

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 16.09.2022**

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

**Please remember that school is closed on Monday due to the bank holiday for the Queen's funeral.**

All the classes have been enjoying the whole school topic based on the book called Five Bears by Catherine Rayner. Welcome letters from each class have also been sent out which outline what the children will be learning this term and expectations around home learning, homework and other routines. If you have any questions please speak to the class teachers. Inspired by our planetarium visit last Friday, there have been some very interesting lessons based around space and our younger children have their new buddies.

#### **Wonderful Awards**

Readers of the week were: Florence, Maisie, Nelly and Leigh.

Stars of the week were: Sasha, Beau, Alfie and Izzy.

One very special Bee Kind award and badge went to Lily.

#### **Behaviour Visit**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, we had an inspection from John Jefferies, our School Improvement Partner, to monitor and assess the children's behaviour and our supervision of the children. The report was very complimentary of the children and how well they play together. Children were reported to be respectful and enjoyed school. Our procedures and supervision were also found to be good, so a very positive visit. A recommendation was a need to update our Behaviour Policy, as our current policy does not cover all the statutory elements. This will be amended and discussed at the next governor's meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

#### **Earrings and hair – safety issue**

**For safety reasons, only stud earrings are allowed in school.** On PE days please can earrings be removed, unless the ears are newly pierced. If earrings cannot be removed please supply your child with tape, so we can cover the earrings. Long hair needs to be tied back. This not only prevents potential accidents, but also minimises the spread of nits.

#### **Young Voices**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023, we have the amazing opportunity of going to the O2 in London to take part in the Young Voices event. For anyone that has been before, they will tell you how special this occasion is. School choirs from all over Britain come to perform a concert lead by an international orchestra and conductor. The children spend many weeks before the event, in school, learning the songs and when it comes together it is spectacular. **This trip is for all of Key Stage 2 to attend.**

Please confirm your child's attendance by 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the latest, via Parentmail. Even the children who don't enjoy singing will be spellbound by the event.

To ensure all the key stage 2 children can take part, the school, and possibly the Brymer Trust, will be heavily subsidising this opportunity. Children are encouraged to attend choir club on a Tuesday after school, however if this is not possible there will be other rehearsals within school time and all key stage 2 children will be part of these rehearsals.

### **Open Morning**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October we are having an Open Morning. This is for both existing and prospective parents. Please spread the word.

### **Attendance**

There is a mass of evidence to show that children with high attendance do better at school than those with low attendance. The government has enforced strict rules about attendance from 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

### **Preschool**

This week at preschool we've been continuing to learn about farms!

The children have been learning animal songs and rhymes using numbers, letters and sounds, it's lovely to see them singing the things they learn independently during the sessions at preschool.

The children loved the story 'Morses horse', they enjoyed the rhymes and the rhythm of the text. We spent time talking about horses and their shoes, we were delighted the children could share their own experiences and knowledge with us.

On Friday the group went on a trip to see some horses, chickens and geese had a lovely time exploring the local park.

### **The Friends**

**Please support the Friends Committee Tuck Shop / Cake Sale on Thursday 22 September (3:15-16:00).**

Please also attend The Friends meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September in school. It is a great way to meet other parents and be a very supportive part of our community.

### **Hallr Woods Open Day - SUNDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2022 FROM 14:00-18:00**

Come to our Open Day as part of Big Green Week. Explore the woods, crafts, activities, woodland cafe, free sea shanty workshop with Dora Darling 2:30-3:30. Music on the stage from Nathan Williams, Crosby Casey and others. Make a Green Pledge. Disabled parking only, otherwise please park at Charlton Mackrell School TA11 7BN. Cyclists get a free cuppa. More info email [deb@wilderwoods.org](mailto:deb@wilderwoods.org)

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

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

### **Dates**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Reception and Year 1 children – vision screening

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – The Friends meeting, 6.30pm in school, everyone welcome

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Open the Book in church at 9am, everyone welcome  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – First swimming session for Hurricane Class  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival in church at 9am, everyone welcome  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Open the Book in church at 9am, everyone welcome  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Open morning for prospective or existing families  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Inset Day  
Half term  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccinations – whole school  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – School Photos with Tempest

Forthcoming trips – further information to follow  
Hurricane – Stonehenge as part of their Stone Age topic  
Rainbow – The Rural Life Museum  
Sunshine and Wildfire TBA







