

Dear parents and carers,

## Summer Term Newsletter 4 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021



**Key dates** (please note that these may change.)

June 2021	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Foundation trip to Lyme Regis
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Nightingales trip to Yeovilton
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Activity Week
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Kingfishers Trip to Stonehenge
July 2021	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5 trip to the cinema
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 trip to Lyme Regis



### Multi-cultural Day

Last Friday, (11th June), the children and staff celebrated their third annual multi-cultural day and the school was awash with children and adults, dressed in the national colours of a variety of countries and their flags. The children enjoyed activities such as visiting a 'pop-up museum' with exhibits explaining the culture and history of over twelve countries, playing traditional English and multi-cultural playground games, completing a treasure hunt around the school grounds and participating in a whole school parade around the Key-Stage 1 playground to complete the day in which the children showed their colourful costumes".

The highlight of this day for the children and adults was a 'Zoom' assembly with our partner primary school, Escola Quinta da Courela in Paio Pires- Seixal, near Lisbon in Portugal. The children were delighted to sing to each other in their own languages and Owls class from Manor Court sang to their new friends in Portuguese and a Portuguese class were able to sing to the Manor Court children in English. The children enjoyed asking questions to each other about their school day.



### Sun protection

We are hopeful that the good weather that we are currently experiencing will continue for a good period of time. Please can you ensure that you apply suncream to your child before they come to school and that they have plenty of fluids to drink and a hat to wear when they are outside.

### School Uniform

Please ensure your children are dressed correctly and appropriately in their school uniform. A reminder of our uniform requirements is at the end of this newsletter. We ask that skirts are worn no shorter than knee length. Nail polish should not be worn to school and if your child comes to school wearing it, we will remove it. Make-up should not be worn either.



### Reading books donated by the FMCA

Huge thank you to our Friends of Manor Court Association who have kindly purchased new books for all of our pupils to use in their reading and writing sessions across the school. We are all very grateful to have received these books and it will be fantastic to have whole classes reading the same book at the same time.

### Cricket results

We found out last week that we came a very respectable 11<sup>th</sup> place in the Somerset Cricket Olympics 2021, out of over 30 schools across Somerset. We hope your children have enjoyed participating in their cricket sessions.

### Charmouth Heritage Centre Virtual Fossil Workshop

Kingfishers were lucky enough to have a virtual fossil workshop on Thursday. The children wowed the experts with their great knowledge of Mary Anning and fossil hunting. We learnt all about how fossils are formed, looked at dinosaur skeletons and solved a Jurassic murder mystery! It was a great morning and the whole class were captivated (including the teachers!)



### Foundation Stage induction programme 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming our new foundation stage children into our school community in September. The parents of our new starters will have received a new letter this week to explain the changes to the Induction programme as the Government has changed the guidance.

### Variety Show

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid restrictions we are unable to hold our variety show at the Guildhall again this year. However, we are delighted that the children will still have opportunity to perform and the children will be recorded to make a video to showcase their many talents.

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We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: Mr Clode, Miss Gregory or Mr Talmage. Alternatively, you can ring. Children Social Care on: 0300 123 2224 or email [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

## Owls met David O'Doherty!

Owls class enjoyed taking part in a webinar today with the author David O'Doherty, who talked about his latest book as well as answering questions about being an author and we also enjoyed drawing along with the book's illustrator. David O' Doherty was extremely funny and we all now want to read his book.



## Meet the teacher afternoon

The children within the school will have opportunity to spend time with their new teacher, LSA (and in some year groups 2, 3 & 4 their new classes) and in their new classroom on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. More information about this will afternoon and the class structure will be sent home in the next two weeks.



### Punctuality

We have noticed that some children are persistently arriving at school later than the time that has been allocated for them. Please do ensure that you are arriving each morning on time and at the correct entrance point to ensure that your child is ready to start their school day.

## 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.

## Year 4 trip to Escot

Year 4 have had a fantastic day at Wildwood Escot today and their first challenge was to complete the huge maze. Some managed it! Do look on Twitter and Facebook for more photos.



## We have space for more children!

If your friends or family have been impressed by what we have been doing for your children during the school year, 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.



### EYC news from Laura

Our 'school ready' children have been thoroughly enjoying their transition into Foundation stage. They have been getting to know the outdoor environment and playing with the current foundation stage children. We have been practising our 'letter and sounds' activities, name writing, and number recognition.

Our younger children have been learning through their interests of babies, vehicles, and animals. They have been learning and exploring through play with their peers.

Please save the date: WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY at 2:15. This is for ALL of our children. More information will follow soon.

## Dropping off and collection of children at the rear of the school

We have received multiple complaints from parents about how children are being dropped off at the start and collected at the end of the school day.

May we politely remind you that parents may not enter the staff car park, must be respectful of each other and the members of the community who live in the vicinity of the school. Due to complaints from those who live nearby and parents within the school, we have requested that the local parking attendant and PCSO spend time patrolling the rear of the school.

We have also received a complaint from local businesses as parents have been using their private car park when dropping off/collecting children at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do not use the gravel car park opposite the front of the school.

## E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

### New SEND Online Safety Hub

NetAware have recently launched a new hub for parents of children with special educational needs, to support families with keeping their children safe online and to get the best out of their online experiences.

The new hub includes top tips, activities and guidance. You can also sign up for a regular newsletter.

Find the hub at: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub/>



## 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.

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### **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?fm\\_formalias=freeschoolmeal](https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?fm_formalias=freeschoolmeal)

### **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

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr Luke Talmage  
Head Teacher



Mr Alan Clode  
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion Leader

## School Uniform

At Manor Court uniform is compulsory for all children as we believe it encourages a sense of pride, loyalty and a sense of belonging. It also avoids discrimination between children and prevents arguments at home about what is suitable to wear to school. All items of clothing should be clearly named. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

All children from Foundation to Year 6 should choose from:-

- Navy blue V-necked sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.
- School ties
- Grey or black trousers/shorts/skirts/skorts. Skirts to be worn at knee length
- White shirt
- Optional blue gingham summer dress
- Black sensible shoes. Trainers are not to be worn to school.

### PE Kit

All children from Foundation to Year 6 should have

- Navy Blue T-shirt with Manor Court logo
- Black shorts and/or jogging bottoms
- Grey tunic, skirt or trousers
- Plimsolls/trainers
- Optional Manor Court PE hoodie



### Jewellery, Hairstyles etc

Children should not wear any jewellery other than one stud earring per ear and a watch. For the safety of the children, they should not wear any jewellery during any PE lessons.

Please ensure that your child has a sensible haircut at all times.

Children are not allowed to wear nail polish or make-up to school unless as part of a celebration day or costume in which case you will be informed in advance.