

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

Remember INSET DAY tomorrow – enjoy the holidays.

Wonderful Awards

Readers of the week were: Henry, Marley P, Lily and Ottie

Stars of the week were: Ivy-Rose, Emily De, Lottie and Erika.

Our new certificate for super presentation: Rain, Morgan, Alfie, and Emily Do.

Very special Bee Kind awards and badges went to Chester, Betty and Euan.

We congratulate all our children for their hard work this half term. It has been lovely to watch the progress in all the classes. Thank you to our dedicated staff team.

This afternoon our winning football club are playing in the area finals, so we wish them every success.

Friday Run

Please can we ask that children have trainers and a spare pair of socks in school for our very popular Friday run. This will ensure the children have their dry school shoes and clean socks to change back into after pounding the wet, muddy school field. Thank you.

Ukulele Club

After half term Mr Belcher, our music teacher, has kindly volunteered to run a ukulele lunchtime club for the children in Hurricane. The children will sign up for this club in school.

Attendance Policy

A few parents have asked about our attendance policy, particularly with regards to holidays. The attendance policy, which written by Somerset County Council, is on our Charlton Mackrell School website. It explains about the fines and answers most questions. [Attendance-Policy-October-2022.pdf \(charltonmackrellschool.org.uk\)](https://charltonmackrellschool.org.uk/Attendance-Policy-October-2022.pdf)

School Photos with Tempest - Tuesday 1st November

All siblings in school will be photographed together and individually during school hours. However, if you have other siblings who are not in school on that day then we are offering an earlier time for those photos. The school will be open from 8.15am for other family photos.

Swimming

Apologies to the Hurricane Class swimmers. Millfield School failed to let us know that they were doing work on the swimming pool this week, so when the children arrived at the pool it was closed. Vicky will work out a way to do refunds for this session. This was very frustrating as we ended up paying for a coach that wasn't required.

Welcome

We welcomed two new members to the teaching team this week. Miss Coleman is our student teacher for this term in Rainbow Class and Mrs Golding is our new full time teaching assistant.

Film script award

We would like to congratulate our very own Mrs McDonnell, Sunshine class teacher, on winning best short screenplay at an international film awards ceremony for her film script, *Unsung*. She will be directing this when it is made into a film during the Easter holidays.

PFSA



My name is Victoria Gould and I am the new PFSA for the HUISH 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.

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/fdeJqhpzjmKJT5CF6>

Ofsted **rama:life** Reception - Yr 6
(4/5-11yrs)

explore Half-Term
Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton

Mon 24th: Myths & Legends
Bigfoot, Unicorns, Sculpture & Tales. What mysteries will we uncover on our outdoors scavenger hunt?

Tues 25th: Creepy Cooking
Pizza & Sweet Treat Making. Join us around the campfire for some storytelling (nothing scary we promise!).

Weds 26th: Autumn Adventures
Take part in our interactive adventure story! Complete the challenges, solve the puzzles and toast some marshmallows.

Thurs 27th: Mad Science with Professor Bivi
Slime, Bubble Experiments & Pumpkin Volcanoes. Hands on fun and exploration, as we become a laboratory for the day.

Fri 28th: Autumnal Party
Cupcake Decorating, Mask Making & Afternoon Party
Come and celebrate all things Autumn!
Fancy dress optional (nothing scary please!)

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8:45/9am - 3:30pm
From £27
(8am-5pm wraparound available)

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Preschool

This week we have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light.

The children watched a short film about celebrating Diwali. This year it is on Monday 24th October. The festival celebrates victory of light over darkness and good over evil. The children painted Diya lamps to take home with a small candle inside. They learned a song about Diya lights which they sang beautiful together.

The children watched fireworks, they learned how a flame stays alight and how to keep safe around fire. They were fantastic at learning to STOP, DROP, ROLL! And shout for help.

From the Friends Committee:

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

Pumpkin Parade - Bring your carved/decorated pumpkins to line the school wall. Prizes up for grabs!

Halloween themed Cake Sale - after school in the playground. Please drop off your spooky themed cakes and cookies in the morning to the school office.

Uniform Sale - after school in the playground, at the same time as the cake sale.

Halloween themed Fancy Dress - come in to school in fancy dress for a small donation.

Have a lovely half-term everyone.

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.

Hallr Woods

Bookings are now open for our annual '**Hallrween' Punkie Night on Wednesday 26th October 5:30-8:00pm**. This is the first time we have been able to run this event since 2019.. 😊

Please email deb@wilderwoods.org for booking forms. Please pay £5 each at the same time as you book.

We may also take a small number of 'known to us', over 8s unaccompanied for £10- please contact us to ask for more info about this option.

Parking is. as always, limited so please car share where ever possible, pair up with another family, it will help us accommodate more participants... If you are local and can walk or cycle, that also helps us!

Please dress up if you want, we will be crowning a punkie king and queen! Do bring lanterns and /or torches, please cover your torches with some red material as that makes them less dazzling for others (and wildlife). We will also be featuring a 'spooky' orchestra so let us know if your child would enjoy being part of that...

Any queries do get in touch...

Kind regards,

Deb Millar
Hallr Wood
Central Somerset Outdoor Learning Partnership

Dates for next year!

Year 5 and Year 6 residential has been booked for the week commencing 10th July 2023. Please sign up now via Parentmail.

Dates

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

Tuesday 8th November – Open the Book in church – everyone welcome

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 – Theme is ‘Spotacular’

Tuesday 22nd November – Open the Book in church -everyone welcome

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

Tuesday 13th December – Open the Book – Everyone welcome

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





Limited photos this week as Mrs Carter-Rice has taken the school phone, with all this weeks pictures, to the football tournament!