

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 24.02.2023**

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

We are incredibly proud of Marley T, James and Caidan who received highly commended certificates in the National Young Writers Poetry competition. There were thousands of entries from all over the UK and these three pupils shone with their creativity. Congratulations to all the other key stage 2 children who also worked hard and entered the competition.

Today we had a visit from Katrina Hart, a Paralympian. The children loved the activities and assembly. It is very humbling to hear about Katrina's journey to Paralympic success. Thank you for the amazing sponsorship support.

#### **World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite character and bring in the relevant book to share in class. If the children don't want to dress up then perhaps they may like to bring in an artefact linked to their favourite book. This is not just a non-uniform day, but a chance to reflect on books we all love and enjoy. Staff will be organising special activities based on traditional tales.

#### **An hour of Bedtime stories – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

The children are invited to return to school in their PJs from 5pm to 6pm to enjoy stories read by the teachers (see attached poster). There will be hot chocolate and other goodies served by The Friends. If you are a budding story teller and would like to join us please let the office know. The children are always excited to welcome visitors.

What to wear – PJs and the children can also bring dressing gowns, slippers, blankets and a teddy. If they wear outside shoes to school and then change into their slippers when they arrive. Please arrive and depart from the blue front office door. Caution – all children should wear pants!

#### **Important news about the Strike action on 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Teachers are not obliged to let the school know if they will be striking until the actual morning of the industrial action. I have no information from any of the teachers yet about their intentions, so it may result in a Parentmail on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> March to advise if the school is open or not. I know how frustrating this is going to be! If classes or the whole school is closed then we will move the World Book Day event to the next day (the Friday). If I can get an update sooner I will let parents know.

#### **Chicken Pox**

We have a number of children with Chicken Pox. The advice is for children with Chicken Pox to stay at home for 5 days. In addition all spots should have crusted over.

#### **PFSA**



My name is Victoria Gould and I am the PFSA for the HUISH CLP schools. I will be visiting Charlton Mackrell School on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

### **The Governors would like to meet you**

After the church service on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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**

Welcome to Autumn, who has settled well into preschool!

Well done to Elwood for receiving a Tremendous Tree Award, for always playing with all his friends at preschool and making strong friendships.

This week in preschool we have joined in with the tradition of Shrove Tuesday and talked about Lent and Easter. We listened to the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes and sang our pancake song. The children thought about what ingredients we needed to make pancakes, along with the toppings they would choose. The children have enjoyed making and eating pancakes, topped with lemon and sugar for snack!

Following on from the children's interest in the story of the Three Little Pigs, the children have enjoyed exploring the Three Little Pigs sensory tray. They have built their own, straw, stick and brick houses for the pigs.

## **From The Friends**

### **Wanted**

We are looking for someone to help develop and support the Friends on social media. If you are confident with social media and would like to support the Friends but are unable to commit to a lot of 'front of house' events then this would be a perfect role for you.

Please speak to a member of the committee or email [thefriendsofcmsschool@gamil.com](mailto:thefriendsofcmsschool@gamil.com)

### **Next Committee meeting**

Date: Tuesday 28th February

Time: 7pm

Place: Fox & Hound pub, Charlton Adam.

Please come along to find out what exciting fundraising activities we are planning to support this wonderful school. **We look forward to seeing you there.**

## **Trips**

10<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 – helping you with debt - [capuk.org](http://capuk.org)**

### **Dates**

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

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – PFSA visiting for an informal coffee morning 8.45am.**

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







