

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

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Our Christian Value this term is Courage

This week the children have all worked hard and we have started arranging trips to support the learning this term. Hurricane Class will be going to Magdalen Farm near Chard as part of their Food and Farming topic and Rainbow are hoping to have a train journey as part of their Vehicles topic. Lots of sport happened with Rugby, TLE sports coaching, swimming and gymnastics. Behind the scenes, we have started the process of upgrading our very old internet infrastructure, which when fully complete will allow us to make maximum use of our fantastic new equipment.

We also had a visit from classic storyteller David Trevis on Thursday who told a very engaging story to Hurricane Class relating to their Food and Farming topic.

Wonderful Awards

Sofia was the Rainbow Reader of the Week.

Lily N was the Rainbow Star of the Week.

Lily C was the Hurricane Star of the Week.

Lottie was the Hurricane Reader of the Week.

Emily was the Tornado Reader of the Week.

Zara was the Tornado Star of the Week.

Roux was the Wildfire Reader of the Week.

William was the Wildfire Star of the Week.

What is my child learning this term? This is on the website.

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 are 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

This week's tremendous tree leaves go to:

Teddy for coming to preschool with a confident smile and Pearl for trying new foods and eating the peel of her apple ring. Well done to you both!

On Monday it was the old twelfth night and in the day we had Wassail ceremonies. This tradition is still recognised in our lovely county of Somerset, the home of some wonderful ancient orchards. The children have been learning about the life cycle of the tree and how they're resting before bursting into life when the warm weather of spring arrives. The children all worked with focus to create their own apple shaker for them to use during our celebration around the apple tree. The children enjoyed an apple snack with rings and juice. During the ceremony we threw toast into the branches to attract the birds to eat the bugs that could harm the tree and we gave the tree a much deserved drink of apple juice. They made lots of noise with their apple shakers to rouse the tree and sang our Wassail song.

COVID

We currently have no pupils isolating due to Covid.

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 (21 hours) a week. Please see the website for more details.

Governor's Meeting

The next full governor's meeting is on Monday 31st 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, 24th 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

31st 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, 28th 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

14th 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/Qt4Dxmbjb4KVME377>

Dates for the diaries

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

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

Thursday 17th February – Break up for half term

Friday 18th February – Inset Day

Half Term

Tuesday 1st March – Open the Book Collective Worship in church (Everyone welcome)

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 29th March – Hurricane Class trip - proposed date to visit Magdalen Farm





