

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn Term Newsletter 2 – Friday 25th September 2020

Key dates (please note that these may change.)

September	
Wednesday 1 st October	Flu immunisation session in school Poetry Day



Social distancing outside the school – A message from Mr Talmage

Thank you to many of our parents who have listened to us and taking care to maintain social distancing at drop off and collection time. Please do remember that it is important for parents to maintain their own social distancing and not congregate at the gates and especially not smoking. We all appreciate your support in making this work for all members of our school community.

Windows

The project to replace most of our windows will start on Monday. We are looking forward to seeing this project underway and the new windows and doors when they are in place. The window fitting should take about sixteen weeks (weather and any possible 'lockdown' dependent) to complete.

Harvest festival Hamper from the school council

Our School Council shall be making up a Harvest Hamper to give to St Marys Church. They will be collecting tinned and packet foods (all donations in date gratefully received but please donations within date) sorry but no fresh produce! As from Monday 28th September there will be a collection box inside the school gates for children to drop off their donations before entering the school building. Donations received until Friday 2nd October. Thankyou. Yesterday Mrs Field in the School Office was very pleased to receive a beautifully handwritten letter from the school council! We have added this to the bottom of the newsletter for you all to see.



House Captains 2020-2021

Today we awarded our much coveted House Captain badges to the new Year 6 House Captains. The children had to apply in writing for this role to Mr Talmage and Mr Clode outlining how and why they are the right candidates for this role of responsibility. The new House Captains are

Stringfellow	Gillingham	Bondfield	Morangis
Alex Emily	Luke Lucie	Seb Wiktorja	Mikey Chloe



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.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-admissions-policy/>

Parents Evenings

We have been delighted with the way in which the children have settled into their new classes and how hard the children have been working. We would like to celebrate their successes with you in a parent evening meeting in the week before the October half term. We are unable to hold these meetings in the hall as we would usually but will be arranging conversations on Zoom or by telephone call. We will be sending further information to parents in a letter next week.

The management of Covid-19 concerns

We appreciate that parents are concerned about the risk of covid-19 to their children and wider families. Please be assured that in school we are completing above and beyond what the Government has asked us to do. We sent home to all parents through ParentPay this week a letter from the Department of Education about medical symptoms that are not typical of coronavirus.

Chard has a film celebrating the community response to Covid19!

During the national Lockdown a film was made of the response of Chard to the Coronavirus pandemic and we are proud that our school featured in this for the support that we gave to the Coronavirus support group. A trailer of the film will be shown on ITV West Country News over the weekend which will include the filmmakers and interviews of local business and people of the town, including Mr Talmage.

You can see the community premiere of the 6 minute film on YouTube on Wednesday 30th September at 7pm. Copy this link to this event - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEhc-0OxaPk>

We hope we can come together as a community to watch the film together. It will be available to share after the premiere.

Coats and jumpers

Due to current Government requirements we must keep windows and doors open to allow through circulation of fresh air into each area of the school building. However due to the changing outside temperature the classrooms are becoming progressively cold. Please do ensure that your child has their school jumper or cardigan with them at all times and their coat with them as children will be spending more time outside.



We would also recommend that children start to wear a vest, long or short sleeved t-shirt under their school shirt.



EYC news from Laura

We have really been enjoying lots of outdoor learning! Lots of outdoor science experiments have taken place, our literacy shed is proving to be very popular, and our outdoor music sessions with Declan have started again!

We are now on Instagram please do like our page at manorcourt_preschool.

Applications for children starting school in School in September 2021 are now open. You can apply for your child's school place. Please do speak to a member of staff if you are unsure how to do this.

We still have a few spaces available at EYC. Please spread the word and get in touch if you would like your child to join our pre-school

Tempest Photography orders

On Wednesday children in Foundation Stage to Y6 had their individual photographs taken by the photographers from Tempest. Sadly, this year, because of current Government restrictions, sibling photographs could not be taken and we hope to arrange another visit later in the year.

Children will bring home the proof of their photographs in their school bag and if you decide to place an order this needs to be completed online at the request of Tempest.

Flu Immunisation

If you haven't already done so, please remember to follow the link in the recent NHS letter to give consent for your child's flu immunisation. You must register through the same link if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. The deadline for doing this is Monday 28th September. If you miss the deadline your children will not be able to receive immunisation in school on Thursday 1st October.



E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

Our children are growing up in a world in which they are bombarded by images and advertising. Helping them to develop healthy self-confidence and positive body image can be challenging so Media Smart have produced two guides on the topics of 'Body image and advertising' and 'Digital advertising and social media'. These resources provide information, advice and activities to help

adults support children in developing a positive sense of their own worth and identity. The guides are free to download but do require a login. Find them here: <https://mediasmart.uk.com/parents/>

As TikTok continues to be very popular, we just wanted to send a quick reminder about the settings which parents can use to monitor their child's activities:

- Restricted mode tries to prevent certain content from being seen
- Screen time management where you can monitor how long children can spend using the app
- Direct messages can be turned off or the people who are able to send direct messages can be restricted

For all other questions, Common Sense Media have a useful guide to all things

TikTok: <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok#:~:text= TikTok%20allows%20parents%20to%20set,the%20app's%20Family%20Pairing%20feature.>

Miss Findlay's marathon

Miss Findlay is running the virtual London Marathon next weekend for the Huntington's disease association and Breast Cancer now charities. If you would like to sponsor Miss Findlay in this adventure please donate through her fund raising link. We wish Miss Findlay lots of luck in this challenge!

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ClairFindlay>

Breakfast club – change of location

We are delighted that so many children have signed up to attend breakfast club and as we require more space this will be held in the school hall from Monday 14th September. To access the school hall children can enter through the main gate at the front of the school from 07:30 and walk up the KS2 playground and enter the building at the door opposite the Y6 block. Please do not arrive before 07:30 as the children will not be able to access the building.



School provided packed lunches

We are still awaiting Aspens to inform us when they can provide hot meals for our children and until this point children will receive a packed lunch option. Please ensure you have returned your menu choices. At the moment we realise that some families may prefer to send their own packed lunch in for a variety of reasons and for this reason your child may not eat the lunch provided by the school. We have been sending the packed lunch home with your child and will continue to do so until you inform us that you do not wish to receive it.

Wrap around care

During the last week of the school holiday we arranged after school provision until 6:00pm. Please check the letter for details about this or make contact with the school office. This is a paid for service and is reasonably priced to cover our costs only.

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child that 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 let the school know.

Year group emails

We are still currently limiting the contact between parents and teachers on the school site and will continue to encourage initial contact with your child's teacher through the year group email address or by telephoning the school office. The year group email addresses will be checked regularly and we would ask that all parents email the email address as soon as possible so that teachers can set contact lists. The email addresses can be found on our previous newsletter.

EYC spaces

We have a few spaces left in our EYC and we would like to fill these from September. We have attached an advertisement flyer to the back of this newsletter. Please share this information with your friends and family.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L Talmage'.

Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A Clode'.

Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader

Manor Court Early Years Centre

Spaces Available



Session Times

9am - 12pm

12.30pm - 3.30pm

9am - 3.30pm

15/30 Hours Funded ~ Ages 2-4 years



FREE BOOKBAG & 4 FREE NON-FUNDED SESSIONS

IF YOU take a picture of this poster and show it to the school office. Offer received after a term's attendance.

T&Cs: Offer subject to spaces available. Redemption of this offer expires on 2nd November 2020 and your chosen sessions must be agreed with the EYC Manager.



For further information, please contact the main school office on 01460 62350



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Dear Mrs Field,

Please can you put this in the newsletter this week.

School Council News

Our first project this term is to collect food donations for a Harvest Hamper which we will present to St Mary's Church, Chard

We would like you to kindly donate any tins or packets of food - no fresh produce.

Every morning, from Monday 27th September until Friday 2nd October, there will be a collection box inside the school gates for your children to put the gifts into before entering the school buildings.

Thank you.

Thank you from
Manor Court School Council



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