

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

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Our Christian Value this term is Thankfulness

Wonderful Awards

Readers of the week were: Lily, Livvy, Alfie and Thomas.

Stars of the week were: Florence, Ava, Marley T and Euan.

Our new certificate for super presentation: Ali, Isabella, Ethan E and Alexis.

One very special Bee Kind award and badge went to Ottie.

Netball winners and Cross Country

Last week our fabulous team won the football and this week our netball team were again CLP tournament winners. A wonderful winning streak. Congratulations to all the children who took part and thank you to parents and Mrs Carter-Rice for giving up their time to support this event.

We also had some great runners at the cross country on Thursday. We are one of the smallest schools in the CLP group, so our achievements are outstanding.

Safeguarding

Please can we request that children **do not bring mobile phones or smart watches into school**. If a mobile phone is needed for before or after school then the phone should be given to the teacher who will ensure the phone is locked away safely during the day. The ipads and computers in school are highly filtered and controlled, so we can keep the children safe. We have no control over smart watches and mobile phones from home, so want to take steps to reduce safeguarding issues.

PFSA



My name is Victoria Gould and I am the new PFSA for the HUIISH CLP schools. I will be visiting Charlton Mackrell School on Thursday 10th November from 2.30pm to 3.30pm for an informal drop in session for parents.

I am married and have two children aged 10 and 8. I have previously been a family support worker, Nursery Nurse and also an Assistant practitioner with the health visiting service, so I have a wide range of knowledge across all age groups.

What is the role of a Parent & Family Support Adviser?

If you need advice, support and guidance on any issues affecting your child and family, or your school, then a Parent and Family Support Advisor can help. Parenting is not an easy job and sometimes things can get tough. I am here to listen to you, without judging, and to support you through challenging times.

I am here to....

- Impartially support families and young people to enable our children to gain maximum benefits from their education.
- Work in partnership with families and their schools to help our children reach their full potential
- Work closely with other Professionals where necessary or to direct you to other services which may be useful
- Be there to work with and support you and your child if you are experiencing difficulties.

All families go through difficult times. This can affect children's ability to do well at school. I can help you by advising and working with you on issues such as:

- Building a partnership between home and School
- Behaviour (in and out of school)
- Parenting Concerns
- Family Issues
- Emotional/Mental Wellbeing
- Confidence building
- Attendance at School/School Anxiety
- Feeling Isolated
- Support for parents/carers who want to go back to work or education
- Finance/housing.

Please pop in for a confidential chat on Thursday 10th November.

Child Exploitation by County Lines With Escapeline

Date: Monday, 14th November 2022

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.

Child Exploitation by County Lines - In the South West of the UK, including all areas of Somerset, there is a significant rise in county lines drug crime, whereby a large amount of young people as young as 10 years old, are being criminally and sexually exploited by gangs. County lines are illegal business models, in which drug gangs expand their operations from their big city bases, such as London, Birmingham and Liverpool, to smaller cities, towns, coastal and rural areas across Britain. These gangs use their power and position to groom, recruit and exploit children and young people for the purpose of criminal gain.

These gangs proactively recruit young people to drug run in and around the South West, as well as outside the area. The gangs and criminal networks use extreme violence and intimidation towards these young people, which result in these young people feeling trapped and scared. Some of these gangs are forcing vulnerable children from their homes

to be trafficked to other parts of the country. As well as criminal exploitation, young people, both girls and boys, are also being sexually exploited by these gangs.

This session will raise awareness of the signs of Child Exploitation by County Lines and guide you in teaching children and young people about healthy relationships.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/fdeJqhpzjmKT5CF6>

Relationships and Sex Education Policy

Our current relationships and sex education policy is due a review. This policy can be found on our website. It is a requirement that we consult with parents and carers regarding this policy. There is nothing overly controversial. The emphasis is on relationships and the sex education part is only what comes under science in the National Curriculum. If you would be willing to share your views please speak to Mrs Cawley.

NSPCC

Wildfire Class enjoyed a visit from the NSPCC and learned about ways to keep themselves safe.

Open Morning

Thank you to those parents who came to the open morning on Thursday and to those who have shared the event. It was lovely to see new faces and share our morning.

Birthdays – no sweets or cakes

We have previously encouraged parents not to buy sweets or make cakes to bring into school for birthdays, but instead possibly buy a class book. The lists with ideas of suitable books can be found on the website under the individual class pages. Following further feedback from parents, it has been decided that we should stop the sweets and cakes tradition. This is for health reasons, looking after our environment by reducing items which can't be recycled and keeping our school site tidy. Please do not bring in sweets or cakes for the class on your child's birthday. Many thanks.

Preschool

Our Bee Kind award was presented this week to Marcus for incredible kindness towards his friends, particularly when his friends felt sad, he was wonderful at cheering them up with stories and books.

The children have been looking out for signs of Autumn. They noticed the leaves changing colour and the foggy mornings. They loved playing with the leaves and throwing them up in the air. This week the children have listened to the story of Smith the lonely hedgehog. We explained what being lonely meant. The children said Smith felt sad.

We talked about hedgehogs and where they live, we explained what hibernating was. The children collected leaves to make a nest for Smith and Matilda to hibernate. Next week we are learning about Diwali and will be creating Rangoli patterns.

From the Friends Committee:

Halloween - 31st October (first Monday after half term)

We will be holding our annual Pumpkin Parade once again, so please bring your carved / decorated pumpkins to line the school wall. Prizes up for grabs!

We will also be holding a Halloween themed cake sale and apple bobbing after school – so please drop off your spooky themed baked or donated goodies in the morning to the school office.

Children can also come to school in Halloween themed fancy dress for a small donation!

Request for donations of beer!

We are looking for donations of single bottles or cans of beer, lager, ale or cider (approx. 330ml) to fill a wheelbarrow! More details to follow... If you can spare the odd one or two, please leave at the school office before 30th November.

Christmas Raffle

We are starting to plan our annual Christmas Raffle – if you have can source any impressive prizes or have any ideas of who to approach for prizes, please let a committee member know.

CAP service

We provide 3 services in Yeovil and the surrounding area:

1. The Debt Centre has been operating for 11.5 years and covers the TA11 area; we currently have clients in Somerton. All people need to do, if in unmanageable debt, is to call the national helpline **0800 328 0006**. They are then allocated one of 3 debt coaches we have in our Centre, and their journey out of debt begins.
2. There is a Life Skills group, which has just started their 2nd 8-week course. This is where people sign up and come along to 8 x 2hr sessions, joining a friendly community and gaining skills to lift the pressure of low income life. To find out more about this group, Jennifer Matthew on 07933 198130 is the person to contact.
3. The CAP Money course is where people join others on a 3 x 2hr course and learn how to budget. To find out more about this, people need to go to capuk.org and click on 'get help near you' and it's easy from there.

All of the above are on the CAP website capuk.org so we try to make it as easy as possible to access any of our three services.

Dates for next year!

Year 5 and Year 6 residential has been booked for the week commencing 10th July 2023.

Dates

Tuesday 18th October – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th October – Parents' Evening

Friday 21st October – Inset Day

Half term

Monday 31st October – Pumpkin parade

Tuesday 1st November – School Photos with Tempest

Friday 4th November – Magdalen Farm trip for Rainbow and Sunshine Classes

Thursday 10th November – PFSA visit – the parent family support advisor will be at school from 2.30pm – drop in session

Monday 14th November – County Lines talk

Friday 18th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 6th December – Nativity 2pm

Wednesday 7th December – Nativity 5.30pm

Thursday 8th December – Key Stage 2 CLP concert at Huish Academy 5.30pm

Friday 9th December – Wear something Christmas related – it could be a jumper or just some tinsel

Wednesday 14th December – Provisional date for Hurricane to visit Stonehenge

Thursday 15th December – Carol Concert in the church at 3pm

Friday 16th December – Break up at 1pm for the Christmas holidays





