

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

Newsletter 08.09.2023

A warm welcome goes out to pupils and families old and new. It is lovely to have our community back together again at the start of this academic year. A very positive start for all of our classes, which has created a great 'buzz' around school this week.

A special welcome to our new Reception children, plus some new students in other year groups - Amelia, Harley and Tate. We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Kate Oliver (teacher in Tornado Class), Mr Will Collicutt (Teacher in Hurricane Class) and Miss Eleanor Watts (apprentice). Even more welcomes go out to our new preschool starters. We hope you will really enjoy your time with us.

Christian Value

Our Christian value this term is Generosity. We learn about loving others as we love ourselves (Mark 12.31), Giving sacrificially (Luke 21.1-4), giving cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9.7), caring for creation (Genesis 2.15) and giving our time (Nehemiah).

Helping those less fortunate

This term we will be supporting The Salvation Army foodbank in Street for our Harvest celebrations, where each child is invited to bring in an item of dried or canned food, which is taken to our Harvest Service in church. This service is on Tuesday 3rd October at 9.00am. Each class takes part in the service with a song, dance or poem and we encourage parents, carers and grandparents to join us. The children then return to school and we have a harvest breakfast, which the children make themselves. There are lots of bread rolls to be made!

Guitar Lessons

Mr Atkins, our new guitar teacher will hopefully be commencing lessons on Friday 22nd September. He will make contact with those families who previously had lessons.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder to complete the flu consent forms online for the flu vaccinations which will be on 14th September. Consent forms must be completed by midday on the 13th September. ONLY CHILDREN WITH PARENTAL CONSENT WILL BE GIVEN THE VACCINATION.

Preschool

This week in Preschool we have welcomed back familiar faces and we have been excited to greet new friends. The children have shared their summer break news, as well as telling us about their family members who joined them.

The children have enjoyed exploring Preschool. We have read the story of Pig in the Pond before cooling down in our own "pond". The children said it was like being in the sea.

We have our library books set up and ready for all children. If you have any Preschool books at home, please could they be returned.

We are updating our family display. We would love children to bring in a photograph of them with their family.

Please could all belongings be labelled with your child's name, especially water bottles!

If you are having difficulty with accessing Tapestry (online journal) please speak to a member of staff.

Morning snacks

We are keen to encourage children to eat healthy choices at break time, but realise that a piece of fruit or vegetable is not enough to keep them going. Many commercially produced dried fruit products contain large amounts of sugar, therefore we are saying that children need to bring fresh fruit or vegetables, but we will also accept healthy savoury snacks. Suggestions might be rice cakes, bread sticks and hummus. Due to staff and children with nut allergies we continue to be a NUT FREE school.

Hallr woods open day

Hallr woods, where we conduct our forest school sessions, will be having an open day this Sunday 2-4pm, all are welcome to attend. Kim our forest school leader will be in attendance and is hoping to see as many of you as possible. Parking is limited at the woods so please use the school car park and walk up the road where possible.

From the Friends

The Friends would like to welcome everyone back and hope you all had a lovely summer holiday.

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed a lovely evening at Greenbank in August. Fun was had by all.

We are looking forward to a fun year raising money for the children and school. For us to be able to continue to do this **WE NEED YOU** to help and support. If you are creative, a people person, a baker, good at organising events or good with social media/technology, to name but a few attributes, then you would be a great Friend of Charlton Mackrell School and we would love for you all to join us as part of the team. As well as helping raise money for the school, The Friends is a great place to meet other parents and have fun.

Please join us for our **next meeting**, the AGM.

Date: 28th September

Time: 7pm

Place: Charlton Mackrell School

Currently we are looking for someone that is good with numbers to take on the role of treasurer. If you think this is something that you could do please email us at thefriendsofcmsschool@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you then.

The Friends

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 12th September – Open the Book – Everyone welcome to join us in church.

Thursday 14th September – Flu vaccinations

Friday 15th September – Pete the Poet will be in school all day. He is running workshops for all the classes.

Wednesday 20th September – Special Forest School session for selected children, provided by a visiting Forest School teacher.

Tuesday 26th September – Open the Book – Everyone welcome to join us in church.

Thursday 28th September – Visit from our School Improvement Partner to moderate standards.

Thursday 28th September – Friends Meeting 7pm at school. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 3rd October – Harvest Service 9am in the church.

Thursday 12th October and Friday 13th October – Book Fair – further information to follow.

Tuesday 17th October – Open the Book – Everyone welcome to join us in church.

Friday 20th October – BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM.

Wednesday 1st November – Trip to Paignton Zoo for Wildfire and Tornado Classes.

Tuesday 14th November – Open the Book – Everyone welcome to join us in church.

Wednesday 15th November – Trip to Stonehenge for Hurricane Class.

Tuesday 28th November - Open the Book – Everyone welcome to join us in church.

Monday 4th December – Pantomime at the Guildhall, Axminster. Whole school, except preschool.

Tuesday 12th December - Open the Book – Everyone welcome to join us in church.

Friday 15th December – BREAK UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.





