

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

(see dates and photos at the end of the newsletter – Rainbow bridge building photos, parent workshop about online safety, parents' evenings, bedtime stories, Easter Service)

This week we welcomed Miss Clay, a student teacher, in Sunshine Class and a new teaching assistant, Mrs Da Silva, who will initially be working in Hurricane Class, alongside Mrs Burrell and Miss Rose. Miss Coleman, our student teacher in Rainbow Class, finished her placement with us today and we thanked her for her contribution to the school and wished her well for the future.

At this point it might be useful to outline the staffing in each class:

Pre-school: Jody, Kim, Alice, Janine, Emma.

Rainbow: Mrs Carter-Rice, Miss Hookins and Mrs Sweeting

Sunshine: Mrs Marklew, Mrs McDonnell, Mrs Thripleton and Mrs Benn

Hurricane: Miss Rose, Mrs Burrell and Mrs Da Silva

Wildfire: Miss Murray, Mrs McDonnell and Mrs Rushworth

Please be on time

Everyday there is a steady stream of children coming to the office door to be let in after the gates have closed. Some children are not accompanied by an adult, so if the office is not manned at that time the children are left on their own outside of the school. The gates open at 8.45am in the morning, please ensure your child is at school on time.

Escapeline

The Escapeline charity, as part of preparing children for secondary school, came to speak to the Year 5 and 6 children about county lines and exploitation. Although a difficult subject, it was delivered very appropriately for the age of the children and the children were clear about the main messages.

Congratulations to our award winners

Stars of the week – Harry T, Ava, James and Thomas.

Readers of the week – Teddy, Arthur R, Caiden and Issy.

Presentation awards of the week – Ethan M, Jasper and George.

A very special Bee Kind certificate and badge goes to Henry.

Reminder

No smart watches or mobile devices, no nuts, chocolate or sweets and water not squash.

Sport for schools

Sponsorship forms went home for the visit from top athlete Katrina Hart. This visit will involve the children participating in a fitness circuit with Katrina. 60% of sponsorship money is returned to the school to purchase sports equipment and the remaining 40% helps fund the sports for schools athlete programme.

Strike action

You will have probably seen on the news that the main teacher's union, the NEU, has decided to take strike action on the following dates:

Wednesday 1st February 2023 – School CLOSED

Thursday 2nd March 2023 – further advice to follow, but **Saints South West will still be running** regardless of strike action.

Wednesday 15th March 2023 – further advice to follow

Thursday 16th March 2023 – further advice to follow, but **Saints South West will still be running** regardless of strike action.

Preschool will be open as normal on those days.

Mrs Cawley will be on site for all of the above days (the NAHT are not striking).

Preschool

Well done to William for receiving a Tremendous Tree Award for growing independence with his self-care and well done to Isla for receiving a Tremendous Tree Award for trying new foods at lunchtime.

This week in Preschool, we have been learning all about the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the rabbit, which has inspired our singing of rabbit themed songs. We discussed how people in China recognise red and gold as their chosen colours for celebrations and the children have been excited to explore our dressing-up basket. Following on about learning about shapes, the children have decorated a rectangle frame to use when taking photographs of them using the dressing-up clothes. One child had remembered that he was born in the year of the pig and snorted for his photograph.

The children have learnt about the Chinese dancing dragon and have used their knowledge to create their own dragon. They excitedly painted the dragon's head in red and gold in preparation for their dragon dance.

From The Friends

Valentines Cake Sale.

A Valentines cake sale will be held after school on Thursday February 9th.

Cake and cookie donations (home baked or shop bought) would be greatly received.

If you donate gluten free or dairy free cakes please label them clearly. If they are in containers you would like back, please name clearly.

Please leave all donations at the school office on Thursday 9th February.

Uniform Shop

Another uniform shop is to be held around half-term.

If you have any pre-loved uniform your child/children have out grown please leave it in the school office.

Uniform for older ages would be greatly received.

Should anyone need to Contact Chris Taylor about uniform at any time, she is happy for you to contact her on 07769 685817.

Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff

Online Safety & Social Media with Amy Brittan, SCC Education Technology Advisor

Date: Monday, 27th February 2023

Time: Starting at 6:30pm with an estimated end time of 8pm

Venue: Online session

We are pleased to be able to offer this session again this year. Parents, carers, governors and school staff will all find it useful. Please book your place online.

New technologies inspire children to be creative, communicate and learn. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe?

This session will provide parents/guardians/carers with information to support their children to enjoy technology safely and responsibly. You will have the opportunity to think about what you want to do to protect your family and to equip them for their future.

To book a place to attend this session please visit: <https://forms.gle/m67HLzdtMsqqMa1r5>

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

**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

Monday 27th February – Online safety parent information session

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

Wednesday 1st March – Bedtime stories 5-6pm.

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day (dress up as your favourite character and bring in the book that your character is in).

Tuesday 7th March – Parent’s evening

Monday 13th March – Parent’s evening

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

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Thursday 23rd March – Music Concert in the church at 6pm

Friday 31st March – 9am Easter Service. Easter garden on a plate competition. Break up for the Easter Holidays





