

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

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Our Christian Value this term is PEACE

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term.

On Monday many of the children came into school discussing the situation in the Ukraine. We are particularly sensitive to this situation as we have so many military families. During the day, some children expressed very strong views, so during collective worship we felt it was better to provide the facts in an age appropriate and sensitive way to prevent the misinformation that was spreading. Our collective worship addressed these inaccuracies and was an attempt to reassure the children according to the advice from the British Psychological Society. We are aware that some families had chosen not to expose their children to this information, however we found ourselves in a very difficult situation with so many of the children openly talking about the Ukraine and wanting to express their concerns, worries and questions. Here are some links which may help you when talking to your children:

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/supporting-children-manage-anxiety-over-war-conflict-and-crises>

bathandwells.org.uk/how-do-you-talk-to-children-about-war.php



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Uniform

The school uniform shop has asked us to revisit our school uniform as they are finding it difficult to source quality navy sweatshirts. The colour tends to vary, as does the quality, therefore it was felt that it might be time to canvas opinion and perhaps make changes. A Parentmail asking for your views is being sent out. Please do respond. The options suggested range from a more formal uniform with a tie, to a more casual sports-based uniform.

Open the Book

On Shrove Tuesday our Open the Book team invited us into church and re-enacted the Easter Story with the help of the children.

Wonderful Awards

Ivy-Rose was the Rainbow Reader of the Week.
Florence was the Rainbow Star of the Week.
Alex S was the Hurricane Star of the Week.

Leo was the Hurricane Reader of the Week.
Alex EA was the Tornado Reader of the Week.
Leigh was the Tornado Star of the Week.
Alexis was the Wildfire Reader of the Week.
Emily was the Wildfire Star of the Week.

Runaway success

Congratulations to our team of cross country runners. It was a very tough course, but they showed great grit and determination. Particular congratulations to Emily for coming a brilliant second. See photos of the team below.

Yellow Inspire Team

Congratulations to the Yellow Inspire Team who won last term and have chosen a popcorn and movie after school. Their treat is next week. Please see the separate Parentmail.

Don't forget it is the Rainbow trip to Haynes Motor Museum on Monday (7th March)

World Book Day and Bedtime Stories

What a wonderful day we had on Thursday. The children came in to find a crime scene where they discovered books had been stolen from their classes. Activities followed to search for clues and the children worked in their Inspire Teams, with the older children being so kind and supportive towards the younger members of the school.

The costumes and activities were amazing, followed by an evening of Bedtime Stories in PJs. Thank you to The Friends for the refreshments, Mrs Carter-Rice for the co-ordination of the day and the kind teaching team that put so much thought, time and effort into making this a special day for the children.

Village Café

The Village Cafe on Thursday March 10th at the Reading room from 10.30 until 12 will be in support of Project Charltons who are working hard to raise the final £4000 to install the zipwire on the Memorial Playing Field. Your support and/or donations of cakes would be very much appreciated. For more information please contact Andrea de Berker
andrea.deberker@btinternet.com

Clubs

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

To recognise World Book Day they had lots of fun activities to give the children an appreciation of books and the inspiration to create their own unique stories. The children were introduced to a basket of small cuddly toys with labels to encourage the children to share the delights of books and stories.

The children took turns to hold the sparkly story ball, they added each part of the story. Extending their learning they wrote the story in their own preschool book. The children constructed their own books and illustrated their own ideas, the adults added the children's words.

In the woods at forest school they had a wonderful time listening to Mr Wolfs pancakes with each child taking on the role of the character from the book. They also had yummy pancakes for their snack.

Parent Advice Evenings

The next meetings that we have coming up are:

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

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.







