

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 04.11.2022**

#### **Our Christian Value this term is TRUST**

We started the week with a fabulous pumpkin event. Thank you to parents for organising pumpkin carving, costumes and the yummy cakes. Congratulations to Olivia, Archie, Marley P, George E, Joseph and Rosa from preschool. Today the children in Rainbow and Sunshine are out on a trip to Magdalen Farm. Initial reports show they are having a great learning experience. (Photos to follow next week).

#### **Tim Peake**

Thank you to Mike and Lydia for the amazing new addition to our library. The children were so enthused to receive Tim Peake's latest book, especially as it was signed and had a special message for our school. There is a list of children lined up to read it.

#### **Friday Fun Run**

Today, Mrs Rushworth, set up a 10 minute Zumba session for the children, instead of our run. Lots of coordination required, but the children loved it. Please remember to have trainers in school for Fridays. Thank you Mrs Rushworth.

#### **Reading Raffle**

Starting from Monday we are running a reading raffle. The children will be asked to read for a reasonable length of time 5 times a week. The expectation of how much will be based on the children's age. If they manage to reach that target in a week and it is signed off in their reading record books by a parent, then their name will be entered into a raffle. Each class will have a winner pulled from the hat in the last few days of term. The winners in each class will receive a books. Please help support your child. We would love to have all the children entered into the raffle.

#### **Knowledge organisers**

For you to support your child with their learning all the teachers have compiled knowledge organisers, so you can see exactly what your child is learning. To save our photocopying bill, they can be found on google classroom. Please log in and take a look. They would be great printed and popped onto the fridge, so your child can learn facts at home and at school. Great for teatime discussions!

#### **Poppy donations**

The Royal British Legion have dropped into school a number of poppy related merchandise. Please remember to bring in some change to donate to this worthy cause. Year 6 pupils will be organising this on the gate in the mornings (weather permitting). We will also be observing the 2 minutes silence next week and talking to the children about Remembrance. Also, if you are passing Kingston church they have a poppy display with poppies made by some of our children.

#### **Reading Meeting**

Calling all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents. Mrs Carter-Rice is doing a workshop on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm** explaining how you can support your child to learn to read. Parental support, with both school and home using the same approach, gives children a massive advantage when learning to read. Please spare an hour of your time on Monday.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Preschool**

*Bee kind award - Hazel*

*Leaves for the tree-mendous tree - Charlie and Basil*

*This week we have been continuing our fun with pumpkins. After listening to the story 'Pumpkin Soup' the children helped cut open a pumpkin and prepare it to make pumpkin soup, they all had a taste of the soup and the next day the children all ate soup at snack time.*

*We have been singing a song about witches and making some 'witches stew'. First we made a fire to put our cooking pot on. Then we started to add the exciting ingredients to make the special stew.*

*🎵 Bibbidy, bobbidy, boo, let's make a witches stew.... STOP*

*.... tell us what you've got and stir it in the cooking pot! 🎵*

*We have cut open pumpkins and used tweezers to pick out the seeds, the children wanted to hollowed out pumpkin to be an alien or monster house.*

*The children used a rubber mallet to hit golf tee's into a pumpkin. These activities help build muscles in the children's shoulders, arms and hands ready for marking making and writing activities.*

*The pumpkins were donated to us and have provided much fun and learning.*

### **The Friends**

#### **Cake Sale thank you**

A big thank you to all who baked/donated cakes, cookies and toffee apples for the Cake Sale on Monday. It all went down very well. Thank you also to those who helped make it happen.

If you are the baker of the lovely gluten free pumpkin bread, please make yourself known as there are a number of people would like the recipe.

#### **Next Friends Committee meeting reminder**

Next meeting will be held at the school on **Tuesday 8th November at 18:30.**

See you there - bring a mug. Everyone welcome.

#### **Request for donations of beer!**

We are looking for donations of single bottles of 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 Prizes**

If you are able to source any impressive prizes or have any ideas of who to approach for prizes, please let a committee member know

### **Child Exploitation by County Lines With Escapeline**

**Date:** **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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>

#### **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](https://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](https://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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

#### **Dates**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Reading workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – The Friends meeting  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Open the Book in church and all welcome 9am.  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – PFSA visit – the parent family support advisor will be at school from 2.30pm – drop in session  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – County Lines talk  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Theme is ‘Spotacular’  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Open the Book in church and all welcome 9am  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity 2pm  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity 5.30pm  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2 CLP concert at Huish Academy 5.30pm  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Wear something Christmas related – it could be a jumper or just some tinsel  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Hurricane visit to Stonehenge  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Concert in the church at 3pm  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Break up at 1pm for the Christmas holidays





