

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 Compassion.

Thank you for all your generous donations to Children in Need. It has been a fun and very yellow day!



Congratulations to our athletics team who came 2nd this week against eight other schools, who are all bigger than us. We are so proud of the sportsmanship and skill of these fantastic children.

Well done to all of the children who took part in Remembrance services and parades on Sunday.

A big thankyou to Sam for donating a great selection of books for the library.

There are lots of dates for the diary coming up. Please check the end of the newsletter. We have the nativity, Wells Cathedral, a service of light and our Christmas Carol concert.

Congratulations

Stars of the Week – Harry T, James E, Cruz, Harvey, Rosa, George E, Lizzie, Hector, Finn, Orlando, Alfie B, George S

Readers of the Week – Ernest, Livvy, Flora, Levan, Carmen, Jonjo, William A, Thomas A, George W, Liam, Amelia, Harvey

Bee Kind badges – Carmen, Nelly, Finn, Barnaby and special mention for James

Truly Trusted – Isobel, Emily, Zara, Thomas, Issy

Sports Leader – Harvey

Bonze Star Award for team points – Arthur R, Isobel K, Wanda, Erika, Zara, Rain, Florence, Isabella, Morgan and Marley

Musical star – Harry

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE – We have now launched a Facebook page. To find us please search Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School or click on the link [\(4\) Facebook](#)

Vision Screening – 5th December 2023 – Reception children only

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

Wells Cathedral Concert – 11th 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 learnt about Diwali, the festival of light.

The children did some printing with paint and added glitter to create wonderful firework pictures. The children realised as the paint mixed, they could create new colours.

The children have been learning a number rhyme about fireworks:

"five little fireworks sitting on the ground, one went whoosh and then it went bang!....."

For snack some of the children made their own flatbreads, they each were able to make their own dough and then enjoyed the cooked bread. We talked about families who celebrate Diwali who often have wonderful food at their parties.

Please can we remind families we still need your photos to complete our preschool family display.

Just a quick reminder, at preschool the children need appropriate footwear to play and climb, wellies and crocs are not suitable for indoor playing.

Shoebox Appeal – a huge thank you for your very generous response.

From the Friends

Dear Friends,

The **Christmas Raffle** is here.

Tickets will be coming home in your child's bookbag today. There will be one lot per family to start. If you would like to buy more please do not hesitate to ask your class rep, email thefriendsofcmschool@gmail.com or ask the office.

We have a lot of lovely prizes to be had. Here are a few to start with:

- A family round of disc golf, (up to 5 people) from The Mendip Activity Centre
- A family ticket from Strode swimming pool which can be used in any of the Fusion pools.
- Various bottles of wine and bubbly.
- A voucher from The White Hart pub.

These are but a few. Keep your eyes open for updates of more prizes on our Facebook page and school notice board.

If you have any lovely little bits that could be donated to make up Christmas hampers for the raffle please could you bring them in to the school office. Thank you.

Kim's work link quiz is ready to challenge your little grey cells.

The quiz is £1 and can be bought from Kim in Preschool, Wendy at pickup. As the quiz does not have to be returned until after Christmas you have plenty of time for this challenge to entertain you all the way through the holiday season!

Don't forget to use **Easy Fundraising** app when shopping online. For each sale made, the company donates a percentage to The Friends. Look for Friends of Charlton Mackrell School, Somerton as your cause to donate to.

Thank you

From The Friends Committee

Dates for the diary

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 5th December – Reception children vision screening

Friday 8th 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 11th December – Wells Cathedral Concert – selected Key Stage 2 children

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Tuesday 12th December – Service of Light – Everyone welcome to join us in church. 9am.

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

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Party – party clothes

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







