	Time	Cost	Activities	Book
Mon 3rd April	9.00-1.00pm	£10.00 or Free with HHH School code	Sports and Games, Team work, problem solving, supporting each other through sport. Food element: Fruit Tasting Session	To book emmanumber1ws@gmail.com
Tue 4th April	9.00-1.00pm	£10.00 or free with HHH school code	Sports and Games, Gymnastics Food element:- Baking your own bread.	To book emmanumber1ws@gmail.com
Wed 5th April	9.00-1.00pm	£10.00 or free with HHH school code	Sports and Games, Dodgeball. Food element:- Do you know your spices?	To book emmanumber1ws@gmail.com
Thurs 6th April	9.00-1.00pm	£10.00 or free with HHH school code	Sports and Games, team games. Food Element: make your own pizza for lunch	To book emmanumber1ws@gmail.com

Working in Partnership with Moorland Federation.

Places must be booked due to limited space.

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.

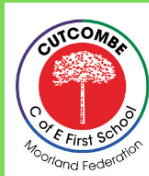
Food: Lunch will be provided as well as snacks. Please bring a refillable water bottle.

Wear: Casual, comfortable clothes, daps or trainers.

Cost: £10.00 per day or free with HHH (Happy Healthy Holidays code which you will be supplied by your school if you are entitled to this). Please ask the school.

Book by: Please book by Wednesday 29th March. Bookings will be made on a first come first served basis. Limited numbers.

Transport is available from different areas so please do enquire if required.



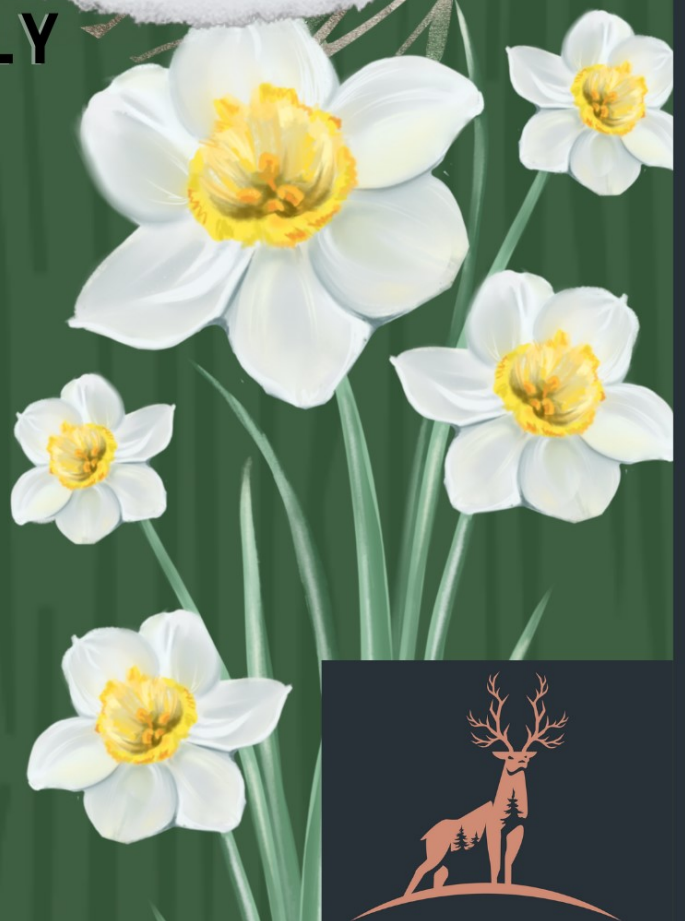
EXMOOR EASTER

EXTRAVAGANZA

**SIMONSBATH SAWMILL
TA24 7SH**

**MONDAY 10TH APRIL
11AM - 4PM
FREE ENTRY**

- **CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES**
- **STALLS**
- **LOCAL PRODUCERS AND BUSINESSES**
- **SAWMILL TOURS**
- **DELICIOUS EXMOOR INSPIRED FOOD AND DRINK**



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MY FAVOURITE TREE COMPETITION²⁰²³

WHAT TO DO...

RECREATE YOUR FAVOURITE TREE AS A DRAWING, PAINTING, MIX MEDIA OR ANY MEDIUM. IN 3D OR 2D . YOU ALSO NEED TO ADD 5 DESCRIPTIVE OR EMOTIONAL WORDS ABOUT YOUR TREE. DON'T FORGET TO ADD YOUR DETAILS, SEE ALL T'S & C'S ON COMPETITION FORM WHEN IT COMES OUT. YOU MUST ATTACH A COMPETITION FORM AS PART OF YOUR ENTRY.

**Are you creative & age 4-18?
Competition opens 2nd Jan 2023!**

WHO CAN ENTER?

THERE ARE 3 AGE GROUPS, 4-8, 9-13 & 14-18 WITH ONE TOP PRIZE FOR EACH AGE GROUP, AND HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THE RUNNERS UP. EVERY ENTRY WILL BE PLOTTED ONTO A MAP FOR OTHERS TO SEE, EXPLORE AND ENJOY.*

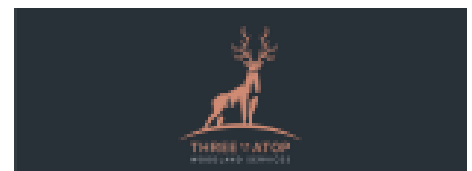
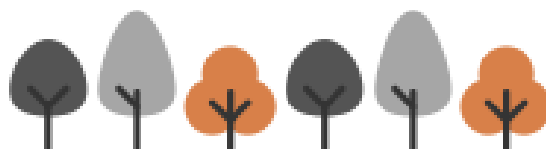
THE PRIZES

WINNER PRIZES: A WOODEN PLAQUE, A 'MY FAVOURITE TREE' BOOK, A CHOCOLATE TREE
HIGHLY COMMENDED PRIZES: A 'MY FAVOURITE TREE' BOOK, A CHOCOLATE TOKEN

OPENING & CLOSING DATES
2ND JANUARY- 31ST MARCH 2023

GET IN TOUCH TO GRAB YOURSELF A COMPETITION FORM

FROM YOUR SCHOOL, WILDWELLIES@GMAIL.COM OR
KERRIE@THREETOP.CO.UK



September 2022						October 2022						November 2022								
M			5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M			7	14	21	28
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Term 1: 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)
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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.

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Summer Bank Holiday 26 August 2024