

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

Newsletter 10.02.2023

Our Christian Value this term is PERSERVERANCE

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and on Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day, so time has been dedicated to these important areas. Hurricane Class have continued their learning about volcanoes with some amazing models. Wildfire Class have completed some fantastic stories based on Beowulf. The children particularly enjoyed the blood and gore! Sunshine Class shared the most amazing drumming workshop with the school during collective worship and Rainbow were enjoying some new outdoor equipment which was kindly donated by a charity connected to our neighbour, Geordie, who lives at The Court, behind the church.

Beyond the school gates, Marley T, Harry C, Ethan E, Cruz and Emily P ran brilliantly in the CLP cross-country event on Thursday. Congratulations to these children who showed talent and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to our award winners

Stars of the week – Rain, Maisie, Leo and George S

Readers of the week – George W, Ethan M, Ethan E and Harvey

Presentation awards of the week – Ivy-Rose, Ava, Lily and Zara

A very special Bee Kind certificate and badge went to Morgan.

Top athlete visiting the school

On Friday 24th February we have top athlete, Katrina Hart, visiting the school to share her experiences of becoming a top Paralympic sprinter. Please gather sponsorship if you are able to.

PFSA



My name is Victoria Gould and I am the PFSA for the HUIH CLP schools. I will be visiting Charlton Mackrell School on **Friday 3rd March at 8.45am** for an informal drop in session for parents.

What is the role of a Parent & Family Support Adviser?

If you need advice, support and guidance on any issues affecting your child and family, or your school, then a Parent and Family Support Advisor can help. Parenting is not an easy job and sometimes things can get tough. I am here to listen to you, without judging, and to support you through challenging times.

I am here to....

- Impartially support families and young people to enable our children to gain maximum benefits from their education.

- Work in partnership with families and their schools to help our children reach their full potential
- Work closely with other Professionals where necessary or to direct you to other services which may be useful
- Be there to work with and support you and your child if you are experiencing difficulties.

All families go through difficult times. This can affect children's ability to do well at school. I can help you by advising and working with you on issues such as:

- Building a partnership between home and School
- Behaviour (in and out of school)
- Parenting Concerns
- Family Issues
- Emotional/Mental Wellbeing
- Confidence building
- Attendance at School/School Anxiety
- Feeling Isolated
- Support for parents/carers who want to go back to work or education
- Finance/housing.

Please pop in for a confidential chat on **Friday 3rd March.**

The Governors would like to meet you

After the church service on 31st March there will be an opportunity to meet the governors. If the weather is fine they will set up tea and coffee at the front of school and you can enjoy a cuppa, view the Easter garden displays and meet the governors. If the weather is not so good, then it will probably be in the church.

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 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 Rosa for receiving a Bee Kind Award, she has been a particularly kind to her friends, whilst showing them preschool routines.

This week in Preschool has been all about physical fun and healthy bodies.

Before we left for forest school the children worked together to create their own map to follow to get to Hallr woods. The children's interest in maps developed further along the week, leading to them using a map to have a look at our local area, to find where

they live. The children have enjoyed using the construction area and photographs to build landmarks.

Daisy the therapy dog came to visit us in Preschool, the children loved sharing books with Daisy and talking to her.

The children have enjoyed practicing their yoga moves and they have been using the breathing star to help regulate their emotions.

From The Friends

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes to the cake sale yesterday. There was an amazing array of cupcakes, cookies, doughnuts, Rocky Road and wonderful heart shaped cake.

There was also a selection of gluten and dairy free goodies along with some vegan cupcakes.

These wonderful goodies were enjoyed by everyone.



Thank you everyone

Second Hand Uniform Shop - TODAY

There will be a second hand uniform shop from 3.15 today and another on 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.

Trips

10th July 2023 – Residential

Summer term – Sunshine visit to the SS Great Britain in Bristol

Summer term – Wildfire visit to the Life Skills Centre in Bristol.

We had tried to arrange a trip to We The Curious science museum for Rainbow, Sunshine and Hurricane for this term but it is closed until the next academic year due to a fire.

Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff

Online Safety & Social Media

with Amy Brittan, SCC Education Technology Advisor

Please try to attend this event – it is online, so you just need a phone or computer.

Those that have attended in the past have said how worthwhile it was.

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.

Tennis

Tennis opportunities during half term and a regular club – details below and attached to the newsletter.

Dates

Monday 20th February – Back to school

Friday 24th February – Top athlete to visit school – sponsorship forms have gone home for this

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). Not sure yet what is happening about the Strike Day so this may be moved to the Friday.

Friday 3rd March – PFSA visiting for an informal coffee morning 8.45am.

Tuesday 7th March – Parent's evening

Monday 13th March – Parent's evening

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

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. The governors would also like to meet parents, so they are organising coffee and tea after the church service.



New
Starts 21st Feb 2023

JUNIOR COACHING COURSE

- Six Week Course, Tuesday 3:45 - 4:30pm
- Suitable for Children from 5 to 11 Years
- LTA Accredited Course and Coaches
- Only £34.99, includes a Free Racquet
- Open to All, including Non-members

Starts 21st February, for more details and to register, visit: somertontenniscub.co.uk, or call 07437 404242 / latennis@hotmail.com

SOMERTON
TENNIS CLUB







