

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 09.12.2022**

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

This week has been so much fun. Thank you to the wonderful military team who arranged the helicopter visit with Father Christmas and his elf. The excitement from the children (and staff!) was lovely to see. The nativity was a delight from beginning to end and the CLP carol concert at Huish Academy was amazing. The fun didn't stop all week with Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. Thank you for the generous donations of £60 towards Save the Children. We are so proud of all the children. They deserve to enjoy these last two weeks. A big thank you to the staff who work tirelessly to bring these opportunities to the children.

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

Our stars of the week were: George E, Barnaby, Ethan and Thomas.

Our readers of the week were: Harry, Orlando, William S and Taylor.

Our presentation certificates went to: Jonjo, Livvy, Rufus and Olly P.

#### **Events in the last week**

**Hurricane Class have their trip to Stonehenge** on Wednesday to conclude their Stone Age topic. Due to the extreme temperatures and the children being outside for much of the day it would be better to abandon school uniform and put on lots of warm layers. If the children had red hoodies this might be useful, but most importantly layers, coats, gloves and hats.

**The Carol Concert is on Thursday at 3pm in the church. All the children are involved in this concert and parents are very welcome.** Following the concert all the children will return to school with their class teachers and can be collected from the usual end of day points. There will be mulled wine and mince pies for everyone. Any school aged children in Late Birds will take part in the concert and then join Kim in Late Birds on our return to school. Preschool Late Birds will stay with Kim and Elizabeth from 3pm.

**Friday is our last day of term and it is the Christmas Party.** Children can wear their party clothes. There will be games and fun during the morning, followed by the Christmas lunch, where the staff serve the children and then **pick up time is 1pm**. For those who can't collect at 1pm, then Late Birds will be open.

#### **Charlton Mackrell School Strategy**

*The governors would like to share the draft school strategy, 5 year plan, with the wider school community. Should you wish to comment, please contact school parent governor Kimball Newsam at [kimball.newsam@cmps.uk](mailto:kimball.newsam@cmps.uk)*

#### **Preschool**

This week we have made mince pie cookies. They were very yummy!

We followed a recipe very carefully. Rafe, Tommy, Basil and Annie helped to weigh out all of the ingredients. The children took turns to add and mix the ingredients together.

Whilst mixing the children made a wish, they wished for,

"A cow"

"A space rocket"

"A go cart, a real one that I can drive."

"A rocket"

"A tractor"

"A motor-bike"

"A pig"

"A cool car"

"A pig"

On Thursday the children delighted in going outside to watch the helicopter arrive in the school field. Father Christmas came into preschool to visit us and have a quick chat, he brought a cheeky elf with him (who knew elves were so tall?!).

The children were excited to show the tall elf our preschool elf.

The children watched the helicopter land and collect Father Christmas and the elf, before they flew away.

A very exciting day!

#### **From the Friends Committee**

##### **Christmas raffle tickets**

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets!

If you need more books of raffle tickets please collect them from the school office or order them through the Friends email - [thefriendsofcmsschool@gmail.com](mailto:thefriendsofcmsschool@gmail.com).

A few more prizes have been added:

- A wheelbarrow of beer, ale and cider with the wheelbarrow donated by Greengage Landscaping
- A Christmas hamper from Cobbs Health food shop, Somerton
- £30 voucher for Broadway's Rare Breed Porkers.
- A beautiful leather belt and bracelet by L.J. Leatherwork

##### **Christmas raffle draw**

After the carol concert on 15th December the raffle will take place 4:15 in the school playground. There will be hot chocolate, mulled wine, mince pies and biscuits to enjoy whilst the raffle is taking place.

If you are able to donate any mince pies, biscuits and mulled wine please leave them in the school office, a class rep or a 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.

🌟 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 remembered 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.

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](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.

### 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

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**



























