

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

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Our Christian Value this term is Thankfulness

It has been amazing to have the children back in school this week and to welcome our new pupils. What a positive buzz!

The Queen

On Monday we have planned a special collective worship to pay tribute to the Queen. This will be using age appropriate materials approved for primary school use and will be a celebrate of the Queen's remarkable life and service. We are aware of the sensitivity of this topic, so it will be a celebration of life and children will be able to discuss the topic in a safe space. We know that some children and adults have been very moved and saddened by the events of the last 24 hours.

Attendance

There is a mass of evidence to show that children with high attendance do better at school than those with low attendance. I know there are families who take holidays during term time or perhaps keep their children at home when they should be in school. The school has been able to accommodate these situations in the past. HOWEVER, the government has brought in very strict rules about attendance from 1st September. Fines will be issued and schools will have to follow these new regulations. We don't make the rules, but we are required to enforce them!

Planetarium

On Friday the children were treated to the most incredible planetarium experience in the community hall. The magic of being inside the dome and experiencing life in space was spellbinding. Our heartfelt thanks go Dawn and Paul Richards who organised and paid for this excellent learning experience.

Preschool

A big welcome to Monty, Frederick, Freddie, Isobel and Charlie, welcome back to all Preschool children. We are very proud at how well they have settled in.

The children have been introduced to some of the Preschool routines, which they have enjoyed joining in with.

Knowing that many of our children have a fondness of tractors, they have had the opportunity to play with lots of tractors and animals this week. We have learnt 'Tractors, Tractors on the farm' song.

The children have really engaged with the book 'The Naughty Sheep' they spotted the duck, hidden on each page. This gave us the opportunity to extend on their interest and we played a game of hide and seek with a rubber duck. The children waited patiently for their turn to find the duck, which was hidden in Preschool.

During a break between the rain, we decided to spend some time outside on the field. We played some parachute games. The children showed great excitement and follow our instructions well. They particularly liked to predict which coloured star would be the last to fly from the parachute.

Early Birds

From next week we will be offering our Early Birds a small healthy snack, like toast, if they would like it. It has proved popular with our Late Birds, so we felt we would like to extend this offer. There will be no charge for these snacks.

P.E. kit

We have been advised to return to pre-covid times and have asked for PE kits to be kept in school. We want to be more flexible with our PE sessions. Getting changed and learning to manage our own belongings are important skills, which prepare children for secondary school and beyond. The ability to manage our own clothes has a huge impact when taking a whole class swimming, hence the need to practise! Until everyone is able to have the full kit in school we do have some days which are set for PE. Currently, TLE sports coaches take Sunshine, Hurricane and Wildfire Classes on Wednesdays and Rainbow have a definite session on Fridays. The other most likely day will be Tuesdays. If children don't have their trainers in school then they can do their PE session in bare feet in the hall or most school shoes are well fitting for running around. We do have some second hand trainers in school.

Dates for next year!

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

Dates

Tuesday 13th September – Open the Book in church at 9am, everyone welcome

Tuesday 20th September – Reception and Year 1 children – vision screening

Tuesday 27th September – Open the Book in church at 9am, everyone welcome

Tuesday 27th September – First swimming session for Hurricane Class

Wednesday 28th September – The Friends meeting, 7pm in school, everyone welcome

Tuesday 4th October – Harvest Festival in church at 9am, everyone welcome

Tuesday 11th October – Open the Book in church at 9am, everyone welcome

Thursday 13th October – Opening morning for prospective or existing families

Tuesday 18th October – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th October – Parents' Evening

Friday 21st October – Inset Day

Half term

Forthcoming trips – further information to follow

Hurricane – Stonehenge as part of their Stone Age topic

Rainbow – The Rural Life Museum

Sunshine and Wildfire TBA



