

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

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Our Christian Value this term is PERSERVERANCE

Welcome back. The children have been amazing this week. They have been bubbling with excitement to share their Christmas news and feel refreshed to make their best efforts in lessons. All the classes are starting new topics. Please see our school website for information about what your child will be learning. Each class has their own page where the plans for the term can be found.

We have a few housekeeping points below for your kind attention please.

NO NUTS, SWEETS or CHOCOLATES

This week a child with an allergy ended up with a child's birthday chocolate bar handed to them, which could have had very serious consequences. For the protection of a few vulnerable pupils we have made the difficult decision to ban all nuts, sweets and chocolates. I am sure that if your child were especially vulnerable, you would expect the school to protect them and the only way we can be 100% certain that they don't get given foods they are allergic to is to ban them. Therefore please do not bring sweets and chocolates to hand out on your child's birthday, the classes have birthday book lists if you would like to bring in a small something for the class on your child's birthday. This is only if you wish to do so and is by no means compulsory. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Smart Watches

A reminder please that for safeguarding reasons children must not come into school wearing smart watches that have the capability to take photos/videos or receive phone class/messages.

Water bottles – no squash

For dental hygiene reasons it is the school policy that water bottles must only be filled with water and no squash or flavoured waters. Please therefore ensure you only send your child in with water in their drink bottles.

Swimming reminder – Wildfire and Sunshine Classes start their swimming lessons this coming

Tuesday – 10th January 2023. Please ensure payment has been made. We offer more swimming lessons than recommended by DfE guidelines, but it is very expensive to run coaches, hire the pool and swimming teachers, so if you can support this activity financially then we will be in a position to continue running them. Thank you.

Shoe boxes

Appeal for empty shoes boxes. One of the classes has an ambitious design and technology project this term. If you have a shoe box that you no longer need please could you bring it in by Friday 13th January.

Preschool

Welcome to Lincoln.

The children have all shared their experiences of Christmas celebrations with their families. Basil was presented a leaf for the tree-mendous tree to acknowledge his excellent play and remembering to use his indoor voice.

From The Friends

Kim's Link Word Quiz

A reminder that TODAY is the final day to hand in your completed quiz sheets.

Get them in to be in with a chance to win a prize.

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.

Hooke Court Residential

Year 5 and Year 6 residential has been booked for the week commencing 10th 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 31st May 2023.

Dates

Monday 16th January – Young Voices – separate Parentmail with details to follow

Tuesday 10th January – Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us

Tuesday 24th January - Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us

Tuesday 7th February – Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us

Also Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February – Break up at 3.15pm for half term

Monday 20th February – Back to school

Friday 24th February – Top athlete to visit school – details to follow

Tuesday 28th February – Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us

Monday 13th March – Science Week

Tuesday 14th March – Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 31st March – Break up for the Easter Holidays

