

Autumn Term Newsletter 2 – Friday 23rd September 2022

September 2022	
Wednesday 28 th September	Year 4 visit to Chard Museum
October 2022	
Thursday 6 th October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church
Saturday 8 th October	Y4 entry into the Chard Children's Carnival
Tuesday 18 th & Thursday 20 th October	Parents evenings in the school hall. Further information to be sent home in the next week
Friday 21 st October	Last day of this half term
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school after the half term holiday



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.

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The start to the school day

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 08:35 daily and they close again at 08:45. We encourage children to walk to their classrooms by themselves as it develops their self-confidence and independence. It is imperative that parents do not access the school building or classrooms unsupervised as this does not help the children to settle and in many cases, this makes the start to the day more difficult for some children. It is also a safeguarding concern which must not happen.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please do make initial contact with them via the school Office or through the Year group email address.

After school wrap around care

If your child is attending after school wrap around care, please can you call the number provided below and not go to the school office, your child will then be brought out to meet you.

Phone number- **07765 073402**



House Captains

At the start of the academic year our Y6 children wrote to Mr Talmage and Mr Clode to nominate themselves to be a House Captain for one of our four houses (Bondfield, Gillingham, Stringfellow or Gifford). After a selection process we have chosen the following children to represent the houses and the school.

Bondfield House	Taya and Jordan
Gillingham House	Ellie-Rose and Ricardo
Stringfellow House	Nylah and Max
Gifford House	Grace and Niko

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



Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our first visit to St Mary's Church, in this school year, for our annual Harvest Festival assembly on Thursday 6th October (this is for children only on this occasion as children and staff are going to St Mary's together). This year, we are collecting food again for the Lords Larder and if you would like to donate a suitable non-perishable food item (tinned goods, dry pasta and rice, UHT milk etc) please ask your child to bring it to school from Wednesday 28th September until Wednesday 5th October and leave it in their classroom for collection by the school council.

Celebration Assemblies

Family members are very welcome to join us at our KS1 (not Foundation Stage until after half term) and KS2 Celebration assembly. KS1 Assembly will start at 08:50 in the school hall and KS2 Assembly starts at 10:50 in the school hall. After half term the times that assemblies are held are swapped around.

Healthy lunch boxes and snacks

We all want our children to be physically and mentally fit and healthy and it has come to our attention that since returning to school this term some of our children are coming to school with unhealthy packed lunches. May we suggest that break time snacks should be healthy options: fruit or vegetables or cheese and that lunchboxes should not be overflowing with chocolate bars. Please do remember that we provide each child with a portion of bagel in each morning break.

Whole school coding assembly

On Wednesday the online Safety council hosted an informative whole school 'Zoom assembly' with Shula Pow who is a solutions developer at Viridor. They asked lots of brilliant questions about coding and we all learnt a lot.



Y4 entry into the Chard Children Carnival – A message from Mrs Wilkins and Miss Nakamoto

The Y4 children are busily preparing their entry for the Chard Children's Carnival on Saturday 8th October. We are about to start making our costumes in the art lessons and were delighted that the children read 3162 words and raised over £399.16 towards the costs of entering the carnival (any money left over will be used towards another activity for year 4)! We will write to you in the next fortnight to provide further information about the day.

Ordering hot meals – A message from Mrs Hunt

The Catering Team have had a busy week in the new kitchen serving nearly 150 children each day. I really hope all the children have enjoyed their meals. If you would like your child to have a school meal, please can I remind you to book your child's meals on ParentPay 7 days in advance, as there is a 7-day cut off. Copies of our menus are available to view along with all the allergens on our website.

[School Meals/Free School Meals | Manor Court Community Primary School and Pre-School](#)

Uniform expectations – A message from Mr Clode

We take pride in everything about our school and have high expectations of ourselves and each other. A part of this high expectation is for each child to come to school prepared for the day ahead and this includes how they are dressed. Please send your child into school in the correct uniform, footwear and the correct PE kit on PE days. It is not the expectation that children wear boots to school and children will be asked to change out of this. Our uniform code can be found here on the school website: www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/uniform-information



Roald Dahl Day - A message from Mrs Terry

Last Wednesday, we held a special day in memory of author Roald Dahl, who would have celebrated his 106th birthday. A former RAF fighter pilot, intelligence officer, and diplomat, Roald Dahl is known as one of the world's best-loved storytellers.

In books like "Matilda", "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", and "James and the Giant Peach", Dahl brought readers into his wildly original imagination with richly detailed worlds, zany characters, and touching storylines. His children's books feature villainous adults, heroic children and fanciful worlds, and have been adapted into dozens of plays and films. He wrote over 30 books for children, and even created his own language - 'gobblefunk'. Though best known for his children's fantasy novels, Dahl also wrote adult fiction, short stories, and

screenplays for hit films like "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

All year groups enjoyed listening to Dahl's different stories and different classes created fact-files, magical medicines, setting descriptions and character illustrations.

School council election

Many of the children have recently prepared a manifesto to share with their friends in class to explain what they could bring to the role of school councillor. The children have voted, the results declared after our Wednesday 'Zoom assembly' and the newly formed school council held their first meeting on Wednesday with Mrs Burns.



FMCA AGM

The FMCA AGM will be held on Wednesday 5th October at Eleos Conference room. The meeting will start at 18:30 and all parents are welcome to attend. Please do come along to make new friends and join the team that helps raise much needed funds for the children who attend our school.

Year group emails

If your child is in Y1 – Y6 and you would like to make, contact with your child's class teacher or if they wish to pass a year group relevant message to parents, we encourage use of the year group email address. This email address is checked regularly (at least once a day) and is the best way to contact your child's teacher. Communication between Foundation Stage parents and children is via Eylog. Please do email the year group email addresses as a reminder the year group emails are:

Year 1 (Bumblebees and Dragonflies)	Y1@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 2 (Magpies and Nightingales)	Y2@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 3 (Kingfishers and Owls)	Y3@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 4 (Eagles and Puffins)	Y4@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 5 (Badgers and Foxes)	Y5@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 6 (Otters and Herons)	Y6@manorcourt.ppat365.org

The FMCA needs you

The FMCA is a group of parent volunteers who spend time raising money (whilst having fun) for activities or equipment to be used for the children in the school. The work that they do is vital, and the committee needs more volunteers to help them achieve more for the children.

If you would like to find out more about their work and how you can get involved, please do email them on contactfmca@gmail.com or contact them through their Facebook page.



PE Days

A positive remnant of the covid lockdowns was the decision to allow children to wear their PE kits to school on the day that they have PE. Please can we remind you that children must not wear earrings to school on the day that they have PE as this may cause injury and if children do wear earrings to school on these days they will need to have tape applied across them (this is standard H&S procedures in all schools nationally).

By the end of this week the teachers will have emailed parents through the year group email address/eylog to confirm which day that the children will be having PE.



Attendance our school expectations. A message from Miss Gregory (Early intervention & attendance officer)

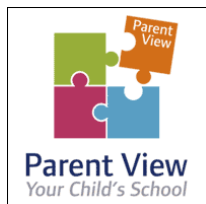
Pupil attendance and punctuality is a key focus and priority within our school. Individual attendance will be monitored and reviewed on a bi-weekly basis. We would like to kindly remind parents that the school's expectations on individual pupil attendance is 95% and above, with the aim of having 100% 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.

Change of House name

Each child that attends Manor Court is placed in one of four houses. Traditionally this has been three of the Five main people in the history of Chard (Margaret Bondfield, John Stringfellow, James Gillingham, Arthur Hull and James Gifford) and each house has a different colour (red, yellow, blue and green).

In the summer holiday we have decided to change the name of the yellow house from Morangis to Gifford to include another member of the Chard five. Children who were previously in Morangis house are now in Gifford house.



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

Thank you for your continued support and with all good wishes.

Mr Luke Talmage
Head Teacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Head and Inclusion Lead



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Manor Court Primary School is accepting donations towards our Harvest Hamper for the Lords Larder.



We will really appreciate any long life 'tinned or packet' grocery items. Please make sure all goods are well in date and are un-opened.

Donations can be sent into class with your child by October 5th October. We will present the hamper during our Harvest Festival on October 6th.

Thank you.

Manor Court Community Primary School Council

America Day



at
**Manor Court
Primary School**

Thursday 6th October 2022

Please choose from:



Frankfurter with chips

Southern Fried Chicken with chips



Macaroni Cheese with garlic slice

Sweetcorn



Baked Beans

Chocolate Chip Cookies



Please order on Parent Pay as usual



Manor Court Community Primary School

invites you to

Share Our Warmth

Please come and enjoy a warm drink, in a warm space,
with a warm welcome

EVERY Wednesday

(term time only)


Beginning 5th October 2022

Manor Court School Hall

Please arrive at 13.15pm

at the front School gates

Finish time 15.15pm



NO charge

NO registration

#keepwarmthiswinter

Children and Staff welcome you to play a board game, share a book
and enjoy a drink and cake while keeping warm in our School Hall this Winter



The Friends of Manor Court School.



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

**Eleos conference room.
Wednesday 5th October @18:30**



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