
Tuesday 1st
July



‘The one who gets wisdom loves life’ Proverbs 19:8

Our Christian
value this term
is Truthfulness

Charlton Mackrell Primary School & Pre-School

Hello everyone,

The final newsletter of this academic year
and such a busy time in school.

Recent Events:

The sun shone for our school photographs and also for sports day. This was such a wonderful day where the children showed so much determination and teamwork. Thank you to all of you for coming to support and for making it such a memorable afternoon for all of the children. Also thank you to Friends of School for the wonderful cream teas served and the staff and Mrs Marklew for the seamless organisation. One of the happiest days of the year, where the whole school community came together to celebrate and support all the children. We are so very proud of them all.



Rainbow class visited The Sealife Centre, Weymouth as part of their summer learning. They had a wonderful time and were very excited to tell of all they had seen on their return. Wildfire and Tornado visited the Museum of Somerset last week to find out more about the Romans and their local influence. They were fascinated to see the ‘Shapwick Hoard’ - over 9,000 Roman coins which had been buried in a field. It was fascinating to see the children making links between modern day and the legacy the Romans have left for us. They examined real artifacts and had opportunities to think like ‘archaeologists’ looking for clues to help them discern what these objects were and who might have owned them.

Upcoming Events:

Eat to Energise

We hope you will be able to join us this Friday at 2.30pm to share in the food the children have prepared for the picnic. Mr Tostevin and his team will be in school all day on Friday, teaching the children about food and nutrition. Each class will be preparing a recipe for you to enjoy. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and a drink.

Year 6 Public Speaking Competition:

Mrs Oliver will be taking a small group of Year 6 to a public speaking competition being held at Huish Academy. We wish them well and look forward to hearing how they have got on.

Alice in Wonderland:

Tornado class have been working hard in rehearsals to be ready for their performance of Alice in Wonderland. The singing sounds beautiful, and we are all looking forward to watching on July 9th.

Sponsored Walk:

I have been out and about in Charlton Mackrell with members of the Brymer Trust in preparation for the annual sponsored walk. The school setting really is so picturesque and we have planned mini stops along the route, visiting chickens and the local park! All funds raised will be shared equally between the Brymer trust which supports music tuition within the school and Guide Dogs. After our walk to the river Cary in the Autumn term, I’m sure the children will manage this slightly longer route with encouragement and plenty of water.

Preschool Celebration:

We also celebrate our preschool children who will be starting school in September. I know the preschool staff are so proud of them all and the progress they have made in their time here. There will be a celebration held in the garden on Tuesday 22nd of July at 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing preschool parents and guardians there to share in this special day.

Talent Show:

We will be holding an end of term talent show which the children are encouraged to take part in. This will be in the last week of term and is an opportunity for the children to perform a special skill or talent in front of the school. This can be any talent from traditional singing or dancing to magic, juggling, football dribbling – the sky is the limit here! There will also be an opportunity for the children to judge if they would prefer not to perform. Participation is on a voluntary basis and I am looking forward to seeing what they might prepare for us to watch.

Goodbye and best wishes for the future:

Year 6 have been very busy this term, not only with the SATS tests but with opportunities to shine outside of school. I had the pleasure of taking a group to the Children’s Parliament, where they spoke about ‘Online Safety’ and how they have been working as digital leaders to educate and improve this provision within school. They presented their talk and then answered questions from an invited audience. On their return, they then led the other digital leaders in a presentation during collective worship. Well done to you all!

To mark transition to Year 7, as a church school our Year 6s were invited to a moving up celebration at Wells’ Cathedral. The theme of pilgrimage was brought to life by drama and music and the children were able to join with other schools in this celebration.

This is the term when we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s. They have been incredible ambassadors for the school and have really helped me to ‘find my feet’ this year – so I would like to extend a huge ‘thank you’ to them all for their help at playtimes, their patience with me as I asked them questions about how different areas of school are organised. We also recognise the important role they have played as sports’ leaders, play leaders, buddies for the reception children and how they are an absolute pleasure to talk to and share ideas with. I know they are more than ready for the next stage in their education, as they move up into Year 7. We will really miss them all and wish them every success. We hope they might return in the future to let us know how they have been getting on.

Reading:

The summer holiday is about to begin with the weeks stretching out for recuperation with family and friends. This is important family time and we recognise how special this time is when children are young. One of the ways we can connect with children is by reading together and this is something I would encourage you to prioritise over the holidays. Reading is one of the most powerful and effective ways that we can support our children to increase their vocabulary and in turn their ability to understand the world around them. As part of our phonics training this year – a powerful fact was shared with staff which I thought I would pass on to you.

At 5 years old:

A child who is never read to has a vocabulary of 4 622 words.

A child who is read to 1 -2 times a week has a vocabulary of 63 570 words.

A child who is read to 3-5 times a week has a vocabulary of 169 520 words.

A child who is read to daily has a vocabulary of 296 600 words.

A child read 5 books a day has a vocabulary of 1 483 300 words.

Science Daily 2019

New Classes:

Teachers have already been thinking about next year and their new classes. Mr Collicutt has been busy visiting preschools and our first transition meeting for parents of Kingfisher Class was held last week. When children feel safe and happy they are then ready to learn. At Charlton Mackrell staff work hard to engage individuals and to listen. Pupil voice is a very important part of how we plan learning and engage imaginations. School trips and visits are a valuable resource which enable teachers to bring learning to life and to help children to access things which can be removed from their own experiences. Another huge thank you to Friends of School who work hard to raise money to subsidise these trips and make them possible.

Charlton Mackrell Preschool – Cygnets

Reception/Year 1 – Kingfisher Class: Mr Collicutt

Year 2 – Swan Class: Mrs Marklew and Mrs Rushworth

Year 3/4 - Heron Class: Miss Websdale

Year 5/6 – Starling Class: Miss Murray and Mrs Allen

Inclusion Manager: Mrs Oliver

Attendance from September:

National attendance figure 93.1%

Rainbow – 95.7%
Hurricane – 96.3%
Wildfire – 96.2%
Tornado – 96.1%

Well done all classes!

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 our website [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, Janine Sweeting and Kim Headley, who are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

News from the Preschool:

June has been sunny and warm!

We have been enjoying the sunshine in short bursts on the playground, the children delight in the ride on vehicles and playground resources, the space is wonderful for them to run and enjoy time with their friends. We have made good use of our decking area with water play and sand play in the shade when it has become too hot!

The children have been learning about life cycles, we are lucky enough to have had caterpillars in preschool, the children have watched them grow (very quickly) and build their chrysalis around them, now they are emerging as beautiful butterflies ready for release into the garden.

The children who will be leaving us to join reception classes in September have been busy doing transition visits to school and meeting their new teachers, it’s an exciting time!

We are all practising our songs ready to perform at the preschool end of year celebration, we hope preschool families can join us, Tuesday 22nd July at 2pm.

Dates for the diary:

Friday 4th July – Eat to Energise (Parents/carers invited to taste at 2.30pm)

Wednesday 9th July – Tornado class production (afternoon and evening performance).

Friday 11th July – Whole School Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6’s Pizza & Bowling

Wednesday 23rd July – Leavers Service in the church at 9.30am. School Finishes at 1.00pm.

With our best wishes for a happy Summer holiday.

Ali Allen (Headteacher)

