

31st March 2023

News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

With Easter just around the corner, we have so much to be proud of and celebrate from our Spring term in school. In this past fortnight alone we have had many achievements. Firstly, we were able to send four gymnasts to Wellington to take part in the Key Steps gymnastics competition. The Moorland Federation dominated in KS1 with Dunster taking first place, St Dubricius second and our Moorland team (Timberscombe, Exford and Cutcombe) taking third place! A huge achievement for our little schools, we are so proud of Heidi, Amelia D, Olivia and Aurora for representing us in this event. The Easter letters hunt was 'egg-celent' last Friday, a super community event. A huge thank you to our FoTS team for organising and running this lovely activity. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Class 1 pizza café this week, the children were so proud to share their DT learning in such a tasty way! Well done to our opera performers for such an entertaining evening at the Tithe Barn this week. It was truly magical. The children all shared their learning in such a lovely way at our Easter service, thank you to those of you that supported them and what a lovely way to round up our Spring term with the Easter bonnet parade this morning. The bonnets were amazing, thank you to everyone who had a hand in making them! It was great to see such a good turn out for parent's evening. We really appreciate being able to share your children's learning and achievements in this way. Please remember that you are able to talk to class teachers at any point in the year. All that is left for me to do is to wish you and your families a wonderful Easter break, don't forget that for our year 4 children, their first day back will be at Pinkery.

Mrs Angela Hall

AWARDS

Achievement Awards for Class One go to the whole class for an egg-celent Easter Service, wonderful Easter Bonnets and for a super Spring Term of learning.



Achievement Awards for Class Two go to the whole class for an egg-celent Easter Service, wonderful Easter Bonnets, an amazing opera performance and for a super Spring Term of learning.



He is Risen

Key Dates:

- 01.04.2023—PCC Easter Fair 10.30—12.30—Village Hall
- 09.04.2023 Easter Communion—St Petrock's Church
- 17.04.2023—Back to School!
- 17—19.03.2023 Year 4 Pinkery Residential Trip
- 28.04.2023 Catch Ball Starts
- 01.05.2023 BANK HOLIDAY
- 02.05.2023 MMS Lion King Musical (Yr3 &Yr4)
- 04.05.2023 Coronation Workshop — details to follow
- 25.05.2023 Class Group Photos
- 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



This term seems to have gone really quickly, probably because we have packed so much in. 'On the Farm' has proved to be a very popular theme which the children have loved and we are thrilled to be able to consolidate this by taking them on a trip to a local farm, early in the new term. We have pencilled in the 25th April and look forward to sending more information about this after Easter. We've been promised lots of baby lambs to feed!

We've started to look at New Life in connection to Spring and Easter but will be carrying this on when we return, when we will be looking at how things grow. The children will be planting flowers and seeds for our garden, so hopefully we will have lots of fruit and vegetables in the Summer! This week we enjoyed a Spring walk looking for signs of Spring.

Mrs. King will be having a spring clean in our outside area over the holiday and would be very grateful of any donations of outdoor toys and ride ons. We are also looking for a new doll's pram and pushchair.

As always, it was lovely to see Little Oak's in church for our Easter Service. It is something that they really enjoy doing.

Although the children have really enjoyed this term, they are very tired and are all ready for the holiday. We wish you all a very Happy Easter break with your families and look forward to an exciting Summer Term.

Mrs King, Mrs Baker & Mr Payne



Congratulations!

We would just like to congratulate Mrs Baker on her recent marriage! I'm sure you will agree Mrs Baker and her family looked beautiful and, we wish them a very long and happy life together!



A few pictures from this term.....



Our Moorland Federation Gymnastic Teams



Our Opera Stars!!!



"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**

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HOME-START WEST SOMERSET Easter Shop window competition

“I SPY”

...find something that shouldn't be there
in shop windows in Minehead

Running from 1st April to 16th April 2023

Do your 'I Spying' in whatever order you want, over a day or
several days.

Entry forms are £2 each and are available from and returnable to:

*Poppins Children's Community Shop, 36 The Avenue
Minehead Tourist Information Centre (opposite train station)
Park Lane Interiors, Park Street
Fox and Son, The Parade*

Prizes to include gifts from local businesses
Have some fun in the Easter Holidays and support.
Home-Start West Somerset

Home-Start West Somerset Registered Charity No 1113944



FSC Nettlecombe Court Wildlife Watch Club

Free, outdoor family sessions from 10am-12pm.
March - May 2023 sessions:

11th March - Pond Adventure

Pond dipping
Raft building



Discover
adventure in
learning



15th April - Spring Flower Watch

Spring flower ID walk

Make some leaf and flower pressed coasters



13th May - Bird Watch

Bird ID walk and sound mapping
Bird bath making



Look a
little closer
at wildlife



We hope you join us on a wildlife adventure soon!

You can email us at: education.nettlecombecourt@field-studies-council.org



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Council



Somerset
Wildlife Trust

SAFEGUARDING



For more home safety advice you can download the Home Safety Booklet below.

<http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety/SafetyInTheHome/documents/>

To book a home safety visit follow the link below.

<http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety/SafetyInTheHome/Index.cfm?siteCategoryId=4&T1ID=35>



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

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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.

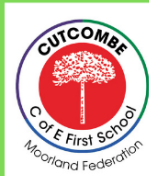
Food: Lunch will be provided as well as snacks. Please bring a refillable water bottle.

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.



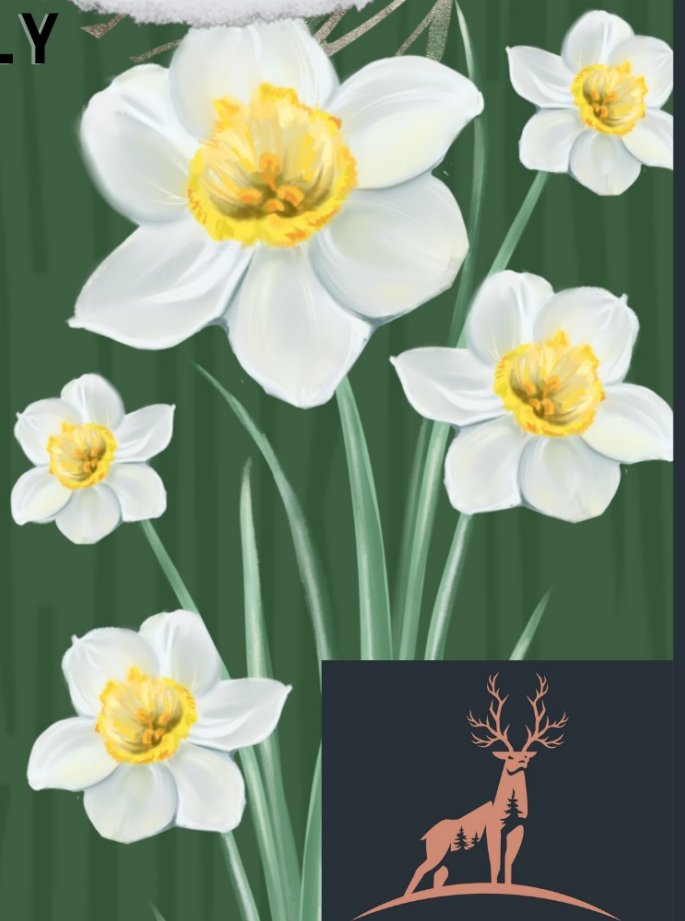
EXMOOR EASTER

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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September 2022						October 2022						November 2022								
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- 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.

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New Year's Day Holiday 01 January 2024

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