

## Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

### Newsletter 24.03.2023

This has been a week of emotional highs and lows. The lows of Mrs Carter-Rice and the death of her husband and the highs of a fantastic music concert on Thursday. The children were the stars of the show in every sense. A very proud moment to see the children's confidence in front of a large audience. Thank you to Miss Rose, Mrs Tanner, Mrs Borg and Mr Jenkins for supporting the children. A very successful evening. The individual performances were from: Caiden, Lizzie, Harry, Maisie, Flora, Alexis, Levan, Emily, Lottie, Jasper, Leo, Hector, Erika, Fia, Olivia and Thomas. They all played and sang brilliantly. £89.08 was raised for The Brymer Trust.

Thank you also for supporting the 'chocolate' non-uniform day.

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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Bingo Eyes down at 6pm in the community hall.**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Second-hand uniform sale.**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Service at 9am in the church (everyone welcome), Easter garden on a plate competition, meet the governors and break up at 1pm.**

#### **Wonderful Awards**

Stars of the Week – George W, Barnaby and Lizzie.

Readers of the Week – Beth, Orlando and Lily C.

Presentation Award of the Week – Sam, Beau and Marley T.

#### **The structure of classes next academic year**

We are determined to keep class sizes small and manage the budget carefully to allow us to continue with four small classes. The configuration of the classes will need to change next academic year. We have considered educational research, the specific needs of the children in each year group and the expertise of the staff to deliver the best possible outcomes for your children. At the moment, this is the plan for September:

Class	Year groups	Anticipated number in class	Class teacher
Rainbow	Reception and Year 1	21	Mrs Carter-Rice
Sunshine	Year 2 and Year 3	24	Mr Collicutt
Hurricane	Year 4 and Year 5	21	Miss Murray
Wildfire	Year 6	16	Mrs Marklew and Mrs McDonnell

There will be additional movement of children between classes/ groups for maths and English. Each class will have at least one teaching assistant in addition to the class teacher. If you would like to discuss our plans for the next academic year please see Mrs Cawley.

#### **A sad farewell and a warm welcome**

Our wonderful Miss Rose is leaving us at the end of the summer term. She is getting married on 28<sup>th</sup> July and is moving to Cambridge to be with her future husband. We will miss her very much, but wish her every happiness both in her married life and with her new teaching position, which she starts in September.

Following a rigorous recruitment process, we look forward to welcoming Mr Collicut, an experienced teacher from Oaklands in Yeovil.

### **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 be in the church.

**Easter garden on a plate competition – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.** This is optional, but if the children would like to take part they can bring their miniature gardens in on the last day of term and place them on the wall before our Easter Service at 9am.

### **Behaviour Management Techniques with Family Solutions Somerset**

**Date:** Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Time:** Starting at 4:30pm with an estimated end time of 6pm

**Venue:** Room H1, Huish Sixth Form building, Huish Episcopi Academy, Langport, TA10 9SS

We are pleased to be able to offer this session again and hope that the earlier start time is more convenient. Parents, carers, governors and school staff will all find it useful. Please book your place online.

### **A whistle stop tour of some parenting techniques and strategies to use with your children aged 2-18.**

We will be looking at the following principles that underpin all areas of parenting (and relationships) whatever the age.

- Emotion Coaching, being able to label our emotions- CBT/Behaviour Curve
- Showing empathy not sympathy
- Attention – children will seek any kind of attention – good or bad
- Ignoring behaviours we want to see less of
- Specific praise... labelled
- Social Learning Theory – new behaviours can be learnt by observing and imitating others (bandura)
- Use of rewards – after the event (bribes come before), smart and cheap

The session will be fully collaborative, and we will be open to conversations and listening to your own techniques which have been successful.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/ccJiFUTf9BPjX6M9A>

### **Preschool**

Well done to Basil and Freddie for receiving Tremendous Tree Awards. They chose to work together in our quiet room.

This week in Preschool we have the topic of Easter.

We have been observing daffodils. One child noticed that some of the daffodils were dried, "They are crunchy." Another child described the colour of a daffodil. "It's yellow like the yolk of an egg." When dissecting a daffodil seed head the children saw the seeds. One child thought they looked like beans, "They look like beans, magic beans." Children were able to identify and name parts of a daffodil. The roots, stalk leaf, petals, bulb and bud.

At Forest school on Tuesday, the children made their own nests out of clay. They added natural resources: moss, leaves, straw, sticks, and leaves to make the nest safe and comfortable for the eggs, which they also made out of clay. This activity required the children to use their fine motor skills to manipulate their clay into their desired shape and size.

### **From The Friends**

A huge thank you to all who have donated chocolaty gifts for the Easter Bingo.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 27th March for bingo fun for the whole family.

Where? - Community Hall in Charlton Adam

Lots of chocolatey prizes to be won!

Doors open 5:30pm, eyes down 6pm

### **Second-hand uniform sale**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March now, not the 31<sup>st</sup> – at the end of school (3.15pm)

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

### **Inset Days for next academic year**

Somerset County Council term dates with these inset days:

4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**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**

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.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Inset day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school after the Easter Holidays.

### SCIENCE WEEK FUN!







