

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 06.10.2023**

**Christian Value** - Our Christian value this term is Generosity.

Our Harvest Service and breakfast was a very joyous and fun event. I believe the harvest rap from Year 1 was particularly well received. We are endeavouring to record this and send it to the Year 1 parents on Google Classroom. Thank you for the very generous donations. These have been given to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Street.

Our sporting stars shone have really shone in the last week or so with Teddy winning the fun run and our football team coming second in their football tournament against some much bigger schools. Our karate squad also took part in an event in Exeter in September and performed brilliantly. Finally, our cross country runners did us proud at Long Sutton yesterday with some great results but more importantly great team spirit. Well done to all these children and the staff that went above and beyond to support these amazing children. It will be the turn of the netball team next week and more cross country, so we wish them luck.

Our school council have been elected in and received their badges on Tuesday. They have lots of ideas of ways to improve the school, so watch this space.

Thank you to Lily's family who very kindly donated lots of exciting logs and tubes for the playground and also to those who have donated dressing up clothes. The children are loving these new additions to the playground.

### **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! Please donate if you can, even small amounts soon add up.



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://justgiving.com)

## **Book Fair**

We are holding another Scholastic Book Fair here at school. The last book fair 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 9 – 10am
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bookfair.scholastic.co.uk/pay). We hope to see you there.

## **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.

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Bookings are available via Parent Mail.

## **Governor's Meeting**

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

## **Don't forget - School Photos – Tempest – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

## **Preschool**

Well done to Charlie for receiving a Bee Kind award, for keeping his friends safe and alerting adults to his friends who need help.

We had a lovely visit from Carol, who did some singing with the children. They are always so excited to see Carol!

On Tuesday we stopped to look at some horses on a farm. One child told us that horses and ponies were different. The children discuss what made them different. They worked out that ponies were smaller than horses. Chloe the farmer came to say hello to us. The children saw that the horses and ponies were eating their breakfast. They said that the horses were sharing the hay and the pony was eating grass. Further along our journey the children remembered that hay comes from dried grass. We took some grass back to Preschool, the

children have been keen to turn the grass each day. They are going to continue to observe our experiment, as grass turns to hay.

We have enjoyed lots of yummy snacks this week, these included banana milkshakes and pumpkin seed pesto, which the children made together!

So that the children can engage in play and climbing safely, please could they wear trainers or fitted shoes. Preferably not wellies or crocs. However, it is good to have a pair of wellies to change into for walks and outdoor exploration.

### **Shoebox Appeal**

A Charlton Mackrell villager is putting together Christmas shoebox gifts and has asked if anyone would like to donate a standard size shoebox or item to go inside the box.

Shoebox gift ideas include:

Football with pump

Doll

Cuddly toy

Toy cars

Skipping ropes

Yo-yos

Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Toothbrushes

Washcloths

Combs

Hairbrushes

Soaks

Sunglasses

Jewellery and watches

Torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)

Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off any items to the school office by the 15th November.

### **From the Friends**

**Spooktacular** things are happening on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023!**

1. Calling all witches, wizards, ghosts and werewolves – the children can come to school in ***fancy dress*** if they wish.
2. Calling all bakers (and donators!) – we are having a ***spooky-themed cake sale*** from 15:00 on Tuesday. Please bring your scary and most gruesome ***cakes, bakes, or donations*** to the school office at drop off and bring pennies to spend at pick up. If your child is attending a club or Late Birds, please ensure they have money in a named envelope to spend.
3. Our annual ***Pumpkin Parade*** will be back! Bring along your best creations and line them on the school wall the morning of the 31<sup>st</sup> October too. Governor Charlie Hull will be judging and awarding ***best design per class and preschool*** - there will be a small prize for winners and a certificate for runners up.

Thankfully, it is an inset day on the Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> October so plenty of time to get creative!  
From the Friends Committee

### **Dates for the diary**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – School photos – Tempest – Family groups from 8.15am.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9am to 10am and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3.15 - 4pm – Book Fair

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

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

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Parent's evening

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parent's evening

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Pumpkin carving competition and Spooky dressing up

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Trip to Paignton Zoo for Wildfire and Tornado Classes.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Rainbow trip to Glastonbury Rural Life Museum.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Trip to Hooke Court for Hurricane Class.

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

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

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

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Afternoon performance of the Nativity

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Evening performance of the Nativity

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

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

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party

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



















