

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

Newsletter 30.03.2023

Thank you for attending our Easter service and supporting the children with their Easter gardens. It was a lovely way to end the term. Each child has come home with an Easter Egg kindly given by The Friends and a palm cross from the church. Sadly, due to the rain, our traditional crazy outdoor Easter Egg Hunt couldn't go ahead and the beautiful Easter gardens had to be displayed inside. Our Easter garden winners were: Rosa, Harry V, Arthur R, Flossie and Betty. A creative mix of traditional and modern ideas.

Wonderful Weekly Awards

Stars of the Week – Henry, Emily D, Cruz and Leigh.

Readers of the Week – Sam, Ava, Marley T and Emily C.

Presentation Award of the Week – Esme, Arthur R, William A-C and Olivia.

End of Term Awards

Citizenship Awards for consistently working hard, being polite and a good class team player:

Alexis in Wildfire

William A-C in Hurricane

Livvy in Sunshine

Florence in Rainbow

Kingston Kindness for overall thoughtfulness and consideration towards others:

Emily C

Endeavour Award for someone who gives 100% to their studies and learning:

Issy

Sporting Heroes

A big well done to all our sporting teams this week. We had a football and netball tournament on Monday and a tag rugby tournament on Tuesday. All the children played brilliantly and put their hearts and souls into the team effort. Team photos at the end of the newsletter.

Karate Club

We previously asked for expressions of interest in running a karate club, the response was overwhelming and we could have filled the club at least 2 times over. After lots of behind the scenes work Mrs Rushworth has got the go ahead to begin running the club after Easter. The club is being run for those children currently in year 2 – 4 to initially sign up to. This is to allow those that attend to have sufficient time in the club to achieve their grading's during their primary school years. You will have received a Parent Mail in the last week if your child has been offered a space, all others are on the waiting list and we will let you know if a space arises. This will be run slightly differently to

other after-school clubs as places will continue and not be rebooked half termly, please let us know if you no longer require your space.

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 – in the current Hurricane space	Year 2 and Year 3	24	Mr Collicutt
Hurricane – in the current Wildfire space	Year 4 and Year 5	21	Miss Murray
Wildfire – in the Brymer Room and Hall	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.

Preschool

During circle time the children learnt about Jesus, we talked about how kind he was, how he helped people and that we celebrate his life. We reminded the children how important lent is, as a time of thinking about how to be a kind and thoughtful member of the community. The children know that once we reach Easter, it is a time of new beginnings.

The children made salt dough. They helped to mix the ingredients together. Then they rolled out their dough and used cutters to cut out Easter shapes, as well as the shape of a cross. We discussed the importance of the symbol of the cross, to the Christian faith, as a way of remembering Jesus.

The children painted their salt dough shapes ready to hang on our Easter tree.

When making Easter cards, the children placed their “chocolate” egg shape into the salad spinner, next they drizzled brown and white paint onto their egg. Once the lid was on, the children used the handle to turn the basket inside. When the children lifted the lid they saw that the paint had dispersed to created a wonderful pattern. Their decorated eggs were stuck onto the front of their Easter cards.

We visited the church this week. The children were very respectful when looking around the church, for the symbol of the cross.

Happy Easter to all, have a lovely Easter break!

From The Friends

A huge thank you to all who joined us for Easter bingo on Monday Evening.

It was a fun evening with both young and young at heart winning an array of chocolatey prizes.

A special thank you goes to Paul Carmichael who was caller for the evening.

Advance notice.

To welcome in the summer term, there will be a cake sale on Thursday 20th April after school in the playground.

A Filmmaker in our Midst

As you may remember, Mrs McDonnell wrote a short screenplay last year and received several awards at film festivals and scriptwriting competitions. Over Easter, this script is finally being brought to life after many months of pre-production. Mrs McDonnell, who is directing, would love you to take a look at the film's page on Indiegogo to find out more about it. The film, which is set in the mid-90s, is called *Unsung* and tells the story of a young teenager who helps a homeless veteran of the Falklands reunite with his daughter. For more information, please visit this link:

[Unsung Short Film | Indiegogo](#)

Coronation Celebrations

Due to the Year 6 SATS week, we are planning an activity for later in May, to allow these pupils to concentrate on their studies.

Vacancy

Our wonderful Andrea Shore, who does an amazing job in the office is leaving us in the Summer Term. If you might be interested in filling her shoes then details of the job can be found on our school website.

Inset Days for next academic year

Somerset County Council term dates with these inset days:

4th September 2023

30th October 2023

2nd January 2024

9th February 2024

24th May 2024

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

Local Triathlon Event at Millfield - https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/Mendip-TRC-Triathlon_14219

Dates

Monday 17th April – Inset day

Tuesday 18th April – Return to school after the Easter Holidays

Tuesday 18th April – No Outsiders lessons to all the children from Andrew Moffat – see separate email.

Thursday 20th April – SATS meeting for Year 6 parents

Friday 21st April – Rainbow Class trip to Somerset Museum

Monday 24th April – Tempest photography for Leavers and Class photos

Wednesday 3rd May – Sunshine Class trip to SS Great Britain

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May until Friday 12th May – Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 16th May – Open the Book – parents welcome

Friday 26th May – Break up for half term

6th June 2023 – Wildfire visit to the Life Skills Centre in Bristol.

10th July 2023 – Residential





