



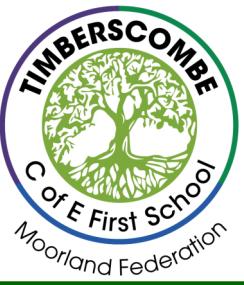
Moorland Federation

TIMBERSCOMBE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

'We love, live and learn together.'

12th May 2023

Inspired by John 10:10



News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have shared a wonderful week of celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III here at school. The Coronation workshop was amazing and we all had fun learning the songs and dances, whilst sharing the story of King David. We have made bunting, decorated flags and learnt all about The Royal Family, topping it all off with a wonderful Coronation lunch courtesy of Mrs Stevens and Mrs Prole on Friday.

Class 2 were all excited to tell me about the Lion King Transition Musical held at Minehead Middle School this week. I have heard how wonderful the performance was and, once again, our children did us proud with their excellent behaviour and good manners, great job Class 2!

From Mrs Stone: Class 2 have had a busy two weeks in and out of school. They have continued their learning of the stone age where they learnt about how people used to survive. This will be continued when they visit the Somerset Heritage Museum in Taunton next week. All the children enjoyed going to Cutcombe school for the I Sing Pop work shop last week, it was a super day of singing and meeting new friends. All the children showed excellent behaviour throughout the day, which they continued in the transition musical at Minehead Middle school. The Transition Musical was a fantastic day, the children got a chance to see new friends and to work together to create a spectacular performance. Everyone that performed sang beautifully and the narrators stood proudly on stage to read their parts. Well done to all of class 2 for your fantastic performances!

Class 1 have taken part in a special Zoom session this week with a lovely lady called Jenny from Cheltenham Synagogue. She talked to us about what we may find in the synagogue, what happens in a Jewish home and about the different festivals that she celebrates through the year. This has really enhanced our RE learning about Judaism.

We have had so many children displaying our Christian value of Service this half term. I have seen children being kind with their friends, helping out when others are upset or hurt, playing nicely together and have had many, many offers of help to hold doors, collect registers and complete jobs. We have such a caring and helpful community of children at Timberscombe which I am so proud to be a part of.

Best wishes, Mrs Angela Hall

AWARDS

Stars of the Week

Stars of the Week go to Archie for always remembering what he has been taught and
Noah for stepping in at the last minute to be a narrator for the musical.



Class One: Achievement Awards go to Delilah for excellent adapting to change and Max for excellent science work.

Kindness Awards go to Finley for always being happy to help and kind words, and Heidi for always helping to keep the class tidy.

Class Two: Achievement Awards & Kindness Awards to all of Class 2 for their fantastic performances—you all did amazing!



Key Dates:

- 16.05.2023 Class 2 Museum Trip
- 18.05.2023 Celebration Assembly—All Welcome
- 25.05.2023 Class Group Photos (Tempest)
- 26.05.2023 End of Term
- 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
- w/c 19.06.2023—Class One Swimming
- 21-22.06.2023 Year 3 Bristol Trip
- 23.06.2023 Year 4 Visit to MMS
- 05.07.2023 Move Up Day—All schools
- 07.07.2023 Bags2School

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

Last week we were learning about toys from the past and present. The children really enjoyed sharing their favourite toy and one they'd had as a baby. The concept of 'past' is a difficult one for the children to grasp. We are going to be doing more to improve this by asking the children daily about what we did yesterday. This is also something that you can help with at home.



The children also enjoyed learning about the Coronation of King Charles III. They marched like soldiers made their own crowns and listened to Coronation music. It was lovely that they were also given commemorative mugs from the Parish Council, with the rest of the school.

This week we have started a two week theme about Africa. We have been reading the story Handa's Hen by Eileen Browne. The children practised carrying baskets of fruit on their heads just like Handa! We have also enjoyed making decorative African masks and woven baskets. Next week we will be still looking at African culture and will be trying new fruits and vegetables.

Although the weather at the moment isn't very seasonal, please could you remember to send the children in wearing sun lotion and bring a named bottle of lotion with them as well as a hat for when the sun does finally appear! We are also doing lots with mud and water at the moment so extra clothing would also be useful.

Mrs King, Mrs Baker & Mr Payne

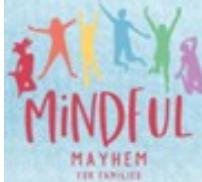


Thank you to FoTS for the amazing new sports t-shirts we are now wearing for sports events!!



Thank you to the Timberscombe Parish Council for the special Coronation commemorative mugs that all our children received last week.





The Benefits of walking out and exploring nature together

Outdoor play fosters children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development. And by being outside and surrounded by nature, children experience an ever-changing and free-flowing environment that stimulates all the senses.



A nature walk promotes family bonding

Timeless memories can be made alongside nature



A nature walk reduces stress.

A nature walk can change the whole direction of a tricky day, giving a needed breath of fresh air to finish out the day strong.

A Nature walk enhances observation skills. Teaching our kids about our 5 senses and gently encouraging them to use them on our walks will further enhance their skills.

A nature walk encourages curiosity and imagination. Encourage your kids to ask questions. Let their imaginations take flight with their curiosity being the wind that carries them.

Love Your Nature



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

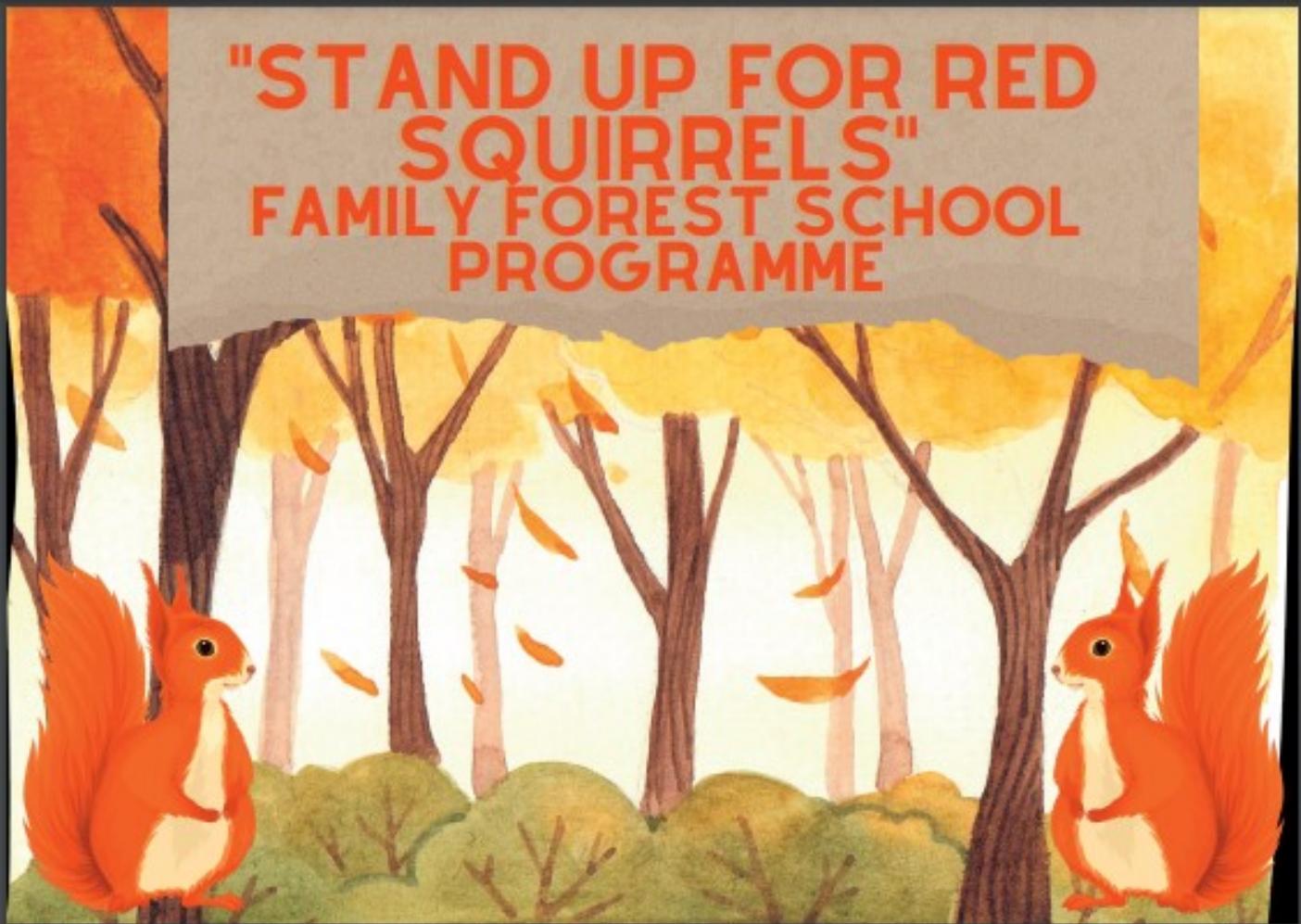
To help with catering, please contact the school to let us
know you will be joining us.
Please share any photos or memorabilia for the exhibition.

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

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150 YEARS



"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

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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



SAFEGUARDING

OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER

TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME

CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

THE RULE:

If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: **CLEVER NEVER GOES**



The **CLEVER NEVER GOES** rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of **CLEVER NEVER GOES** when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: clevernevergoes.org

WHY CHANGE?

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.

Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.

Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, **CLEVER NEVER GOES** is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

**clever
never
goes**



Serving
the
Isle of Wight
Portsmouth
Southampton

This leaflet has been brought to you by the charity Action Against Abduction (registered no. 1061904) with the support of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire.

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

116 111

NSPCC

HELPLINE

0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk



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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
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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

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