



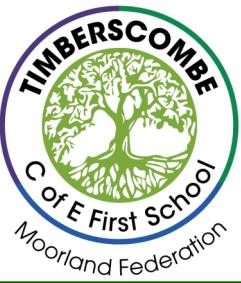
Moorland Federation

TIMBERSCOMBE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

'We love, live and learn together.'

Inspired by John 10:10

26th May 2023



News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, it is lovely to look back and reflect on all the lovely learning and experiences that the children have experienced. From the excitement of the Coronation and our singing and dancing workshop, to the beautiful displays of learning that have appeared around the school. We have had some really wonderful trips across the school where the behaviour of our Timberscombe pupils shone through. Just one more half term to go, but the children can already be really proud of their efforts and achievements.

Class One have been busy creating some printing masterpieces based on the work of Andy Warhol, we have taken delivery of some tadpoles which are proving very exciting and Year 2 have been amazing in completing their 'special quizzes'.

Class Two have had another busy two weeks. They enjoyed visiting the Somerset museum and learnt a lot about the Stone Age in their workshop. In school they wrote a recount about their trip.

In literacy they have finished focusing on how to train your dragon and written a report about their own dragons.

In science the children have been investigating light with a range of experiments. Seeing what materials reflect and how shadows are made.

Have a wonderful half term break with your families and let's hope that this beautiful, sunny weather continues!

Best wishes, Mrs Angela Hall

AWARDS

Stars of the Week



Stars of the Week go to Emme for being kind to her friends and recognising their achievements and Anna for settling so well into our school.

Class One: Achievement Awards go to all of Year 2 for being absolute superstars with their special quizzes!

Kindness Awards go to Amelia D and Amelia C for making our new class member feel so very welcome.

Class Two: Achievement Awards go to Percy for some lovely literacy work and Molly for persevering and doing her best & **Kindness Awards** to Oscar C for always helping friends and teachers and Louisa for always offering to help the younger children.



Key Dates:

- 05.06.2023 Back to School
- 05.06.2023 Exmoor Zoo—Class 1 and L/O
- w/c 12.06.2023—Class Two Swimming
- 15.06.2023 Messy Church
- 16.06.2023 Cricket Starts
- w/c 19.06.2023—Class One Swimming
- 21-22.06.2023 Year 3 Bristol Trip
- 23.06.2023 Year 4 Visit to MMS
- 27.06.2023 Year 4 Parents Meeting at MMS
- 05.07.2023 Move Up Day—All schools
- 07.07.2023 Bags2School
- 12.07.2023 Year 4 Pilgrimage—Taunton Minster
- 14.07.2023 Cricket Gala
- 18.07.2023 Federation Celebration Event PM
- 20.07.2023 Timberscombe Leavers Service AM
- 21.07.2023 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.
Nurturing our unique acorns, for the infinite possibilities of the mighty oaks they shall become.*

News from Little Oaks



For two weeks we have been on our travels to Africa! It proved to be a really popular theme. We have looked at different aspects of the culture including music, colours and patterns, clothes and food. We learned about the country and its animals and at snack time we tried the fruits from the story Handa's Surprise. We also dressed in African 'robes' and played traditional African folk tunes on instruments.

This week we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and have welcomed 5 caterpillars into Little Oaks which we are looking after until they turn into butterflies.

We have also taken delivery of an amazing sandpit hand made by Nick and Kerrie Hosegood. The children absolutely love it! Thank you so much!

I can't believe that it's half term already! We are all ready for a good, restful break but we are also excited for everything that we have planned for next term. We are really looking forward to joining class one when Exmoor Zoo visit!

Wishing everyone a happy half term holiday in the sunshine!

**Mrs King, Mrs Baker and
Mr Payne**



**A Big Thank You to
Three A Top for making an
amazing sand pit for Little Oaks.
The children are going to have
lots of fun using that this summer.**



Sunhats & Sun Lotion

Please remember to apply sun lotion to your children before school, and if they require lotion applied during the day, put a bottle in your child's bag so that they can do this.

For Little Oaks children, please ensure there is a bottle in your child's day bag so that we can help your child apply lotion.

**DON'T FORGET
SUNHATS!!!**



News from home.....

If your child/children have any exciting news they would like to share with everyone, and you are happy for it be put into our newsletter please let a member of staff know!

We love hearing and sharing all the children's achievements.



Big Congratulations to two of our reception children Mollie and Amelia who ran at the **Colour Run** last weekend in aid of St Margaret's Hospice.

Thank you!

I would just like to say a big thank you to all the staff, students, parents and carers who have welcomed me at Timberscombe First School. I am loving being at Timberscombe, it's a lovely place to work surrounded by wonderful people and I am grateful for all the support I have been given so far, Thank you!

Miss Tarr

Parent Mail Payments

Please could all ParentMail invoices be checked and payments made where necessary. If you have any questions or queries please either drop us an email

Timberscombe@moorlandfed.co.uk

or, pop into the office. We are happy to help. Thank you!

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 12.06.23
Class 2

W/C 19.06.23
Class 1

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



Come and Celebrate 150 years of Exford C of E First School

Friday 16th June 2023

Arrive from 3.30pm
Service of Re-dedication by
Rt Revd Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton &
Revd Prebendary David Weir at 4.30pm

Teas, refreshments, celebration cakes and games
Exhibition of the history of Exford School
Grand Prize Draw

To help with catering, please contact the school to let us
know you will be joining us.
Please share any photos or memorabilia for the exhibition.

**All those with an interest in the history and future
of Exford C of E First School are warmly invited.**

01643 831365 exford@moorlandfed.co.uk



150 YEARS



"From start to finish we were impressed by the friendly, helpful staff. We had the most magical day."

Visitor in 2022

Wimbleball Lake

May Half Term

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Multi Activity Week 10 – 4pm						
Family Canoe Adventure 10-12pm	Kayaking 10-12pm	SUP 10 – 12pm	Kayaking 10-12pm	SUP 10-12pm	Family Canoe Adventure 10-12pm	SUP 10 – 12pm
SUP 1 – 3pm	Archery 1pm-2pm		Archery 10 – 11am 11.30 – 12.30pm	Windsurfing 1-3pm	Archery 1 – 2pm	
Archery 3.30 – 4.30pm	High Ropes 2-4pm	Windsurfing 2-4pm	Sailing 2-4pm	Archery 3.30 – 4.30pm	High Ropes 2 – 4pm	Sailing 2-4pm

Multi Activity Week (Ages 8-14): £250pp

1 hr sessions: £22pp

2 hr sessions: £45pp

Family Canoe Adventure: £52 for 3

High Ropes: £35pp

Wetsuits & Buoyancy aids included for instructor led sessions and equipment hire!

Instructor Led Activities for ages 8+ and adults.

Equipment Hire and Self launch open daily.



Wimbleball Activity Centre, Dulverton, TA22 9NU
southwestlakes.org.uk/activities

swlakes wimbleball@swlakestrust.org.uk / 01398 371460



MAY HALF TERM TIMETABLE

Booking is essential. Book now at www.mineheadeye.co.uk

Mon 29th

10AM - 12PM
DIDDY DUDES SKATE

12PM - 2PM
MIXED SKATE

2PM - 4PM
MIXED SKATE

4:15PM - 5:15PM
NERF FUN



Tues 30th

10:15AM - 11:45AM
DIDDY DUDES
SCOOTER ACADEMY

10:30AM - 11:30AM
ROCKING TOTS

12PM - 2PM
MIXED SKATE

2PM - 4PM
MIXED SKATE

2:30PM - 3:30PM
ART CLUB

4:15PM - 5:15PM
CLIMBING

5PM - 6PM
SKATE SCHOOL
TASTER

Wed 31st

9:30AM - 11:30AM
SHAKE UP!

12PM - 2PM
MIXED SKATE

2PM - 4PM
DIDDY DUDES SKATE

2PM - 5PM
CHILL OUT CLUB

4PM - 6PM
MIXED SKATE

6PM - 8PM
LATE SKATE

8PM - 10PM
LATE SKATE

Thurs 1st

10AM - 1PM
DIDDY DUDES FEST

2PM - 4PM
MIXED SKATE

2:15PM - 3:15PM
NERF FUN

Fri 2nd

10AM - 12PM
DIDDY DUDES SKATE

12PM - 2PM
MIXED SKATE

3:30PM - 5:30PM
CLOSED FOR
PRIVATE HIRE

6PM - 8PM
BOYS NIGHT

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WWW.MINEHEADYE.CO.UK

MIXED SKATE

A 2 hour skate session which is open to skateboards, scooters, roller skates and bmx's. There is no limit on age and is open to any ability.

VARIOUS TIMINGS - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR AVAILABILITY

MEMBERS £2.50
GUESTS £6.00

SHAKE UP!

Come and try out a range of activities you may have never tried before! In this brand new session, we have decided to combine some of our favourite activities for you. This may include Slacklining, Sucker Archery, Curling, Team Games, Human Hungry Hippo's, Obstacle Courses, Parachute Games and more!

WED 31ST MAY 9:30AM - 11:30AM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £9.00

SKATE SCHOOL TASTER

Want to see what to expect from our Skateboard Schools? Come along to a taster session! For ages 6+. The session is lead by Minehead Eye's skate tutor: Albert.

TUES 30TH MAY 5PM - 6PM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £8.00

ART CLUB

Join our resident artist, Charlie McFarley to learn new techniques and experiment with different materials. Work on your own art projects, collaborate with others and hang out with friends.

TUES 30TH MAY 2:30PM - 3:30PM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £8.00

DIDDY DUDES SKATE

A 2 hour skate session for children aged 8 and under to use the skatepark and bouldering cave. Equipment is included.

VARIOUS TIMINGS - CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR AVAILABILITY

MEMBERS £2.50
GUESTS £5.00

ROCKING TOTS

A baby, toddler and pre-school live music group. Sing along, dance, jump about and make a racket to nursery rhymes and children's songs.

To book call Web on 07971510043

TUES 30TH MAY 10:30AM - 11:30AM

£4.00 ENTRY PLUS £1 FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN

NERF FUN

The skatepark is transformed into a nerf arena and our instructors will run a variety of games and activities including, capture the flag and last man standing. For ages 7 - 12.

MON 29TH MAY 4:15PM - 5:15PM
FRI 2ND JUNE 2:15PM - 3:15PM

MEMBERS £4.00
GUESTS £7.00

DIDDY DUDES SCOOTER ACADEMY

An instructed session with games and challenges for children aged 4 - 8 to help them gain confidence on their scooter and learn how to start on the ramps.

TUES 30TH MAY 10:15AM - 11:45AM

MEMBERS £4.00
GUESTS £7.00

LATE SKATE

A 2 hour skate session which is open to skateboards, scooters, roller skates and bmx's. The 8pm - 10pm slots are perfect for those older skaters looking for a session aimed at those 18 and older.

WEDNESDAYS
6PM - 8PM & 8PM - 10PM

MEMBERS £2.50
GUESTS £6.00

HAVE A GO CLIMBING

Perfect those who want to try our climbing wall. Your instructor will talk you through the fundamentals of how to use the equipment, how to climb as well as belaying. For ages 7+.

TUES 30TH MAY 4:15PM - 5:15PM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £8.00

BOYS NIGHT

Boys only! The whole building will be open to use; including the skatepark, bouldering cave and cafe. The boys can come and practice/learn new skate skills in the park or just chill with their friends.

FRIDAYS 6PM - 8PM

£2.50

DIDDY DUDES FEST

THEME: EXPLORE YOUR SENSES
A fun party for 8 and unders. There will be face painting, arts and crafts, treasure hunt, photo booth, and the skate park will be open with some wheely fun games!

THURS 1ST JUNE 10AM - 1PM

MEMBERS £5.00
GUESTS £8.00

SAFEGUARDING



Enjoy Water Safely

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/water-safety-information>

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Drowning Prevention Week

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK
Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER
When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

Call 999
Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT
Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Enjoy Water Safely

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit www.rlss.org.uk

We are all responsible for keeping children safe at all times.

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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"

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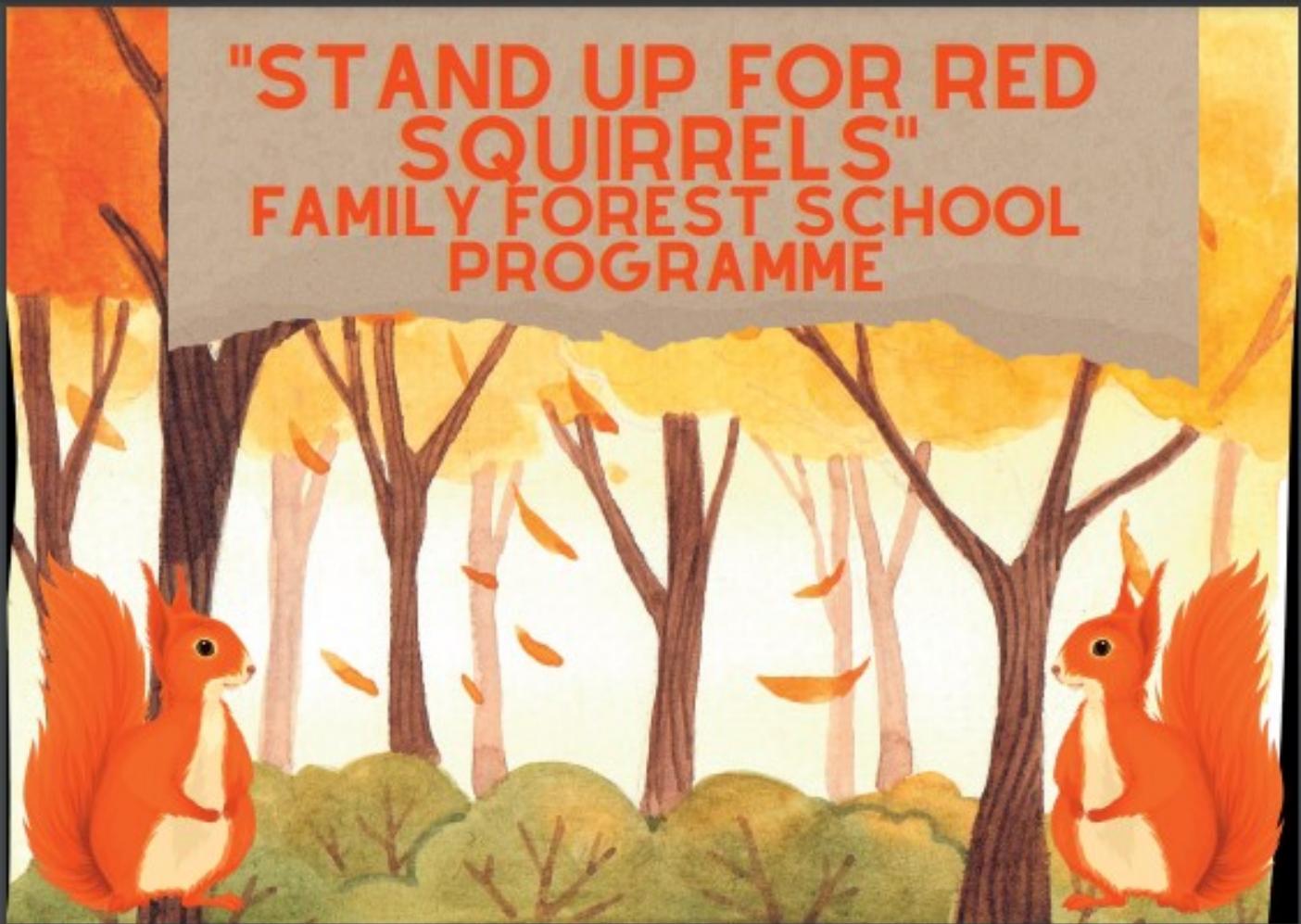
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NSPCC 

HELPLINE

0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk



"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





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
W		7	14	21	28	W	5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30
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	
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December 2022						January 2023						February 2023					
M		5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27
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F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F		5	12	19	26
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Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26
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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

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