

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 27.05.2022**

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

The highlights of this week included the lovely singing and dancing, our very own Queen's Jubilee garden party and presentations of commemorative mugs from the Parish Council. Thank you for all the lovely food and especially Eve's magnificent cake, which was devoured by all the children. Thank you to the Parish Council for thinking of us and organising such a lovely memento.

#### **Sporting Heroes**

We need to take a moment to congratulate Hector and Emily who were selected to run in the area finals of the cross country running. We were so proud of them both as they represented all of the CLP schools.

Our cricketing team also did us proud on Thursday in the matches against other local schools. Thank you to Mrs Carter-Rice who supported them.

#### **Thank you Kevin and Terrie**

Today, as well as the jubilee celebrations, we said our thanks to Terrie Elliss and Kevin Moore, who are stepping down from their role as governors. Both Terrie and Kevin have given many, many years of dedicated service to our school. They have both been legends, from the knowledge that comes from 35 years as a governor, to offering practical help with mending, painting and general DIY of the school. These two individuals have received little, if any, recognition for their years of service. They have tirelessly worked in the background to help drive our school forward and ensured improvements continue to happen. It seems right that they receive a very public thank you. They promise that they will keep in touch.

#### **Wonderful Awards**

Stars of the week were: George S, Will C and Erika.

Readers of the week were: Ethan M, Cruz and Taylor.

Bee Kind awards went to Lizzie and Ava.

#### **PE Days**

Rainbow – PE kit is **only needed on Fridays**. There will be another PE slot in the week, but the children will stay in their normal uniform for this as it is likely to be dance.

Hurricane – Tuesdays and Wednesdays (TLE sports coach)

Wildfire – Monday (Swimming) and Wednesdays (TLE sports coach)

Possibly tennis starting from 14<sup>th</sup> June, but awaiting further details.

#### **Kingsdon Church**

If you get a moment please visit Kingsdon Church to see a beautiful window display which all the children have contributed to. After school today, Miss Rose and Mrs Carter-Rice compiled the masterpiece. Well worth a look.

## **Preschool**

We welcomed Matias to Preschool.

This week in Preschool the children have learnt the nursery rhymes 'Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat' and 'Queen of Hearts' this has supported their speech and language development. This involved beginning to follow some story structures and recall of known stories/rhymes. At circle time the children acted out the 'Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat' rhyme.

We have made an elderflower cordial, the children picked the elderflowers and we followed a recipe. After they used the stems to print with, using patriotic colours that they have learnt through looking at the Union flag. We also made jam tarts. The children shared these with the whole school at our Jubilee celebrations, along with our delicious drink.

The children have had an interest in talking about the Queen this week. They have enjoyed doing some 'royal' activities, such as crown making. The children look at photographs of the Queen throughout her reign, these inspired them to draw their own pictures. Their work included drawings of the Queen driving a Land Rover, her Corgi's, and her horses.

## **The Friends**

It is our turn to thank The Friends for their support of the jubilee celebrations. Thank you to parents and friends of the school for the food, the bunting and coming to watch our dancing and singing.

## **Vacancy**

Yes, we are still looking for a lunchtime supervisor. If you are able to help, even on an odd day we would really appreciate your support.

## **Teacher Interviews**

From September, we will have four full-time classes. Reception and Year 1, Year 2 on their own in the Brymer Room, Year 3 and Year 4 and finally Year 5 and Year 6 will be together. While most village primary schools are seeing their numbers decline, due to a much lower birth rate in Somerset, we have been lucky enough to experience ever increasing numbers. We want to keep class sizes small, hence the extra full-time class. This will mean a little movement of staff. Mrs Trood will be stepping away from Wildfire Class, but will continue to support the school in other ways and Mrs Marklew will be moving to the new Year 2 class, therefore we advertised for a new Wildfire teacher. The interviews took place this week and we are delighted to have secured an excellent class teacher for September. When all the details have been confirmed we will give you more information after the half term, but we are so pleased to have secured such a strong team.

## **Welcome**

We welcomed Esme into Rainbow Class. She has soon made new friends, thanks to the kind and friendly CM children.

## **Trips**

We have a trip to London planned for our Year 5 and 6's on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We also have a trip planned for our Year 4's to the Fleet Air Arm Museum on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The Hurricane trip is pencilled in for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July to the Weymouth Sea Life Centre as part of their coast to coast topic. Rainbow have already had their Summer term trip to Stourhead.

### **Children's Well-Being**

We asked the children what treats they may like for their well-being and many suggestions were made from football matches, to forest school, to action days, to craft afternoons. Listening to the children we have organised every child in the school to have a forest school afternoon.

The children will need to bring clothes to change into. These need to be suitable for the weather and cover the arms, legs and body (due to the possibility of ticks).

**Year 6 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (First day back and is in addition to swimming that day, so lots of kit to remember).**

Year 5 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Year 1 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Reception will continue their normal Thursday afternoons.

Also resulting from requests from the children, we have an outside company coming into school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July to run a whole day of fun activities. We are delighted that our well-being grant of £2,000 is being spent on the things the children really want.

### **School Uniform**

We have lots of high-quality school uniform, all beautifully washed and ready to go to new homes. Similarly, if you have any outgrown uniform that you would like to donate please take it to the school office. We are planning regular opportunities for parents to purchase second-hand uniform.

### **Clubs**

The clubs for after half term have been sent by parentmail. Science, gardening, Little Troopers, Dance, TLE sports, fun sports and Saints SW football. Possibly tennis, but not confirmed yet. If your child is signed up to a club the expectation is that they attend every week for the whole half term. Some clubs are oversubscribed, preventing children from taking part and then only 3 or 4 children actually turn up. This takes opportunities away from other children and wastes value staff time.

### **Dates for next year!**

Year 5 and Year 6 residential has been booked for the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

### **Dates for next half term – lots for the diaries!**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – return to school, the first science club for the selected children, Wildfire swimming and Year 6 forest school.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Key Stage 1 multi-skills festival at Long Sutton, 9.30am to 11am.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Tennis competition for selected team of 4.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 forest school, Wildfire swimming and Year 3/ 4 football tournament.  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 forest school.  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – New reception starters welcome meeting for parents, 6pm.  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – CLP athletics for Years 3/ 4/ 5 and 6 at 2pm.  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 forest school and Wildfire swimming.  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – New reception children taster session, 9.15am to 11.45am and a swimming gala for Years 3/ 4/ 5 and 6, 4pm to 5pm.  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 forest school and Wildfire swimming.  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – New reception children taster session, 9.15am to 11.45am.  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 transition day if they are going to Huish.  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Hurricane trip to the Sea Life Centre, Wildfire swimming and Year 1 forest school.  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 and 6 trip to London and new reception children are invited to a sports afternoon at 2.30pm.  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage 2 swimming gala for selected children, 2pm.  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum.  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Wildfire play, both afternoon and evening performances on this day.  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – All children involved in an activity day in school – sports kit to be worn.  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Leaver's Service, 9am.  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Activity day likely to involve water!  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Finish at 1pm. Leaver's gathering/ treat to be arranged.

### **Youth Club opportunity for Year 5 and 6 pupils and Barn Dance**

#### **Charlton's Youth Club**

We are delighted to announce that Charlton's Youth Club has been awarded a £2000 grant from Arts Council England to create a large banner to help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The banner will be created in collaboration with experienced artists from ACE Arts centre in Somerton during our youth club sessions on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> May. The finished work of art will be hung behind the stage in a large marquee which will be central to the Charltons' Village Platinum Jubilee festival celebrations being organised by the Community Hall Committee.

We would like to invite all pupils in year 5 and 6 at Charlton Mackrell Primary School to come along to our village Youth club in May to help contribute to the work of art. We will be asking our young villagers to come up with the design for the banner and to try out using multiple art forms whilst creating the banner. We see this as a wonderful opportunity for the young people in our village to create something spectacular that will be seen by hundreds of people and will hopefully displayed for years to come as a reminder of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

During the Platinum Jubilee weekend, the Community Hall Committee has very kindly offered to organise a Barn Dance in the Marquee in aid of Youth Club. Please do come along and support the club at the same time as seeing the Banner in all its glory! Tickets to the Barn Dance along with all the other events being held over the Jubilee weekend can be purchased via

<https://www.charltoncommunity.org/platinum-jubilee-bookings.html>

The Youth club is held every Wednesday.

day between 6.30-8.30pm at Charltons' Community Hall and during the 4 session in May the first hour will be spent working on the banner with the last hour being used for the usual games and activities. Entry is £1 per person or £2 to include treats from tuck shops.

If you would like any further information regarding Youth Club or the Jubilee Banner project, please contact [kate.oboyle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kate.oboyle@yahoo.co.uk).



































