

Dear Parents and carers



Summer Term Newsletter 3– Friday 26th May 2023

May 2023	
Friday 26 th May	Last day of this half term
June 2023	
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day school closed to all children
Tuesday 6 th June	All children return to school for the final half term of this school year
Thursday 8 th June	Sports Day – Further information below
Monday 12 th June	Reserve Date for Sports Day
Thursday 15 th June	Y4 overnight residential to Wildwood
Monday 19 th to Wednesday 21 st June	Scarf Education Life Bus to visit all classes
Tuesday 27 th and Thursday 29 th June	Summer Shows at Holyrood Academy

Farewell to Mr Woolford



Yesterday we said farewell and thank you to our long serving and excellent caretaker, Keith Woolford, who retires next Wednesday in our surprise whole school assembly attended by pupils, current staff members, former colleagues, friends, and his wife.

The children sang for him, read poems that they had written about him, presented him with gifts that they had made including a collection of beautifully framed paintings of the school building and a beautiful ornamental display for his garden. His infamous leaf blower, that is now a part of Manor Court folklore, was even mentioned a few times!

The impact of Keith's work cannot and should not be underestimated. Using his many skills and talents he has maintained and constantly improved a building that is over one hundred years old and kept it in pristine condition.

We wish you every happiness for a long and joyful retirement Keith and hope to see you soon!

Year 6 trip to London

The Year 6 children set off early on Friday 19th May for their school trip to London. The children left just after 06:00 in two coaches to visit the Houses of Parliament and to complete The London Eye. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit, postponed from September because of the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and have made a memory together that will last a lifetime.



Sun Safety

The weather has started to warm up (finally!) and the sun is becoming stronger as Summer approaches. Please do apply sunscreen to your child before the school day and ensure that they have a named water bottle with plenty of fluids and a named sunhat with them to wear on the playground or field during the morning and lunchtime break.

Punctuality

We have noticed that some children are persistently arriving at school later than the time that they should be. Please do ensure that you are arriving at each morning on time 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 that you remember to let the school office know.

Year 6 advance warning – A message from the Y6 team



It is a busy time of the school year for the Y6 children with a focus on their end of KS2 assessments. After next week our focus will turn towards further curriculum enrichment, your child's transition to their Secondary school and the traditional school play – this year it's The Greatest Show!

We've been asked by a few parents to inform them of these important dates at the end of the school year so that time off from work can be booked. Please put these dates in your diary so that you do not miss these important events.

1. Thursday 13th July – Afternoon performance of The Greatest Show in the school hall a 13:30 start.
2. Thursday 13th July – Evening performance of The Greatest Show in the school hall an 18:00 start.
3. Wednesday 19th July – Y6 Leavers assembly in the school hall a 13:30 start.

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, Mrs Terry, Mrs Wilkins, or Mr Talmage. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

Sports Day – A message from Mrs Prevett

We are really looking forward to our Sports Day, which is on Thursday 8th June with a reserve date of Monday 12th June in case of bad weather. The day will contain all the usual athletics events and potentially an adults' race too! We will welcome adults supporting KS1 children onto the field at 9:25 with the morning finishing at 11:40. KS2 adults can enter the field at 1:10 and the afternoon will finish at 2:55. We do ask that you stay within the spectator zone, in the center of the field.

Children are encouraged to come into school wearing a coloured T-shirt of their house, normal school PE tops otherwise please. Please also ensure your child has a drinks bottle, hat, suncream and raincoat to cover all weather options.

Y6 Enrichment week and residential to Huish Woods

The Y6 children have experienced a week of enrichment activities within school and from Wednesday morning until today at Huish Woods. The week has been jammed packed with activities to suit the interests of each individual child and we anticipate that there will be lots of tidy and happy children going home this afternoon.

The week started with a day of sporting activity led by an outside sporting coach,

Tuesday the children spent time learning how to make sushi with local Japanese restaurateur, Kinori and making tie dye t-shirts that they could take to their residential. The children loved the tasty pancakes from the pancake pod!

Wednesday saw the start of the residential at Huish woods where the children could spend time with each other and their adults. Throughout the three days the children have enjoyed archery, climbing, caving, zip-wiring, an evening bonfire where they could toast

marshmallows together.



School term dates for 2023-2024

Our school term dates for the 2023-2024 school year have been published on our school website and shared via our social media accounts. Please find these at the end of this newsletter for your information.



Year 3 poetry recitals

Well done to our wonderful Year 3 pupils who have performed poetry twice to parents and carers this week to two packed audiences. They performed poems from Shakespeare, the dark, all kinds of animals and even modern-day poems about bad moods wearing shoes!

School shoes and ties

We have noticed that several children are coming to school each day wearing trainers and ankle boots. This is not school uniform or appropriate footwear for the children to be wearing to school. We have also noticed that some children have not been wearing their school tie to school on a regular basis. Please be prepared for a member of staff to mention the footwear and lack of tie to you and ask when your child will be attending school in appropriate school uniform.

Summer Show

We are delighted to announce that tickets for the annual summer shows are now on sale. The show dates (Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th June) at Holyrood Academy are on Eventbrite. Once more, tickets are priced at £4 per adult and £2 per child and all profit from these two events will be used to pay for school wide performing art projects.

Again, we will be selling tickets on Eventbrite to ensure that we are being the most environmentally friendly as we can be. Today we have sent a letter home containing links to the place where you can purchase the tickets and have them sent directly to your smartphone or email address. These links have also been shared via our social media accounts and please do carefully check which performance you need to purchase tickets for before selecting as refunds cannot be issued after purchase.



EYC news from Sophie

This week, the preschool children completed their Manor Court 48 and visited a local park for a picnic. We had our picnic and played some games, which the children really enjoyed. We all had a lot of fun and the children were fantastic role models for Manor Court on the walk there and back. All of the adults were very proud of them! Please can we remind parents to keep suncream and a sun hat in bags now that the weather is getting warmer - thank you.

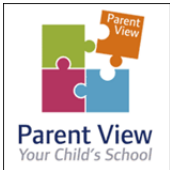




Attendance our school expectations

Pupil attendance and punctuality is a key focus and priority within our school. Individual attendance will be monitored and reviewed on a bi-weekly basis. We would like to kindly remind parents that the school's expectations on individual pupil attendance is 95% and above, with the aim of having 100% pupil attendance. Should your child fall behind the school's expectations a monitoring process is triggered, and we may ask you to come into school to

discuss your child's attendance with us. Should you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact me within the school.



Ofsted Parent view

Parent view is a way in which Ofsted surveys the parents of children within a school to find out their views of the school and how it can be improved further. These opinions become part of the overall judgment of the school. If you would like to pass on your opinions to Ofsted, please complete the survey on the parent view website. The website can be found at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Save the dates!

Please save the dates for the following events so as not to be disappointed and await further information next week that will explain in further detail.

- Thursday 8th June – Sports Day
- Monday 12th June – The reserve date for Sports Day in case of bad weather on Thursday 8th June.
- Tuesday 27th June – Summer Show 1 at Holyrood Academy
- Thursday 29th June – Summer Show 2 at Holyrood Academy



PE Days

Our PE Days have been set for the next half term and are unlikely to be changed, if we need to change them, we will inform you through your Eylog or ParentPay account. Children should wear their PE kits to school on the days listed below. We have noticed that some children are wearing their PE hoodies into school on different days and on all other days it is important that full school uniform is worn.

Classes	PE Day on which PE Kits must be worn
Squirrels & Hedgehogs	Tuesday
Dragonflies & Bumblebees	Thursday
Nightingales & Magpies	Wednesday
Owls & Kingfishers	Monday & Thursday
Eagles & Puffins	Wednesday & Friday
Foxes & Badgers	Monday & Friday
Herons & Otters	Monday & Friday



Wrap around care telephone number

The telephone number for our wrap around care provision (breakfast & after school club) has changed to **07471 412147** Please save this telephone number to your phone if you use wrap around care. We are also having several parents regularly giving us less than four hours' notice that their child requires to use the breakfast or after school club. To ensure that we have the correct ratios please ensure that you contact the school office the day before you require club. We appreciate that emergencies sometimes happen.

School council charity book sale

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our School Council second hand book sale this Wednesday afternoon. We have raised over **£70** for the Children's Ward at Musgrove Park Hospital. If you missed it, we shall be holding a book stall at the FMCA Summer Fayre

Foundation Stage RNLI talk

Foundation Stage had a brilliant visit this Wednesday from the RNLI. The children learnt how to stay safe when they are swimming in the sea and found out what the RNLI do to help people. The RNLI volunteers really are superheroes!





Online safety news from Miss Thompson

You've probably heard of ChatGPT and you might have used it a little bit. It's an incredible tool and shows just how far technology has come. However, as with anything online, there are safety implications so Childnet has put together a helpful guide for parents and carers about what it can and can't do and the things you should know. You can find it here: [https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-do-i-need-to-know-about-chatgpt-a-guide-for-parents-](https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-do-i-need-to-know-about-chatgpt-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/)

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Y4 Manor Court 48 – Make a dish from another country

Year 4 Made a dish from another country as part of their MC48. As they have been learning about Greece, they made Greek salad and tzatziki from scratch. Children tried ingredients they had never tasted before. It was delicious!



Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child who they believe may be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court Community 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

A GREAT PLACE TO BE...

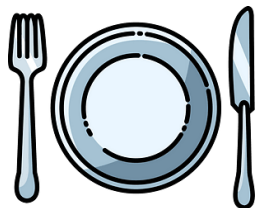
Very nearly an oversubscribed school

We are sure that you will agree that we are an academically high achieving, caring, diverse, vibrant, happy, and fun school. We will soon be at the capacity of sixty children in each year group from Foundation Stage to Year 5 (we have no spaces in Year 6). If you know of parents of children who may wish to join the Manor Court School Community, we would love to show them around for a place before it is too late. Please ask them to make an appointment with the school office and

Mr Talmage, Mr Clode or Mrs Terry would be delighted to show them around.

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. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Clode and Deputy Designated Safeguard leads are Miss Gregory, Mrs Terry, Mrs Wilkins, and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor is Mrs Sue Wakeman.



Hot meals parental feedback – A message from Mrs Hunt

Our onsite kitchen is now providing a hot meal for over 190 children each weekday and it appears to us that the children within the school are enjoying the meal that is being offered to them and parents have selected for them through ParentPay.

We would like to ask parents to provide feedback, positive or negative, as to the food that we are providing to your child. If you would like to share this feedback with us, please do email the school office.

If for any reason you are unhappy with the meals provided, please do email the office and we can try to rectify this.

Thank you or your continued support.

Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



A relaxing environment for little ones and those who care for them.

Safe area for babies.

Toys, bubbles, singing and refreshments.

**We meet in Church rooms every
Tuesday during school term time.**

10am to 11.30am

All very welcome

Manor Court Community Primary School

2023-2024 Term Dates & Holidays



September 2023						October 2023						November 2023								
M			4	11	18	25	M		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu			7	14	21	28
W			6	13	20	27	W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F		1	8	15	22	29	F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su		3	10	17	24		Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	5	12	19	26		
December 2023						January 2024						February 2024								
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March 2024						April 2024						May 2024								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			6	13	20	27
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June 2024						July 2024						August 2024								
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 04 September – 20 October 2023 (35 days)
Term 2: 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)
Term 3: 02 January – 9 February 2024 (29 days)
Term 4: 19 February – 28 March 2024 (29 days)
Term 5: 15 April – 24 May 2024 (29 days)
Term 6: 03 June – 24 July 2024 (38 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2023	Easter Monday	1 April 2024
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2023	May Day Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024