

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 01.12.2022**

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

##### **Congratulations to our award winners**

Huge congratulations to Arthur for his amazing performance in the village CHADS pantomime. He was the star of the show. He received a special Actor Award.

Our stars of the week were: Euan, Lily, Livvy and Chester.

Our readers of the week were: Leigh, Leo, Isabella and Sam.

Our presentation certificates went to: Alexis, Lottie, Barnaby and Florence.

**Please check the dates section at the bottom of the newsletter.**

##### **Nativity**

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting us with transporting the children to the Reading Rooms. Unfortunately we don't have a big enough space in school for our nativity performance, so the Reading Rooms provides an excellent venue, but causes other logistical problems! The performances are on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and then again on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm. Tickets went home in book bags yesterday, look out for a small brown envelope.

##### **Buying toys for Christmas**

There is a poster attached to the newsletter outlining what to look out for when buying toys for Christmas. Toys must be clearly marked with age restrictions – always follow the age recommendations, check for product recalls – <https://productrecall.campaign.gov.uk/> and ensure button batteries are safely behind a screwed down flap.

If buying computer games check the Common Sense website to check the suitability of any game. <https://www.common sense media.org/website-reviews>

In last week's newsletter there was information about Roblox, which is now an age 13 game.

##### **Preschool**

Christmas has arrived in Preschool! The children have lots of enjoyment in decorating our Christmas tree. Buddy the elf arrived in style on Thursday. The children are looking forward to seeing what sort of tricks he will get up to each day.

This week the children have made their Christmas cards. They used Bracken leaves, which were collected when we were at Forest School to print as their Christmas tree, then they used cotton buds to spot on their colourful baubles.

The children have learnt the song 'Five Christmas Puddings in the Bakers Shop' they took turns in dressing up as a baker. All children joined in with lots of counting whilst singing the song and developed an understanding of exchanging their money for a Christmas pudding.

On Monday we visited the church, where the children listened to the Christmas story. The children looked around the church for crosses. After a discussion about the cross being a symbol of Christianity. We sang Away in a Manger and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, whilst we were in the church.

Thank you to Jonathan's kind gesture of transforming our wooden rocking horses into reindeer.

We were lucky enough to have Carol Fraser to visit us again. Carol sang some songs with us, including some Christmas ones! She taught us some signs and actions to sing along with.

### **From the Friends Committee**

🎄 Well, the Christmas spirit is starting to find us at Charlton Mackrell School and we are all thinking of buying presents for our loved ones. If you are buying on Amazon please use Smile Amazon. This helps support the school through Friends by giving a portion of the purchase price to the charity.

To use AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk).

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organisation to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Type in **Friends of Charlton Mackrell School** and save.

This will be remember for whenever you shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation for the Friends.

Remember to log in to AmazonSmile each time you want to shop. You are **NOT** automatically transferred to the page.

### **Christmas raffle tickets**

You may have noticed books of raffle tickets were sent home at the start of the week in children's book bag and a huge thank you to everyone who has already purchased raffle tickets.

To buy tickets you can either send in the ticket stubs, with full name and a contact number, and money back into school OR pay online. Details are on the Parent Mail that was sent out on Monday.

Don't forget to ask relatives and friends if they would like to buy some.

More prizes include: A box of Lego, A 2023 calendar by Ben Walker

A £20 voucher for the Courtyard Café in Somerton

A hamper from Cobbs Health food shop in Somerton

A children's hamper A Christmas hamper

**A reminder** that the raffle will be drawn on 15th December, after the carol concert, at around 4:15 in the school playground. There will be hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy.

## **Christmas donations**

If you are able to donate any of the following they would be gratefully received.

- Quality Raffle Prizes (kids and adults).
- Festive Christmas Hamper items (chocolate, chutney, biscuits etc.) for adults and children.
- Bottles of Mulled wine.
- Mince pies.

Please leave donations in the school office, or pass to your Class Rep/Member of the Friends Committee.

## **Kim's quiz**

Kim's famous Christmas link word quiz has returned. Kim is selling quiz sheets for £1 each, please get these from Kim in the morning/end of the day. Prizes available for the winner.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

## **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](http://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](http://capuk.org) so we try to make it as easy as possible to access any of our three services.

## **Hooke Court Residential**

Year 5 and Year 6 residential has been booked for the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Remaining balances are available to pay on ParentMail so that part payments can be made, or the whole balance, up until the final payment due date of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023. If you have not paid the deposit then these are now overdue, payable by 30<sup>th</sup> November, please contact the school office if you are having difficulty making this payment.

## **Dates**

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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Sshhh, don't tell your children, but weather permitting Father Christmas will make a surprise visit by helicopter. Father Christmas will receive our letters, so he knows just what the children want. 10.50am – parents welcome.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Wear something Christmas related – it could be a jumper or just some tinsel. Bring a donation, however small, for Save the Children as part of their National Christmas Jumper day.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Hurricane visit to Stonehenge

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – (No Saints South-West) Carol Concert in the church at 3pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in school.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Party day, own clothes, a special visitor and Christmas lunch. Break up at 1pm for the Christmas holidays.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices





