

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

*'The one who gets wisdom loves life.'* Proverbs 19:8

### **Newsletter 14.01.2022**

#### **Our Christian Value this term is Courage**

This week we had many new sporting opportunities for the new term. There was swimming on Monday for Hurricane Class, a rugby coach on Tuesday, gymnastics on Friday, alongside our usual TLE sports and Saints South West clubs. On Thursday, Year 4 led a wonderful collective worship to the whole school and the Open the Book team took the collective worship in church on Tuesday, where the birthday books were also given out.

Welcome to Andrea Shore, who joins Vicky in the office. Gillian will still help out for a few weeks, but is hoping to start her retirement this term.

#### **Wonderful Awards**

Sofia was awarded the Bee Kind award.

Henry was the Rainbow Reader of the Week.

Orlando was the Rainbow Star of the Week.

Will C was the Hurricane Star of the Week.

Jasper was the Hurricane Reader of the Week.

Levan was the Tornado Reader of the Week.

Arthur was the Tornado Star of the Week.

Ninette was the Wildfire Reader of the Week.

Olivia was the Wildfire Star of the Week.

#### **What is my child learning this term?**

This will be uploaded to the website under 'Children and Learning' over the next week. There are termly plans under the class tabs and then our full rolling programme under the curriculum tab.

#### **Clubs**

Tuesdays – Rugby

Wednesday – TLE sports club

Thursday – Craft Club and Saints South West Football

Friday – Gymnastics

#### **PE Days**

Rainbow – Wednesdays (TLE sports coach) and Fridays (Gymnastics)

Hurricane – Mondays (Swimming) and Tuesdays (Rugby Coach)

Wildfire – Tuesdays (Rugby coach) and Wednesdays (TLE sports coach)

### **Swimming**

Hurricane will be swimming on Mondays at Goldenstones Swimming Pool in Yeovil. Please can the children wear their swimming things to school under their uniform, as we leave shortly after 9. Full school uniform (NOT PE kit) – it is easier to round up lost property!

### **Preschool**

Welcome to Harry, Phoebe and Pearl who have joined our setting this term!

Our tremendous tree leaf award this week goes to Basil for taking care of the preschool activities and tidying up. Well done Basil!

We have had a busy week in preschool exploring the snowy night book, with the children making crafty creations of the animal characters from the story. Snipping spikes for their hedgehogs showed well developing scissor control. The children showed a particular interest in hedgehogs sharing experiences with one child talking about a hedgehog he had found in his garden. Pebble storytelling with the woodland animal pebbles has been a hit with the children showing their wonderful imaginations whilst creating their own stories.

### **COVID**

We currently have two pupils isolating due to Covid (one in Wildfire and one in preschool).

**If your child is at home isolating, it is very important that they continue to keep up with their learning. Whilst we appreciate that some children feel quite unwell for a few days, most are well enough to continue their studies. Children are expected to complete the work on Google Classroom and hand this into their teacher for marking.**

### **Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a teaching assistant to work four days a week. Please see the website for more details.

### **Governor's Meeting**

The next full governor's meeting is on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please speak to Mrs Cawley or the school office if you would like anything particular discussed at that meeting.

### **Parent Advice Evenings**

The next meetings that we have coming up are:

### **Behaviour Management Techniques**

**With Family Solutions Somerset**

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

A whistle stop tour of some parenting techniques and strategies to use with your children aged 2-18. We will be looking at the following principles that underpin all areas of parenting (and relationships) whatever the age.

- Emotion Coaching, being able to label our emotions- CBT/Behaviour Curve
- Showing empathy not sympathy
- Attention – children will seek any kind of attention – good or bad
- Ignoring behaviours we want to see less of
- Specific praise... labelled
- Social Learning Theory – new behaviours can be learnt by observing and imitating others (bandura)
- Use of rewards – after the event (bribes come before), smart and cheap

The session will be fully collaborative, and we will be open to conversations and listening to your own techniques which have been successful.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/9jR8M5hDZNnQnvTm8>

## **Growth Mindset**

**SCC Educational Psychologist**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

The beliefs children have about intelligence, effort, and struggle impact the choices they make about learning. Children with a fixed mindset believe that intelligence is fixed at birth and doesn't change with practice. They see school as a place where abilities are evaluated and they interpret mistakes as a sign that they lack talent.

This session will help you help your child/ren to develop a **growth mindset** believing that intelligence can be developed. These students see school as a place to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/9cvon4GwrC3ChTaaA>

## **Dyslexia Awareness**

**With Mark Long, SCC Lead Advisory Teacher**

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Starting at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm**

Dyslexia is a learning difference that affects 1 in 10 people. Individuals with dyslexia often find it challenging to develop reading and spelling fluency and can also have difficulty with remembering verbal instructions and learning sequences such as the alphabet, days of the week and times table facts.

This session provides an introduction to dyslexia. It explains why children with dyslexia can find reading, spelling and writing so challenging and describes strategies that can be used to help children improve in these areas.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/ewtp83j8RhP53MLU7>

## Online Safety & Social Media

With Amy Brittan, SCC Education Technology Advisor

14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6:30pm, estimated end time 8pm

New technologies inspire children to be creative, communicate and learn. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe?

This session will provide parents/guardians/carers with information to support their children to enjoy technology safely and responsibly. You will have the opportunity to think about what you want to do to protect your family and to equip them for their future.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/Qt4Dxmbjb4KVM377>

### Dates for the diaries

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Open the Book Collective Worship in church (Everyone welcome)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day – Wear own clothes with numbers! Donations to the NSPCC. Maths focus and maths games in school.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day

Half Term





