

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 03.02.2023**

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

Over the last two days Ofsted have been inspecting the school. The children have been amazing and the staff have worked their socks off. We are not allowed to disclose the outcome of the inspection until the official report is released, which we will let you have in due course. However, it has been a very positive experience and we hope the inspectors will reflect this in their report. Thank you for your overwhelming support on the Ofsted questionnaire and comments to the inspectors.

Olly, Euan and Leo were sporting superstars in the basketball. These three boys are always fantastic ambassadors for the school and embrace all the sporting opportunities. Thank you boys.

On Thursday, Hurricane class did a very interesting assembly on volcanoes. We watched their informative volcano documentary films they had prepared earlier in the week on their iPads and they had created brilliant models to show us.

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

Stars of the week – Teddy, Marely P, Edie, Harry C

Readers of the week – Carmen, Maisie, Lily C, Taylor

Presentation awards of the week – Esme, Orlando, Fia, Betty

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

#### **Reminder**

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

#### **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 further following dates:

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

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – further advice to follow

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

At preschool this week, we have been learning about our bodies and being healthy. The children were very interested in bones and the skeleton; they created their own x-ray pictures.

We were very lucky to have Annie's mum visit to talk about being a doctor and how to keep ourselves healthy, the children were delighted to hear heartbeats through a stethoscope. Thank you Doctor Helen.

We have learnt a new rhyme about our ten fingers and ten toes, the children are learning about differences in each other and celebrating our individuality.

This week Jenson was awarded a leaf for the tree-mendous tree for becoming more independent, well done Jenson.

The children have begun to learn some yoga poses and next week we will learn more mindful techniques to look after everyone's mental health.

### **From The Friends**

## ♥♥♥ *Valentine's Day Themed Cake Sale* ♥♥♥

*Don't forget that next **Thursday (9th Feb)** is our **Valentine's Day themed Cake Sale** from **15:15** in the school playground.*

*We are looking for donations from families (homemade or bought) of Valentine / red coloured / love / heart themed cakes and treats to sell. There will also been gluten and dairy free options available.*

*All proceeds raised will benefit all the children of the school and preschool.*

***Please bring your donations to the school office, on Thursday morning.***

*If your child/ren are attending an afterschool club or Late Birds on this date and you would like them to have the opportunity to buy something; **please ensure they have money in a named envelope on the day.***

### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

There will be a second hand uniform shop from 3.15 on the following dates:

Friday 10 February

Friday 31 March

If you have any uniform to donate, please leave at the school office

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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

## Dates

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us**

**Also Safer Internet Day**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Break up at 3.15pm for half term**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Top athlete to visit school – sponsorship forms have gone home for this**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Online safety parent information session**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Bedtime stories 5-6pm.**

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

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's evening**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's evening**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Open the Book in church at 9am. Everyone welcome to join us**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Music Concert in the church at 6pm**

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







