

Newsletter

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‘ The one who gets wisdom loves life.’ Proverbs 19:8

Our value for this term is Thankfulness.

The wonderful weather this week has helped us to have a very positive start to the term. The enthusiasm of the children and engagement in their learning has been excellent.

Exciting things lined up for the Summer Term

On Monday, we have Jackdaws Opera company physically coming into school to work with the Wildfire pupils and they will help us to join other Somerset Schools in this exciting opportunity. The performance will be staged virtually at the end of the day. We will endeavour to record it!

We have Chance to Shine cricket coaches visiting school to run a cricket day. There is the Wildfire residential, a possible trip to the seaside for Rainbow Class as part of their topic work and other visits in the planning stages. There is a falconry display on 18th May and a visiting magician arranged for 29th June.

It is lovely to be able to go on trips and plan for visitors to come to us. These are such valuable learning opportunities, which have been sadly lacking over the last year.

Osmington Bay Residential

Final numbers need to be confirmed on Monday 26th April and payments need to be in by 30th April, as we go in only 4 weeks time! Originally, when our first booking was placed we were asking parents to drive to Weymouth to drop off and pick up the children. However, with COVID restrictions car sharing is probably not advisable, so we are looking into getting a coach.

Those children in Wildfire, **who are not going on the residential**, must attend school and they will complete normal lessons.

Preschool

Welcome to our lovely new families. This week has seen lots of learning and fun around The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Do take a look at the Charltons Preschool facebook page for the photos.

Baby and Toddler Group

Please spread the word that on Wednesday 5th May 2021 we will be starting a Baby and Toddler Group. This group will run in the preschool room, (while the preschool children will take their learning to the outside spaces, Rainbow or the hall, depending on the weather and learning of that day).

Due to COVID restrictions we are starting small, with limited numbers (please reserve a space) and a fairly short session from 10.30am to 11.45am, but hope to expand this if successful. Kim, who is very experienced in Early Years, will facilitate the session. It can be as structured or as informal as the group chooses. Tea, coffee, biscuits and a friendly chat available each week. No fee, just donations to cover drinks and snacks.

Street Library – we have been asked to share the following:

From Monday 12th April Street Community Library will be open for browsing. Our opening times will be Monday 9.30am-5pm, Tuesday CLOSED, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm, Friday 9.30am-5pm, Saturday 9.30am-1pm. Numbers entering the building are limited. There are 2 public computers which we advise to book via strlib@somerset.gov.uk, by coming into the library or ringing Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224. Sessions are limited to 60 minutes per customer.

Staff are available to help with your reading and information enquiries and it's free to join. To keep everyone safe, please wear a face covering and respect social distancing when in the library. Staff look forward to welcoming customers old and new.

Health Visitor's Newsletter

Something else we have been asked to share. Please find attached.

Welcome back

We welcome back Miss Slater, who has returned to our school for her final teaching placement as part of her PGCE. She will be working with Rainbow class for the summer term.

Books for the library

A huge thank you to Lydia and Monty for buying, labelling and restocking the school library from the Carmichael's very generous donation of £300. These books are primarily for Rainbow and Hurricane. We have also received our final books from Usborne Books, which will inspire the Wildfire pupils. Many of the books have already been chosen for home reading.

Inset Days

The inset days for the academic year 2021 to 2022 are as follows:

Monday 6th September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 18th February 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

The full holiday dates, including the inset days for next year are on the school website.

Dates for this year

Monday 26th April – Jackdaws Opera (during school hours)
Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 18th May – Falconry Display (during school hours)
Monday 24th May until Friday 28th May – Residential for Wildfire children at Osmington Bay, Weymouth.
Friday 28th May – Break up for half term
Monday 7th June – Return to school
Tuesday 29th June – Magic Show (during school hours)
Monday 12th July – First Aid training for Wildfire pupils (during school hours)
Friday 23rd July – Break up for the summer holidays

Somerset's 24/7 Mental Health Helpline

Support and advice is available for people of all ages in Somerset 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

At this time of uncertainty and ongoing challenges to our daily lives, it's important to keep ourselves emotionally well and get the right support for our Mental Health.

The opportunity to talk to someone who can listen, advise and support on how to take care of ourselves and ones we care for, is of vital importance. Through the helpline callers will have immediate access to:

- One to one confidential, emotional support.
- Advice on healthy coping skills and resources.
- Introduction to useful apps and websites.

Anyone in need of mental health support should call Mindline on 01823 276892 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

Kind regards,

Rebecca and Team CM