

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 afternoon, the school is buzzing with learning activities. The whole of Rainbow Class are enjoying forest school at Hallr Woods, Hurricane Class are making their bread and sandwiches for their design and technology topic and Wildfire are designing pulleys and learning about forces. A very positive end to a long and tiring half term!

Tomorrow is an inset day, so the teaching staff will be in, but school is closed for pupils. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 28th February. We hope the half term allows you to enjoy family time and the children to rest and recharge their energy.

Thank you to Tamzin Elliot, one of our governors, who kindly arranged for us to use the thermal imaging cameras. A very informative science lesson.

Another thank you to everyone who made the Valentine's Cake sale so successful.

Wonderful Awards

Lily was the Rainbow Reader of the Week.
Maisie was the Rainbow Star of the Week.
Lexi was the Hurricane Star of the Week.
Marley was the Hurricane Reader of the Week.
Arthur was the Tornado Reader of the Week.
George S was the Tornado Star of the Week.
Will T was the Wildfire Reader of the Week.
Monty was the Wildfire Star of the Week.

Bee Kind certificates and badges went to Lottie and Levan.

Exciting dates for the diary

Rainbow, Hurricane and Wildfire Class all have trips arranged for March. Rainbow are going to Haynes Motor Museum as part of their vehicles topic, Hurricane are visiting Magdalen Farm for their Food and Farming studies and Wildfire are going to Hook Court for an Egyptian Workshop day. All the dates are listed at the end of the newsletter. Also in March, we have parent's evenings, World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Thank you to The Friends who are donating £1500, which enables these trips to go ahead, alongside other activities and resources.

Lunchtime supervisor and Teaching Assistant vacancies

Due to our increasing numbers in preschool and two members of staff with husbands deploying elsewhere in the country, we have a couple of vacancies. Please see the school website under the vacancies section for more information. We can be flexible with hours.

World Book Day and Bedtime Stories

On Thursday 3rd 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!

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

This weeks' tremendous tree award goes to George for using descriptive language and sharing his knowledge with his friends. This shows great listening and recall skills, well done George.

The children have shown such an interest in pattern and colour. We have introduced new words such as horizontal and vertical which the children have started to use regularly in their descriptive language on a daily basis. They were thrilled to have the opportunity to design their own socks with one child commenting on his creation saying, "I've got odd socks, it means that they are not matching". A sock matching game brought lots of giggles from the children as they showed great joy when finding their partner who had a matching sock.

The children have also been learning basic programming skills with our bee-bot. First each child selected a numeral that would represent the number of moves they wished to move bee-bot towards their friends. The children quickly understood the concept, and we all helped to count bee-bot's movements to check whether he was following the children's instructions correctly. After practicing the forward movements, the children each had a turn to be creative and program bee-bot to dance, this gave them much amusement.

Half term activity



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.

Parent Advice Evenings

The next meetings that we have coming up are:

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>

Preschoolers parenting course

The poster is for a 'LUNCHTIME SHORT COURSE' titled 'PARENTING PRESCHOOLERS' by 'COACH THE HEART'. It features a photo of a family walking. The text includes 'next week' in a handwritten style, the dates 'TUESDAYS 15/2, 22/2, 1/3', and the time '1-2.30PM ON ZOOM - FREE'. It lists the topics for three weeks: Week 1 - Concentration Listening; Week 2 - New environments Multiple care givers; Week 3 - Fighting Saying no/sorry. It also mentions 'READY FOR A REFRESH?' and 'ME TOO! LET'S WORK TOGETHER'. At the bottom, it says 'Register here: www.bookwhen.com/coachfromtheheart'.

Dates for the diaries

Half Term – return on Monday 28th February

Tuesday 1st March – Open the Book in church and everyone is welcome

Thursday 3 March - World Book Day and Bedtime Stories Event

Monday 7th March – Haynes Motor Museum for Rainbow Class

Monday 14th March – Year 5/6 Football and Netball at Huish.

Tuesday 15th March – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 16th March – Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th March – Cross Country at Curry Mallet – 4pm

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day

Monday 21st March – Egyptian Adventures Workshop – Wildfire

Tuesday 22th March – Year 5/6 Tag Rugby (date change it was 8th March)

Tuesday 29th March – Magdalen Farm Hurricane Trip

Tuesday 5th April – Year 3/4 Tag Rugby (date change – it was 22nd March)

Thursday 7 April - Easter Face Mask Competition and Parade - more details to follow.

Friday 8th April – Inset

Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April – Tempest photos (first day back!)

Monday 9th 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

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

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