

Tuesday 4th  
March 2025



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

Our Christian  
value this term  
is Compassion

## Charlton Mackrell Primary School & Pre-School

### Spring has arrived!

It has been wonderful to be able to enjoy more of the outside spaces in school in the last week. The children have been not only playing outside but using the spaces for outdoor learning and appreciating the change in the seasons.

### Digital Leaders:

Mrs Rushworth has begun meeting with the newly appointed digital leaders. The response from the children was amazing and I know she found it incredibly difficult to come to a decision as the 46 applications were so detailed. Well done everyone who applied. Leaders will soon be given responsibility for representing their peers and through 'Pupil Voice', will make recommendations to myself and Mrs Rushworth as to how Computing and E-safety in school can be improved. Safer Internet Day was marked in school with live online lessons. Children took part in activities which highlighted the importance of safety when using social media and online platforms.

### Sport in school:

The children took part in an inter class dodgeball tournament which was very competitive. This was organised by the Sports Leaders and was a great success. We are very proud of our Year 6 leaders and how they show great teamwork and are super role models for our younger children. For all those who take part in after school Karate the next grading will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Further dates for sporting diaries will be Cross Country on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. These tournaments are open to Years 3,4,5 and 6 pupils. Letters will be sent out shortly. There will also be two Tag rugby tournaments: March 25<sup>th</sup> open to Years 5 and 6; April 1<sup>st</sup> open to Years 3 and 4. If your children would like to take part please let their class teacher know.

### TTRockstars:

Well done to Hurricane class for winning the TT Rockstars battle this month. Mrs Marklew will be setting new battles so look out for these. All children have a personal login for TT Rockstars, and this is an engaging way for them to practise their times tables at home as well as in school. If your child has forgotten their login, their class teacher will rectify this.

### Open afternoon:

We will be holding an open afternoon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm. This is for existing as well as prospective parents and is an opportunity to talk with myself over a cup of tea and to take a tour of the school and share in some of the learning happening across the classes.



### New class names:

We have decided as a staff to ask the children to think of new class names this week to come into place in September, ready for the new school year. We have asked the children to think of names within the theme of 'nature' which have a positive tone. School council will collect these and will then children and staff will decide which ideas best represent our school.

### Friends of school:

Thank you to Friends of School who are always so busy promoting ways in which the school can be supported through different fundraising events. Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March will be non-uniform day. We will be asking for donations to support this to go towards the purchase of Easter eggs for the FOS bingo fundraiser. There will be an Easter Bonnet competition on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. 'Bonnet' can mean any decorated hat of choice! There will be a parade at 9.00am and prizes and certificates will be awarded. Let's see how creative the children can be. Thank you for your support in this as well.

### Special learning focus weeks:

Events for these weeks are shared to help raise their profile for the children.

March 6<sup>th</sup> is World Book Day. The children will be visited by a children's illustrator and learn how to draw simple book characters. After this cocoa and biscuits will be served and the children will then hear different staff members reading excerpts from their favourite children's authors.

March 10<sup>th</sup> is Science Week where the children will be taking part in different types of investigations and activities linked to 'adapt and change'.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is Neurodiversity week where the children will consider how different people think with a focus on inclusion and empathy linking with our school value: compassion. There will be a whole-school colouring competition for a poster to "celebrate different minds". This will be printed and sent home the week before. The winners will be announced in the Friday celebration collective worship. Winning posters will be displayed around the school permanently.

Assessment week this term is also week beginning March 17<sup>th</sup>. This is when children take part in our year group assessments which inform teachers' planning for the following term.

Safeguarding:

As a school we have a duty to safeguard the children. They are aware of who the adults with responsibility for keeping them safe are. As a staff we will always listen to your children and follow ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ guidance and guidelines. Our safeguarding policy is available on [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#). For your information, the adults with specific responsibility for safeguarding in the school are: Alison Allen (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Jenna Marklew, Vicky Carver and Kim Headley, who are the Deputy Designated safeguarding Leads. I have also sent some up to date safeguarding advice for your information.

News From Preschool:

We have been having so much fun at preschool!

The children have been listening to the book ‘My cat likes to hide in boxes’. They have enjoyed playing in large boxes in preschool, the boxes have been many things, the children have fantastic imaginations.

The children have been working in our preschool pet care centre, looking after the animals. They have been measuring the food for the animals and being vets to care for poorly animals.

The children have been singing how much is that doggy in the window and using the animals from the song they have drawn a bar chart to say which was their favourite, the most popular was the dog.

We are looking forward to having more dry and warm weather so that we can spend more time outside.

Attendance from September:

National attendance figure 93.4%

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| Rainbow – 96.2%   |
| Hurricane – 96.1% |
| Wildfire – 96.9%  |
| Tornado – 95.7%   |

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Reception & Yr 6 Height & Weight Measurements

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Open Afternoon

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Open the Book

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – SATS Information Evening

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Tornado & Wildfire Trip to Magdalen Farm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Open the Book

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 6 Lifeskills Trip

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Rainbow Trip to the Rural Life Museum

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Residential Information Evening

Ali Allen (Headteacher)