

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
January 2025



Our Christian  
value this term  
is Respect

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

## Charlton Mackrell Primary School & Pre-School

Welcome back everyone and may we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Even though the weather has been very cold, the children have enjoyed being back in school and playing with their friends. I was very impressed to see so many runners this morning circuiting the field – seven times for some of the Year Sixes! There has been a very positive atmosphere in all the classes and children have been working hard to learn all about respecting themselves and others.

### Staffing:

This term we have welcomed Miss Websdale to our staff team and we hope that she enjoys her time here at Charlton Mackrell. We are very much looking forward to hearing all that Rainbow are learning this term. We also welcome Mrs Storey our new lunchtime supervisor, Mr Field our caretaker and Mrs Sweeting as Manager of Preschool. School is always a very busy place and it takes many people working together to create the best learning environment for the children.

### School Clubs:

Choir will be continuing this half-term and Mrs Rushworth will be beginning a coding club this week. She will be inviting one class a half term and the first group to be asked will be Tornado class. This will be held at lunchtimes. Miss Websdale will be running a fun sports club on a Monday & Mrs Oliver will be running a reading club on a Friday. TLE will be running football club on a Tuesday & multi sports on a Wednesday and we look forward to extending the range of activities they offer next half term.

### Dates for the diary:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan - Open the book

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan - Open the book & Reception Vision Screening

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Inset Day



### The Library:

Thank you for the offers of help to volunteer in the library. We have a very well-resourced library and the aim is to make it an even more engaging space for the children to encourage a love of books and reading. Please keep encouraging the children to read daily at home – this is one of the most important ways we can improve all round outcomes for children, as they transfer to secondary school and beyond.

### Safeguarding:

As a school we have a duty to safeguard the children. They are aware of who the adults with responsibility for keeping them safe are. As a staff we will always listen to your children and follow 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance and guidelines. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#). For your information the adults with specific responsibility for safeguarding in the school are: Alison Allen (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Jenna Marklew and Kim Headley, who are both Deputy Designated safeguarding Leads.

### Parking:

Thank you all for making efforts to reverse into parking spaces – this is making the carpark safer for pedestrians.

### Attendance:

Thank you all for persevering through the floods to get your children here. Just to reconfirm that although gates are open until 8.50am, school begins at 8.45am and teachers take the registers at 8.45am. Children arriving after 8.45am will be marked as late.

### Attendance from September:

National attendance figure 90%

Rainbow - 96%
Hurricane – 95.8%
Wildfire – 96.7%
Tornado – 96.1%

