

Charlton Mackrell Primary School

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

Newsletter 01.12.2023

Christian Value - Our Christian value this term is Compassion.

The Nativity this week has brought so much joy. The children all performed brilliantly and sang their hearts out. It is always such a special occasion in the Charlton Mackrell calendar. Thank you to Mrs Carter and Miss Hookins, along with other staff, who went above and beyond to ensure this wonderful performance could happen. There are some lovely photos on our new Facebook page.

Well done to the karate club children who travelled to Weston-Super-Mare on Wednesday evening to train with Sensei Kurihara who was visiting from Japan. Thank you to Mrs Rushworth and parents for supporting your children at this very busy time of year.

Thank you to Carol for coming in this week and showing the children her wonderful medals and inspiring the children with her impressive runs.

Next week the School Council have been asked to decorate the church on Friday (during school hours), there is vision screening for reception children, the panto on Monday (planned to be back to school at 4.45pm) and Friday is the Christmas Jumper Day (but don't buy a jumper especially!). Donations to Save the Children charity. Uniforms, but a different jumper.

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.

School Gate Jan 2024

As the children are now settled into their classes from January, we ask all parents to drop off at the school gates and not to enter the playground or classrooms.

Preschool

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Preschool!

Last week the children enjoyed the story of Pumpkin soup. They sang a rhyme all about pumpkin's and even made their own pumpkin soup for snack time. Later in the week the children compared marrows. They noticed how they all looked different in shape, size and colour. The children measured them using feet, before finishing off with a pumpkin rolling competition.

At Forest School for the last 2 weeks the children have been learning how to stay safe around fire. On their journey they collected lots of dry sticks and foliage. Once the children arrived at the woods they worked together to make our classroom area clear of leaves and sticks, in preparation for the fire. The children were excited to have our own fire in Squirrel Camp. The children kept themselves super safe. They had a go at using a stick to see the flames. The children helped to make the base for the fire before sitting in a safe position for

Kim to light it. When making the base they made a raft using wood, followed by some cotton wool and Vaseline. They worked together to create a pyramid of sticks and foliage on top of the raft.

Well done to Digby for receiving a Tremendous Tree award for using the Preschool toilet for the first time!

We are proud of how well the children have been learning Christmas songs ready for our Christmas performance. Hope you can join us on our party day.

From the Friends

Dear Friends,

Remember your Raffle Tickets.

A thank you to those who have already got their raffle tickets

If you haven't got yours yet please fill out the stubs with your name and contact number on all the stubs as they get separated when put in the draw and cut off your tickets. Put the stubs with your money into an envelope and give back to school.

If you would rather pay by bank transfer then complete the stubs and send them into school remembering to keep the tickets.

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| Bank transfer: | Name: | Friends of Charlton Mackrell School |
| | Sort code: | 09-01-52 |
| | Account number: | 96291609 |
| | Reference: | RAFFLE + SURNAME |

If you would like to buy more please do not hesitate to ask your class rep, email thefriendsofcmschool@gmail.com or ask the office.

There are a lot of amazing prizes to be won.

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

Don't forget to get you quiz. Something to keep you thinking over the festive period.

The quiz is £1 and can be bought from Kim in Preschool and Year 6 students on the school gate. 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!

Name the Elf.

There is a sad Elf in the school office who has no home and no name.

Your child will be coming home with poster and entry form for their chance to give this lovely elf a home. Just think of a name, write it on the form with the child's name and class and 50p. Then pop it in the special post box with a chance to win.

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

Wanted

Pre school are looking for any joggers/leggings ages 2-3, 3-4 & 4-5 to keep as spares. If you have anything you can donate it would be greatly appreciated.

Dates for the diary

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.





