

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 10.03.2023**

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

##### **Ofsted report**

The Ofsted report was released this week and sent to all parents and carers. It will be published on the Ofsted website in the next 8 days. We were delighted with the overall report, although this type of report can never capture the true essence of a school.

Speaking to parents and governors we thought it may be useful to explain some of the terminology. The core subjects are English, maths and science and the foundation subjects are computing, art, design and technology, history, geography, PE, French and PHSE. The Ofsted inspectors chose to look at only one foundation subject, which was computing plus two core subjects, reading and maths. Computing is the only subject where we have recently introduced a new curriculum to complement our fantastic new IT resources. The children have been taught this curriculum for two years, so the inspectors were saying that as the children have not yet had the benefit of following it throughout their complete primary school journey it is not embedded. Unfortunately, the inspection process uses this one subject as a window to all the foundation subjects, which were not observed. We agreed that the new computing curriculum is excellent, but does need further embedding, however it would have been clearer if the Ofsted report had added that the other foundation subjects are secure!

It was lovely to read so many positive comments. Here are some of the highlights:

'...pupils delight in well-being activities.'

'Pupils behave well.'

'Leaders have designed an ambitious curriculum for pupils.'

'...effective early reading curriculum.'

'Teaching presents information clearly and builds on pupils' prior learning.'

'Teaching typically uses assessment well to identify pupils' misconceptions and develop their understanding.'

'Pupils are happy and enjoy their learning.'

##### **Dates for this coming week:**

Parent's Evening Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March **(no clubs this night).**

Bring in £1 for Mothering Sunday gifts Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March,

Open the Book Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9am Everyone Welcome,

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March (school only open to Preschool, Rainbow Class, Year 6 and vulnerable pupils due to industrial action),

Red Nose Day Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – wear something red and bring in a donation for Comic Relief. The School Council do have some red noses to sell (These are £2.50).

### **Wonderful Awards**

Stars of the Week – Betty, Flossie, Arthur and Phoebe.

Readers of the Week – Hector, Alfie, Isabella and George E.

Presentation Award of the Week – Isobel K, Rufus, Maisie and James.

Truly Trusted – Edie and Emily C.

### **The Governors would like to meet you**

After the church service on 31<sup>st</sup> March there will be an opportunity to meet the governors. If the weather is fine they will set up tea and coffee at the front of school and you can enjoy a cuppa, view the Easter garden displays and meet the governors. If the weather is not so good, then it will probably be in the church.

### **Strike action**

You will have probably seen on the news that the main teacher's union, the NEU, has decided to take strike action on the following dates:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 –

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – **Saints South West will still be running**

The school will be open for Preschool, Rainbow Class, Year 6 and vulnerable pupils on these two days.

### **Music Concert – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Everyone is invited to our music concert on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the church at 6pm. Please bring some cash with you as we will be collecting donations at the end! The money raised will go to the The Brymer Trust which supports music opportunities in the school. This year the trust has very kindly donated £500 towards the transport costs to the Young Voices concert in London and supported children to access music lessons if their parents are on low incomes and would not otherwise get this opportunity. This trust originated from when the school was first opened in 1853 and has supported many children over the years.

### **Preschool**

This week in Preschool we have welcomed Mireya. Annie celebrated her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, to mark the occasion her family have donated the book 'As Brave As A Lion' in light of her referring to herself as "A baby lion" once she had met the challenge of Kid's Mountain.

This week has been all about people who help us. We have our very own Preschool hair salon, the children have been booking appointments and styling hair.

We have introduced a new song, all about people who help us.

The children have enjoyed balloon printing this week, they used their muscles to squeeze paint onto paper, then they pressed and rolled a balloon over the paint to create wonderful patterns. Balloon printing, gave the children an opportunity to explore with colour mixing.

### **From The Friends**

A **big thank you** to those who supported the Village Café yesterday. It was a lovely morning with lots of yummy cakes, tea, coffee and friends.

### **Easter Bingo**

What? - Family friendly bingo

Where? - Community Hall in Charlton Adam

When? - Monday 27th March. Doors open 5:30pm, eyes down 6pm

Chocolatey prizes to be won!

Come and join us for a fun evening.

**Non-uniform day** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Bring in an Easter Egg in return for wearing non-uniform. We appreciate that Red Nose Day is followed by another fundraiser the following week, so this non-uniform day is entirely optional.

### **Mothering Sunday**

Mothering Sunday is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March and The Friends would like all the children to have an opportunity to take home a gift for their mums. The children will be making cards in class as well. In order for children to choose their gift for their mum we are asking each child to bring in a donation of **£1 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. This will give us the week to sort everything out ready for the children to take the gifts and cards home on the Friday.

### **Trips**

21st April 2023 – Rainbow Trip to the Somerset Museum in Taunton for a ‘Castles’ workshop.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 – Sunshine visit to the SS Great Britain in Bristol

6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Wildfire visit to the Life Skills Centre in Bristol.

10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Residential

**CAP service – helping you with debt - [capuk.org](http://capuk.org)**

Local Triathlon Event at Millfield - [https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/Mendip-TRC-Triathlon\\_14219](https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/Mendip-TRC-Triathlon_14219)

### **Dates**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parent’s evening**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Music Concert in the church at 6pm**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 9am Easter Service. Easter garden on a plate competition. Break up for the Easter Holidays. The governors would also like to meet parents, so they are organising coffee and tea after the church service.**









