

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

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Christian Value - Our Christian value this term is Generosity.

Never a dull moment at Charlton Mackrell School, last week Pete the Poet and this week Timmy the tortoise who went on tour around all the classes and preschool.

Welcome to our new singing teacher, Miss Emily Stringer, who started this week. The harvest service songs are already taking shape. Apologies to the children who were invited to a special 'one-off' forest school session, as the company cancelled at the last minute for the second time. Luckily Kim was able to step in and give the children a fun and memorable morning.

Just Giving Page to raise funds for the school

Chester's family have come up with a great way to raise funds for the school. Please see the link below and support if you can.



Help raise £250 to Help the Friends of Charlton Mackrell Primary & Pre School. All donations will go directly to helping the Children of this amazing school.

justgiving.com

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!

Brymer Trust – Learn a musical instrument

For families on certain benefits we have the Brymer Trust which is there to support your child to learn a musical instrument. If your child would like to learn clarinet, piano, guitar or violin but you feel it is beyond your family budget then speak to the office as the Brymer Trust may be able to help support this.

Tuesday netball club to also include the football team

In preparation for the forthcoming tournament the football team have been invited to join Mrs Carter on Tuesdays after school. School will provide supervision for the football team and the netballers. Separate letters have been sent on Parent Mail to the football team members.

Forest School Sessions

Preschool have their Forest School on a Tuesday and reception children go to Hallr Woods on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and plenty of layers. Arms and legs should be covered and long socks to pull up over trousers. Staff can also spray insect repellent to help prevent ticks if you give permission. Hopefully the tick season is almost over.

Playground equipment

Please donate old phones, old keyboards, unwanted jackets, dresses, hats, scarves, round logs for stepping stones. We are creating alternative resources in addition to the usual sports kit.

School Meals

The school policy promotes healthy snacks and quite rightly some parents have raised concern over the lunch puddings. The issue has been raised with Beech Catering. Please see their response below:

'You'll see attached the School Food Standards document which we use when creating a menu. For example; we can use cocoa which all of our 'chocolate' desserts use. If we are buying pre made puddings from our supplier (eg ice creams) they are from their school range and use a cocoa coating rather than pure chocolate. It also states allowance of cakes and biscuits etc as long as 2 puddings a week contain 50% fruit and do not contain confectionery (marshmallows, sweets and pure chocolate). We also change our menu 3 times a year so if we put doughnuts on one menu it wouldn't be put on the menu again during that year to ensure there's a wide range.'

Beech Catering have said that they will take on board our concerns, and in any event, all menus must be approved by Somerset County Council to comply with the healthy meals campaign guidance.

Lunch boxes

We have very limited cloakroom space in the main school therefore we are purchasing extra storage to allow children to keep their lunch boxes safe.

Preschool

Well done to Freddie, Charlie and Cody for getting their Tremendous Tree awards.

Freddie - With little support Freddie managed to dress himself. He was very proud of his achievement, and he proudly displayed a leaf on our tremendous tree, in recognition of his success.

Charlie - Has been given a leaf award this week for his amazing singing. He sang our towel song beautifully, remembering all the words to the song, when he needed a paper towel.

Cody - For joining snack time and preparing his own snack.

On Tuesday we had our first Forest School session of the new term.

The children were amazing when we walked to the woods. They kept themselves safe and listened very carefully. When walking up kid's mountain the children said it was very steep, however they were very determined, and they were proud of their achievement when they reached Squirrel Camp.

Very soon we will be starting our topic of Autumn. We would greatly appreciate any donations of autumnal harvest produce or items of interest. The children love to explore these, and they learn a lot from the experience.

From the Friends

Next meeting

A reminder that the first meeting of The Friends is this coming week.

For us to continue to support the school and children we need as many people as possible to help. If you have time to help, either behind the scenes, or in person then we would love to hear from you.

So please join us for **our next meeting**, the AGM.

Date: 28th September

Time: 7pm

Place: Charlton Mackrell School

We are still looking for someone who 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.

Dates for the diary

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 9 - 10am and Friday 13th October 3.15 - 4pm – Book Fair

Monday 16th October – School Open Morning for new and existing parents and carers.
9.15am – 11.30am.

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.

Wednesday 8th November – Cool Aeronautics event run by Leonardo Helicopters for Year 5 & 6 (in school)

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.







