

## **Charlton Mackrell Primary School**

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

### **Newsletter 10.11.2023**

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

Our trips this term have been very educational and enjoyable. Rainbow have enjoyed the Rural Life Museum, Hurricane went to Hooke Court to learn about the Stone Age and Wildfire and Tornado Classes have been to Paignton Zoo as part of a rainforest and animal kingdom topic.

The older children in Years 5 and 6 were inspired by an aeronautical workshop provided by Leonardo Helicopters. They put many scientific theories into practice during a very hands-on project day.

With all these exciting trips and workshops there has been a lovely buzz of children discussing their learning.

### **A message from the School Council – Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

We would like everyone to wear something yellow on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. This is a non-school uniform day and all donations will go to Children in Need. Special recycled Pudsey pin badges will be available to purchase for £1 each.



### **School uniform**

Please can we remind you that leggings and trainers are not part of the school uniform. If children are not wearing the correct school uniform then staff will gently speak to the children and you will get a letter home advising you of the issue. If children forget PE kit they will be asked to change into spare kit we have in school. Long hair should be tied back for PE, earrings covered or taken out and no novelty hair bands or accessories please.

### **We shall remember them**

The whole school gathered for a minutes silence today to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. Many children brought in interesting military memorabilia.

### **Vision Screening – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Reception children only**

Your reception child will have their eyes tested on 5<sup>th</sup> December, unless you complete and return the opt-out form.

## Wells Cathedral Concert – 11<sup>th</sup> December

Following further advice from Somerset Music we are having to restrict this opportunity to Year 3 and above. The Year 2 children will have an opportunity in the future and they will be the stars of our own nativity!

Tickets have not been released yet, but as soon as they are available we will let parents know.

## Preschool

This week at preschool we have continued reading Room on the Broom. The dragon even went to Hallr Woods!

Do come and see the children's work on display, they have created the characters from the book using lots of different media and fine motor skills.

We have also been learning about the bible story of the wise man who built his house upon the rocks and the foolish man who built his house upon the sand. At preschool we have created clouds for the school display about this story. We talked to the children about making foolish decisions and that even the wise people sometimes make wrong decisions, we learn from our mistakes and try to always be kind to others.

We had lovely feedback on our Preschool Facebook page - see below- every day is an adventure!



**Barbara Stratton**

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A very big THANKYOU to the preschool group, especially the kind teacher, who saved the life of one of our sheep yesterday. She was stuck on her back and would have died had you not let us know and took the trouble to turn her over. She is grazing happily today, a bit muddy, but none the worse for her misadventure.

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Thank you for your kind words, we were very glad to help. The dragon from Room on the Broom came to the forest with us, when the children couldn't see him they thought he had gone to get the sheep farmer!

### **Shoebox Appeal – last chance to donate**

A Charlton Mackrell villager is putting together Christmas shoebox gifts and has asked if anyone would like to donate a standard size shoebox or a single 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**

Dear Friends,

A big **thank you** to those who donated cakes and helped at the Village Café yesterday morning. It was a lovely morning. **Thank you** also to those who were able to come to The Friends meeting last night.

We're swiftly heading towards Christmas so a **Heads up** as soon we will be asking for donations for raffle prizes, mulled wine and mince pies. More info will be put out later.

**Christmas shopping and fundraising at the same time!** We are using a great website called **easyfundraising** to help raise money for the school - simply by shopping online.

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 7,000 brands such as eBay, Tesco, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com. The brands then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause. If this is something you would like to do please register using this link

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=27944&invite=bzbi0z&referral-campaign=s2s&utm\\_campaign=refCROtest](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=27944&invite=bzbi0z&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest)

Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! or look for Friends of Charlton Mackrell School, Somerton A lot of the brands are having Black Friday sales at the end of the month so it is a good time to sign up.

Thank you for your continuing support.

The Friends Committee

### **Dates for the diary**

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – donations/ own clothes/ wear something yellow

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 5<sup>th</sup> December – Reception children vision screening

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Wear a Christmas Jumper or other Christmas accessory instead of the uniform sweatshirt or cardigan. So it is uniforms, but different jumpers. No need to buy a Christmas jumper, a plain jumper or some tinsel will do. Donations to Save the Children Fund as part of their Christmas Jumper Day.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Wells Cathedral Concert – selected Key Stage 2 children

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Carol Concert at 3.15pm in the church.

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

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







