

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

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Our Christian Value this term is JUSTICE and PEACE

Consultation – What do we want from our new vicar?

After school on Friday 1st April, please take a moment to speak to the local diocese team about what involvement you would like to see from the church and what we want from our new vicar. Teas and coffees will be served.

Class structure for next academic year

We are delighted that due to our increasing numbers and some careful budgeting we will have four full classes next academic year. We have grown from 64 pupils to 83 over the last four years.

Rainbow will be Reception (12 - to be confirmed) and Year 1 (12)

Year 2 (12) will be a class in the Brymer Room

Hurricane will be Years 3 (11) and 4 (13)

Wildfire will be Years 5 (14) and 6 (11)

These numbers may change slightly, as we have other families who are appealing for places and then one or two pupils leaving due to military deployments. We are extremely fortunate to be able to offer such small class sizes. To enable us to afford this we will be using some of our reserve funds, so each year, depending on changing circumstances, we will have to carefully review the situation. We also need to be mindful of the available teaching space to accommodate more pupils.

The staffing has not been finalised as we will shortly be advertising for a full-time teacher. Depending on the strengths and experience of the successful candidate we will decide the staffing structure, which ensures the children have the best learning outcomes. Those decisions will be made later in the summer term.

Wildfire Hooke Court Trip

Both children and staff said what a fantastic trip this was. The day was packed with activities and learning all about The Egyptians. These experiences are so worthwhile.

Magdalen Farm Trip

Hurricane have their trip to Magdalen farm on Tuesday 29th March. Please be in school at 8.20am ready to depart at 8.30am. As there will be outdoor activities please bring wellies and a coat, drinks bottle and packed lunch (if not provided by school).

Raising money for the people of the Ukraine

Monday 28th March – Wear yellow and blue and bring in a donation that will be given to [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](https://www.ukraine-humanitarian-appeal.org.uk/) | [Disasters Emergency Committee \(dec.org.uk\)](https://www.dec.org.uk/)

Wonderful Awards

James was the Rainbow Reader of the Week.
Henry was the Rainbow Star of the Week.
Cruz was the Hurricane Star of the Week.
William AC was the Hurricane Reader of the Week.
Emily was the Tornado Reader of the Week.
Isobel was the Tornado Star of the Week.
Euan was the Wildfire Reader of the Week.
Ninette was the Wildfire Star of the Week.

Clubs – next term's options have been sent by Parentmail (Gardening, Sewing, TLE, Choir, Fun Sports, Saints South West and a science club coming in the final half term)

PE Days

Rainbow – Mondays swimming and Fridays PE in school.
Hurricane – Tuesdays (cricket coach) and Wednesdays (TLE coach)
Wildfire – Tuesdays (cricket coach) and Wednesdays (TLE sports coach)

Preschool

This week at Forest School the children took turns to go on the tyre swing. They waited very patiently for their turn. Some of the children helped Kim to carry a container of water. They used a big tree branch, for them all to hold onto. The children said that the container was heavy. There were some big tree branches on the ground the children climbed over the tree trunks. They decided to move the branches to make it safer for them to climb.

This week two tree-mendous tree leaves were awarded:
Carmen, for offering to share the egg shaker with her friend.
Marcus, for using the toilet.

We also welcomed Alice to our preschool staff, some of you may remember her from Rainbow class as Miss O'Mahony. We are very fortunate to have such an experienced, early years practitioner re-join us.

Thursday 7th April – Whole school Easter Service and Easter face mask competition. Everyone is welcome. We will have the face mask parade and then go over to the church at 9.30am. Each class will be either singing, reading poems or acting in our service, so please do come and support the children. This is the last day of term, as Friday 8th April is a staff training day.

Pop up flower shop

The Mothering Sunday pop up flower shop was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who supported this and The Friends for organising this event.

Parent's evenings

Thank you for your patience during our Covid crisis. We have rearranged the parent's evenings for Monday 4th April and Wednesday 6th April, with Mrs Trood doing the second Wildfire day on Thursday 7th April. We are looking forward to sharing the books and your child's progress with you.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are hoping to hold a scholastic book fair at the beginning of May, further details to follow.

RNLI

Please see the poster regarding the talk and hands-on activities from the RNLI. This takes place in the holidays.

Village event

Charlton's Community Hall committee are planning a number of events over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. As part of the weekend, they have offered to host a barn dance on Friday 3rd June, 7-11pm at the hall to raise funds for Charlton's Youth Club.

Tickets will be available on the door, £5 per person for over 12 yrs. We will be serving food and there will be a licensed bar. All profits from the night will go directly to Youth Club and will help to ensure the future of the club for the next few years.

Dates for the diaries

Monday 28th March – Yellow and Blue non uniform for the people of Ukraine

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.





