

Dear parents and carers,

Spring Term Newsletter 5 – Friday 19th March 2021

Last week was a particularly challenging week for some year groups and we would like to thank you for your understanding as we worked our way through these challenges on the advice of Public Health England.

Key dates (please note that these may change.)



March 2021	
Tuesday 23 rd March	Y5 Science day
Wednesday 24 th March	Y3 Science day Y4 Science day
Thursday 25 th March	Y2 Science day
Monday 29 th March	Y4 History day
Tuesday 30 th March	Y6 History day
Wednesday 31 st March	Y3 History day Parents Evening
April 2021	
Thursday 1 st April	School closes at the end of the day for the Easter holidays. Parents Evening



Red nose day!

We have had a fantastic day today raising money for Comic relief. The children and staff looked fantastic in their snazzy clothing, wacky clothing, face paint and snazzy socks. We will inform you of how much we have raised as soon as we have counted it.

Enrichment clubs

Our list for the enrichment clubs has been created and these were sent home today for choices for the Summer Term. Until the end of the Summer term and to ensure that these are covid-secure we are limiting the enrichment clubs to year group bubbles. We are sure you will appreciate the sense in this and support us in this until the start of the new school year in September.

Manor Court 48

We are so pleased that we are able to start to catch up with the Manor Court 48 opportunities that have been missed. This week the Y2 children have worked collaboratively to learn how to tie their shoelaces. The children worked hard to overcome the difficulty, supporting each other as they needed.



Parents Evening – Wednesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April

Regular conversation between parents and class teachers is an important part of the school year and we appreciate that this is especially valuable for children who are new to our school. Unfortunately, current Government restrictions means that arranging parents evening meetings in person, is currently still not possible.

Please read the letter that was sent home today and do respond to your child's teacher about the time and if it is not convenient please make arrangements for speaking at another time.

E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

YouTube have created a new, 'supervised' experience which aims to meet the needs to children who are too old for YouTube Kids but not quite old enough to have full, unrestricted access to YouTube. Their supervised experience has 3 levels:

- Explore - videos suitable for children 9+
- Explore more - suitable for children 13+

Most of YouTube - almost everything on YouTube except videos marked as 18+ (this is the current Restricted Mode on YouTube).

To read more about the supervised experience, visit <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10314940>

And for a detailed guide giving helpful, practical advice for children using YouTube, visit <https://kstatic.googleusercontent.com/files/8c008b73566d01df66ef5e487b77feaf08b1bd3620171bed889d95ce13098920fd3dfc0817d7e9f330ef72aa3144c29c233d3c5f97ade838e948b2989c3fcdc51>

EYC Apprentices

Due to the rising numbers of children who attend, we are looking to recruit two fantastic apprentices for our EYC in September. Click on the link below for further information and please do spread the word!
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-580425>



EYC News from Laura

We have been thoroughly enjoying outdoor learning over the past few weeks! Our children are really interested in bug hunting, den building, construction, and cause and effect investigation. We have also been practising our voice sounds, silly soup, and listening games. Over the next few weeks, we are learning about the life cycle of a frog, Easter hunts, and we will be starting the life cycle of a butterfly! We now have limited spaces for children aged 3-4. If you would like your child to join us, please do get in touch. Do not forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!

If you need financial help

We appreciate that for some of our families, life is tough at the moment with financial constraints and especially with the recent news about Oscar Mayer. If you do need help, please contact the school and we can sign post you to organisations that can help you during this time

Foundation Stage Science Day

Foundation Stage loved their science day on Thursday. They found bugs and made bird feeders but the highlight of the day was definitely meeting Nutella the tortoise and learning all about him.



Have we got your correct details? – A message from the school office

In order to keep your child safe, please make sure that if you have changed your telephone number, email address or home address you remember to let the school office know.

Child Sexual Exploitation workshop with Somerset & Avon Constabulary

- Have you heard of CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation)?
- Do you know about County Lines?
- Do you know what Online Grooming and Exploitation is?
- Maybe you would like to know more about all the above or some of the above. The prevention officer from TOPAZ exploitation team, Avon and Somerset Police is bringing you 60 minutes virtual awareness/guidance sessions.
- This is a perfect opportunity to increase your awareness at an event arranged by Somerset & Avon constabulary this evening at 7:00pm. To book a place, please follow Eventbrite links below.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/child-exploitation-awareness-for-parents-it-can-happen-to-my-child-tickets-143294211845>

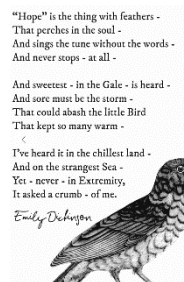
Curriculum themed days for each year group.

The teachers planned activities throughout the recent lockdown that covered all relevant National Curriculum objectives. To enrich our curriculum in the build up to the Easter Holidays we will be holding curriculum themed days in history and science. The children will focus on their learning about these studies in this subject on these days. The teachers will send emails to all parents via the year group email addresses if they require the children to bring in anything from home.

Art Project with St. Mary's

The children within the school are currently working on an art project in collaboration with St Mary's Church. The church has given us money to buy resources for this project, and we are basing our Art on the poem by Emily Dickinson - Hope is the thing with feathers. All children across the school will make their own bird, and Y6 will also paint out the poem and decorate it.

The birds will be attached to the railings and walls of St Mary's and Manor Court, and will be on a map as part of the whole town's Trail of Hope that will go ahead on the Easter weekend.



Self-Isolation

We are working extremely hard to keep all of the children in our school safe and well at the moment. It is important that you continue to follow Government guidelines, practice social distancing and continue with good hygiene methods. Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any Coronavirus symptoms.



Bring yourself & a brew!

We are pleased with the success of the Bring yourself & a brew session and Miss Gregory will continue to run these each Tuesday on Zoom at 14:00. This is an informal chat with other parents who may be feeling the same. Zoom links will continue to be sent home through Elog or the year group email addresses for you to join in.

We have space for more children!

If your friends have been impressed by what we have been doing for your children during remote learning, we have space for more children in all year groups apart from Y5 and Y6. We would love to welcome more children into our caring, inclusive and academically high achieving community.

2021-2022 Term Dates

We have recently set the Term Dates for the 2021-2022 academic term. Please see the school website or the final page of this newsletter for the dates that have been set for the next school year.

Covid Testing of staff

Each member of our staff team are testing twice a week with a LFT (lateral flow test) for Coronavirus. Please do be aware that if we have a positive case within a year group bubble that this bubble will need to shut and the staff and children within this bubble will have to self-isolate.



School applications for September 2021

For all parents with children starting school in September 2021, you can now apply for your child's school place by following the link below. If you or any of your friends would like to visit the school, please contact the school office and we can arrange a socially distant school visit.

Please follow the link below to complete your application for a school place.

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child who is believed to be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court Primary School, we provide high quality education and enrichment opportunities for all our pupils regardless of ability or background. However, it is useful to receive this funding for all children entitled to it. If your children are entitled to free school meals or a member of the household is currently in receipt, or has been in the last six years, of Universal credit then please do apply through this hyperlink <https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?formalias=freeschoolmeal>

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please "Don't think "What if I'm wrong" Think... "What if I am right" If you have any concerns about a pupil you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Team immediately. Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Clode and Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads: Miss Gregory and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor is Mrs Jo Boyland.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Luke Talmage
Head Teacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader

Manor Court Community Primary School 2021-2022 Term Dates



September 2021					October 2021					November 2021									
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	
Tu			7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30
W	1		8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	
Th	2		9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25	
F	3		10	17	24	F	1		8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26	
Sa	4		11	18	25	Sa	2		9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27	
Su	5		12	19	26	Su	3		10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28	
December 2021					January 2022					February 2022									
M		6	13	20	27	M	3		10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu	4		11	18	25	Tu	1		8	15	22		
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March 2022					April 2022					May 2022									
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June 2022					July 2022					August 2022									
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Key:

	School holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term time
	Inset day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 22 October 2021 (35 days)
 Term 2: 01 November – 17 December 2021 (35 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 18 February 2022 (34 days)
 Term 4: 28 February – 08 April 2022 (30 days)
 Term 5: 25 April – 27 May 2022 (24 days)
 Term 6: 06 June – 26 July 2022 (37 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2021/22

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2021*	Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2021*	May Day Bank Holiday	02 May 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2022*	Spring Bank Holiday	30 May 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend.