

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

Newsletter 29.09.2023

Christian Value - Our Christian value this term is Generosity.

Just to clarify about the newsletter proposed changes. As Twitter no longer has the facility to show a rolling screen of photos on our website we are looking at using Facebook or Instagram for this purpose. It would also allow teaching staff to instantly capture moments in their classes and post immediately. You wouldn't need FB or Instagram to view the pictures on the website. We will still be using Parentmail for messaging and sharing dates etc.

Welcome to Alfie, Harley and Tate, our new pupils. We hope you will love being at Charlton Mackrell School.

Awards

Congratulations to our award winners so far this term.

Stars of the Week – Carmen, Tate, Flora, Taylor, Saffron, Ivy-Rose, Alex S, Thomas, George W, Jonjo, Leo and George S.

Readers of the Week – Beau, Harley, Emily (Year 6), Harry V, Ethan M, Harry C, Issy, Finn, Henry, Lottie and Wanda.

Bee Kind – Beth.

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. Over £300 has already been raised by only 14 donations – fantastic!



[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](https://www.justgiving.com)

Harvest Service on Tuesday – Please join us at 9am.

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!

Hurricane Class Trip – Change of date and venue!

This week English Heritage cancelled our booking to Stonehenge, therefore we have changed the trip to Hooke Court for a Stone Age immersive workshop day, which actually sounds much more educational and engaging, but also more expensive. The children will be cooking using Stone Age tools, making clay pots, dyeing materials and spinning and weaving wool. The date has also had to be changed to Monday 6th November.

Book Fair

We are holding another Scholastic Book Fair here at school. The last bookfair event we ran was a great success and resulted in the school receiving £344 worth of fantastic new books for the school library. We will be running it slightly differently this time to allow parents the chance to come in and view and purchase the books. The children will be viewing the books when the book fair arrives at school and bringing home a 'wish list' of books. Parents/carers are then invited to come in on the following dates to purchase any of the books:

- Thursday 12th October 9 – 10am
- Friday 13th October 3.15 – 4pm

The event will be cashless, card payments will need to be made at the event by scanning a QR code to complete an online payment, or by visiting bookfair.scholastic.co.uk/pay. We hope to see you there.

Safeguarding

Please can we ask that parents, carers or grandparents do not enter the school buildings unless they are accompanied by a member of staff. Thank you.

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.

Behaviour Policy

In an attempt to be consistent across the whole school we are rewriting our Behaviour Policy. Please find attached a copy of the draft. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please speak to the office or Mrs Cawley.

Parent Consultations

This is a chance to speak to your child's class teacher and view your child's books. These will be held on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. Booking will be available via Parentmail very soon.

Governor's Meeting

The next governor's meeting is on Thursday 12th October. If you would like any suggestions or issues raised then please contact the school office.

School Photos – Tempest – Tuesday 10th October 2023

Preschool

This week in Preschool has been about 'Our Bodies'. The children have named and counted body parts. We have watched and talked about Pantosaurs.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

The children have enjoyed preparing and eating snacks this week, they even made their own butternut squash soup.

At Forest School the children found skeleton leaves. The children learned that a creature, like a caterpillar, had munched on the leaves and created lots of little holes.

Along our journey the children found a spider and snails, we spoke about how small creatures are delicate and fragile. Some children knew and explained to their friends that it meant they could easily break.

The children collected conkers and leaves. They worked as teams to make clay tree faces. They looked into mirrors before moulding their clay and adding their facial features, using natural resources.

When we arrived at the woods, we were lucky enough to be invited to another camp to watch another group of children pressing apples to make apple juice. They showed the children the process from cutting the apples to the machinery to make the apple juice.

From the Friends

A good Friends meeting was had last night. Thank you to all who came along.

We know that joining in with the meetings can be tricky but if you feel you would like to contribute in any way please contact us.

The continuation of support from everyone at cake sales and other events throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

For your diary.

The next meeting:

Date: 2nd November

Time: 7pm

Place: Fox and Hound pub, Charlton Adam

Dates for the diary

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

Tuesday 10th October – School photos – Tempest – Family groups from 8.15am.

Thursday 12th October 9am to 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.

Tuesday 17th October – Parent's evening

Wednesday 18th October – Parent's evening

Friday 20th October – BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM.

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

Monday 6th November – Trip to Hooke Court for Hurricane Class.

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.

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

Wednesday 29th November – Afternoon performance of the Nativity

Thursday 30th November – Evening performance of the Nativity

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.

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Party

Friday 15th December – Christmas Lunch. BREAK UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at 1pm.





