

28th April 2023

## News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have entered the Spring term with some really exciting adventures. Year 4 have had their trip to Pinkery and they did Timberscombe proud. They were polite and kind to others and behaviour was excellent. Although tired, they returned to school with so much enthusiasm and I have loved hearing all about their memories made. Little Oaks and Class 1 have enjoyed a wonderful, sunny trip to Combe Farm in Exford this week, to help us learn more about new life and growing. Again, our children showed excellent behaviour and were great models for Timberscombe School. A huge thank you to Sabrina and Denise for welcoming us into their farm and leading us in some really great activities. We look forward to our special Coronation workshop led by the Ising Pop Worship group next Thursday and I know that Mrs Prole and Mrs Stevens have planned a special menu for Friday to help us to commemorate the occasion. Please look out for the posters about a special 'Family Fun Day' that has been planned in the village for Sunday 7th May.

Our Christian value for this half term is service and we have been looking at how we can show service through our kind hands, kind words and kind hearts. We will be looking out for children who are modelling service and making sure that they receive a values superstar certificate.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend,  
Mrs Angela Hall

## AWARDS

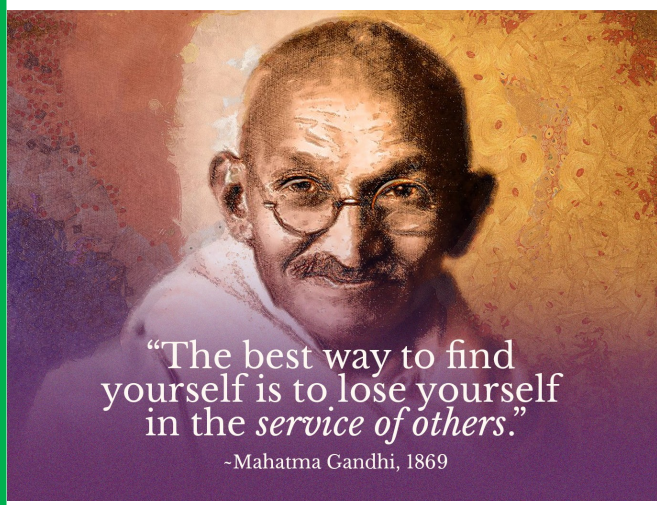
### Stars of the Week



**Stars of the Week** go to Archie for excellent problem solving in maths, amazing reading comprehension and being our chief photographer on the farm trip and to Jack for his kindness helping younger children in school and putting them before himself.

**Class One Achievement Awards** go to Max for excellent RE work and Finley for excellent phonics and **Kindness Awards** go to Amelia C for caring for her friends and Prosper for helping his friends.

**Class Two Achievement Awards & Kindness Awards** go to all of Year 3 for their excellent work with Mr Webber whilst Year 4 for were at Pinkery and to all of Year 4, for excellent efforts and behaviour whilst away on our trip to Pinkery. Well done all of your for representing our school so well!



### Key Dates:

- 01.05.2023 BANK HOLIDAY
- 04.05.2023 Coronation Workshop @ Cutcombe
- 08.05.2023 BANK HOLIDAY
- 09.05.2023 MMS Lion King Musical (Yr3 & Yr4)
- 11.05.2023 Messy Church Club
- 16.05.2023 Class 2 Museum Trip—details to follow
- 18.05.2023 Celebration Assembly—All Welcome
- 25.05.2023 Class Group Photos
- 26.05.2023 End of Term
- 05.06.2023 Back to School
- 21-22.06.2023 Year 3 Bristol Trip

*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



Spring time is such a lovely time to be in a school as there are so many wonderful themes that we can follow. Last week the children learned about birds. We looked at eggs and used the internet to identify which birds had laid them. We made our own bird feeder which we hung in the adventure playground and then did some bird spotting with our binoculars.

This week we went on our trip to Coombe Farm with class one. The children had an amazing time feeding sheep, lambs and chicks and got to stroke the dogs and pony. The children are not the only ones to have wonderful memories, the picture of all their smiling faces and thumbs up's as I asked if everyone was ready, before we pulled out of the car park, will stay with me forever.

We have also started to plant out our garden by re potting the strawberries, planting Viola's, sunflower seeds and beans so we look forward to caring or them and watching them change and grow.

Next week we are continuing to look at growth and changes in nature.

Mrs King, Mrs Baker & Mr Payne



## Date for your diary..... SWIMMING

We are really excited to have booked Yolande for Swimming Lessons for Classes 1 & 2 at Duddings in the afternoons for two weeks of the Summer Term.

**W/C 12.06.2023—Class 2**

**W/C 19.06.2023—Class 1**

Children will need to bring in a named swimming costume, towel and goggles (if needed) each of the swimming days that week.

## **Pinkery!**

The Year 4's had a fantastic time at the Pinkery residential. They all enjoyed the activities which included rock climbing, hiking, going through Pinkery tunnel to Pinkery Pond, Lynmouth to Lynton railway, grass sledging, archery, team building on the low ropes, pond dipping, problem solving, orienteering and den building.

All the children were amazing, they got stuck into the different activities and helped others from their own class plus other schools. They all made the most of having a chance to make new friends and experience the beautiful Exmoor National Park.

Mrs Stone and Mr Payne

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**More pictures of the Pinkery trip will be sent out next week.....**



# Farm Trip Pictures



# Timberscombe Easter Bonnet Parade!



# "STAND UP FOR RED SQUIRRELS" FAMILY FOREST SCHOOL PROGRAMME



**A PROGRAMME COMPRISING OF 3 X 2 HOUR SESSIONS DESIGNED TO EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR LANDSCAPE AND OUR BELOVED NATIVE RED SQUIRREL**

**MONDAY 24TH JULY**

**EXMOOR & SQUIRREL CLUES - HABITATS, TREE DAMAGE, WHY EXMOOR & WHERE HAVE THE REDS GONE? START 'BUILDING' A SQUIRREL WITH TOOLS.**

**MONDAY 31ST JULY**

**BE A SQUIRREL, IF I WAS A RED - DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GREYS AND REDS, WHAT DO THEY EAT, WHY THE TAIL? 'BUILD' YOUR SQUIRREL**

**MONDAY 7TH AUGUST**

**CELEBRATING REDS - CAMP FIRE, BRINGING TOGETHER ALL WE HAVE LEARNT. FINISH YOUR SQUIRREL.**

**WE ARE ASKING FOR A £15.00 DONATION UPON BOOKING PER FAMILY TO COVER ALL 3 SESSIONS. THIS DONATION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE RED SQUIRREL SURVIVAL TRUST TO AID FURTHER RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS**

**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKING DETAILS**

**EMA LOU ROWE  
07973 392394  
WILDWELLIES@GMAIL.COM**

**A VERY SPECIAL FAMILY FOREST SCHOOL PROGRAMME BEING DELIVERED TO YOU BY WILD WELLIES (TALES AND TREASURES) IN COLLABORATION WITH THREE ATOP WOODLAND SERVICES, RED SQUIRREL SOUTH WEST AND EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**



**EXMOOR  
NATIONAL PARK**



**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE**  
**KING CHARLES III**  
**CORONATION**

**IN TIMBERSCOMBE**

**Sunday 7th May 2023**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**from 1pm in the Village Hall**

**LIVE BAND 'Rough Justice' &**  
**BBQ from 4pm in the square**



# 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, ANYTIME  
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

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

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



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- Inset Days

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- Term 4:** 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)
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- 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
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Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

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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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Good Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Monday

May Day Bank Holiday

Spring Bank Holiday

Summer Bank Holiday

01 April 2024

06 May 2024

27 May 2024

26 August 2024