

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 11.02.2022**

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

Thank you to Hurricane Class for leading our Thursday Collective Worship about online safety, which shared the messages from the national online safety day on 8<sup>th</sup> February. It was also Children's Mental Health Week and the classes spent time thinking about their support networks and created support balloons.

#### **Wildfire Focus**

On Wednesday, Wildfire Class shared their excellent stories, based on the book, The Viewer, with one of our governors, Mr Cornish and Mrs Cawley. The standard of writing was very impressive, with a range of wonderfully creative ideas.

On Tuesday, Wildfire joined a livestream with Liverpool FC to talk about this year's safer Internet day theme of 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' The children heard some top tips from LFC's players and community and joined in some fun and conversations about gaming. They put their new skills into practice playing the 'Band Runner' game on our new ipads, where they helped guide the characters through a series of challenging online situations.

For Mental Health week, the children in Wildfire class created their own Support Balloons and considered the people in our lives who help us to grow. The children thought about who they might turn to when things get tough or when they need support.

#### **Wonderful Awards**

George E was the Rainbow Reader of the Week.

Maisie was the Rainbow Star of the Week.

Caiden was the Hurricane Star of the Week.

Ethan was the Hurricane Reader of the Week.

Isobel was the Tornado Reader of the Week.

Emily was the Tornado Star of the Week.

George A was the Wildfire Reader of the Week.

Eddie was the Wildfire Star of the Week.

Will T was awarded the Bee Kind Award for carrying out his Year 6 responsibilities excellently and being kind to the younger children in the school.



Valentine's Day Cake Sale on Monday.



### **Sport**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February there is the CLP cross country run at King Ina School in Somerton. It starts at 4pm and **all** year 3/ 4/ 5 and 6's are welcome to take part.

### **World Book Day and Bedtime Stories**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March it is World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. This is not a non-uniform day, but an opportunity to have fun around books and stories, so no football tops unless you have read the book and know the story and no princesses unless you know the story that goes with the outfit!

We plan to have a carousel of activities throughout the day. There will also be bedtime stories in school between 6 and 7pm, so the children can return to school in their PJs to enjoy a hot chocolate and bedtime story. We have some guest readers and Daisy the dog!

Other dates in March – Parent's evenings (15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) and the school council have plans for Red Nose Day on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Class structure for next academic year**

We have started discussing the class numbers and structures for next year. Until we have firm numbers for our September intake and a view of our new budget it will be difficult to make any firm decisions. This information should be with us just before Easter.

The Year 4 single group in the mornings has worked very well this year. The Brymer Room has proved to be an extremely useful learning space, but can only accommodate about 14 children comfortably. Due to numbers, it is likely that we will need to change our current class structure for next year.

We are delighted that our numbers have been increasing, but we are determined to ensure every child gets the best opportunities and teaching and this increase is managed very carefully.

### **Clubs for after half term – details in a separate Parentmail**

Mondays – Little Troopers (Mrs Marklew)

Tuesdays – Cricket

Wednesday – TLE sports club

Thursday – Saints South West Football

Friday – Fun Sports (Mrs Carter-Rice)

Friday – Choir (Miss Rose)

### **PE Days**

Rainbow – Wednesdays (TLE sports coach) (This will be replaced with swimming on a Monday three weeks after half term) and Fridays (Gymnastics)

Hurricane – Mondays (Swimming) until two weeks after half term then will change to TLE sports on a Wednesday and Tuesdays (Rugby Coach – this changes after half term)

Wildfire – Tuesdays (Rugby coach – this changes to cricket after half term) and Wednesdays (TLE sports coach)

### **Preschool**

Our tremendous tree leaf award goes to Teddy for being honest when accidentally breaking a toy.

Further to our learning, inspired from the book, 'My mum and dad make me laugh', we have been learning about spotty patterns in Preschool this week. The children have been looking in detail at the patterns they can find and making their own comments about their discoveries. The children all enjoyed making their own spotty pictures using paints and circles of various sizes to print with. Sock matching was very popular with the children both in the woods and on the decking. They carefully measured the lengths and patterns of each sock.

### **COVID**

We currently have 2 pupils isolating due to Covid and no staff.

**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.**

### **The Friends**

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ *Valentine's Day Cake Sale* ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

On **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, the Friends Committee will be hosting a Valentine's Day Cake Sale, from **15:15** in the school playground.

*We are looking for donations from families (homemade or bought) of Valentine / red coloured / love / heart themed cakes and treats to sell.*

*All proceeds raised will benefit all the children of the school and preschool.*

***Please bring your donations to the school office, on the morning of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February.***

*If your child/ren are attending an afterschool club or Late Birds on this date and you would like them to have the opportunity to buy something; please ensure they have money in a named envelope on the day.*

*Love from the Friends Committee*

### **Parent Advice Evenings**

The next meetings that we have coming up are:

## **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/Qt4Dxmbjb4KVME377>

## **Preschoolers parenting course**

LUNCHTIME SHORT COURSE

**PARENTING PRESCHOOLERS**

*next week*

**TUESDAYS**  
15/2, 22/2, 1/3

1-2.30PM ON  
ZOOM - FREE

Week 1 - Concentration  
Listening

Week 2 - New environments  
Multiple care givers

Week 3 - Fighting  
Saying no/sorry

READY FOR A  
REFRESH?  
ME TOO! LET'S  
WORK TOGETHER

Each week will contain a personal  
encouragement/reflection element and a  
look at empowering nervous system  
"body-up" responses to big emotions

Register here: [www.bookwhen.com/coachfromtheheart](http://www.bookwhen.com/coachfromtheheart)

## **Dates for the diaries**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Cross Country at King Ina – 4pm for Years 3/ 4/ 5 and 6.  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day  
 Half Term  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Open the Book in church and everyone is welcome  
 Thursday 3 March - World Book Day and Bedtime Stories Event  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5/6 Tag Rugby  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5/6 Football and Netball at Huish.  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Parents’ Evening  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Parents’ Evening  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Cross Country at Curry Mallet – 4pm  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Egyptian Adventures Workshop  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 3/4 Tag Rugby  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Magdalen Farm Hurricane Trip  
 Thursday 7 April - Easter Face Mask Competition and Parade - more details to follow.  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Inset  
 Easter Holidays  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Tempest photos (first day back!)  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS week  
 Friday 13 May - Break The Rules Day - look out for the poster!  
 Saturday 14 May - Friends Committee Jumble Sale at the Charlton's Community Hall - please starting keeping your jumble for this event.  
 Friday 27 May - Queen's Diamond Jubilee Playground Street Party (red, white and blue theme) - more details to follow.

### **Musical opportunity**

Dear Music Teachers and Schools

I'm delighted to tell you about our new Wells Young Musicians String Orchestra (WYMSO), which is a free string group for players aged 6-13 (Grades 1-5).

The group meets on Saturdays from 10.00am – 11.00am at the Wells Cathedral Music School on St Andrews Street (opposite Wells Cathedral, and next to Wells Museum). The first session is on Saturday 26th February.

WYMSO is run by Clare Rowntree, Head of Music at Wells Cathedral Junior School. It encourages and develops young players within a relaxed and enjoyable environment, aiming to produce excellent playing and end-of-term performances.

For an informal discussion about your child joining the group please contact Clare Rowntree on [c.rowntree@wells.cathedral.school](mailto:c.rowntree@wells.cathedral.school)

We always look forward to welcoming new players! If you'd like to join us, please complete our online application form at <https://wells.cathedral.school/music-outreach/#wymso>

If you have any questions, please contact Dominique Swain, Outreach Coordinator [d.swain@wells.cathedral.school](mailto:d.swain@wells.cathedral.school)

*kind regards*

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