

Dear Parents and carers



Summer Term Newsletter 5 – Friday 30th June 2023

July 2023	
Monday 3 rd July	Meet the teacher afternoon
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 2 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo
Friday 7 th July	Foundation Stage trip to Lyme Regis FMCA Summer Fete
Monday 10 th July	Year 6 transition day to Holyrood day 1 Year 4 trip to Somerset Cricket
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 6 transition day to Holyrood day 2 Year 5 trip to Somerset Cricket
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 play to parents at 1.30pm and again at 6pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Thursday 20 th July	Last day of Summer Term.

Summer Show

It has been a pleasure to have hosted two sold out Summer Shows this week in the school hall at Holyrood Academy. The children loved the opportunity to sing, dance and perform on the stage.

We must say a massive thank you to Mrs Morton and Miss Grabham who spent a lot of time organising the evenings and the rest of the staff team who have worked two late evenings this week.

Over the two nights we raised over £1200 in ticket sales, proceeds will go back into arranging performing arts opportunities for each child.

We would like to say thank you to Mr McCormick who has once more allowed us to use the facilities at Holyrood free of charge.



Mobile Phones – A message from Mr Clode

We have recently had to manage serious situations with Upper Key stage 2 children's inappropriate and unsafe use of mobile phones at home and whilst leaving the school premises at the end of the school day after collecting their mobile phones from their teacher.

As a school we work extremely hard to educate your children in appropriate and safe use of their mobile phones and in wider online safety. I cannot stress enough how important it is for all responsible adults to regularly check their children's mobile phones for anything that might be deemed to be inappropriate (messages or images) or unsafe use.

As a Senior Leadership Team (with the support of the local governing body) we have introduced strict guidance about mobile phones on our premises and we shared these with you in a recent letter. We thank you in your support of this new guidance and expectation.

FMCA School Fete

The FMCA are looking forward to hosting their Summer Fete immediately after school on Friday 7th July. There will be displays, stalls and a lot of traditional activities. All money raised will go back to providing those many added extras for the children who attend Manor Court.



Father's Day Breakfast

Foundation Stage enjoyed celebrating Father's Day with their special person on Friday 16th June. It was lovely that so many dads, brothers and uncles could join us. They enjoyed bacon rolls, juice and looking through their children's English and Maths books, seeing the amazing progress that the children have made throughout this year!

Meet their teacher afternoon

You will have received a letter this afternoon to explain our staffing structure for the next academic year and to explain which member of staff your child will be with. We are looking forward for your child to spend the time with their new teacher on Monday afternoon.

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



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.

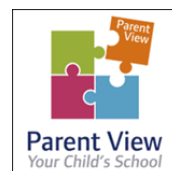


Have we got your correct details? – A message from the school office

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.

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



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.

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.

Story sharing

Y5 have shared their own stories based on 'The three billy goats gruff' recently. They shared with Y1 who a great audience for them to show off their fantastic writing!



EYC news from Sophie

We have had a busy few weeks at preschool. We enjoyed our 'MC Fest' last week. We celebrated Glastonbury Festival by having our own mini version! We sang, danced and ate ice cream. A big thank you to the parents for getting involved with your children's outfits, they all looked great. It is definitely something we will do again next year! Please can we remind parents that the children should be wearing closed toe shoes. Please no sandals or crocs, this is to keep the children from trips and falls - 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.

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.



Online safety news from Miss Thompson

WhatsApp have recently announced new features which they are adding to the app. The 'editing' feature has already been released and it allows users to edit a message within 15 minutes of sending it. The second feature is called 'Keep in Chat' and it allows users to save messages into a folder called Kept Messages. The message sender will be able to decide whether their message can be saved or not and they can also limit the length of time that it can be kept for.

While there are positive sides to these changes, there are, as with everything, online safety related issues to be aware of. Childnet outlines these here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can-impact-online-safety/>

Year 6 visit to Chard visitor centre

Year 6 are visited Chard Visitor Centre as part of their geography field work, looking at tourism in Somerset this week. They spent the morning researching things to do in Somerset.



Pupil Premium

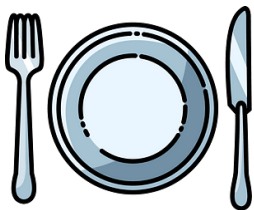
The pupil premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child who they believe may be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court Community Primary School, we provide high quality education and enrichment opportunities for all our pupils regardless of ability 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

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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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.

Tree planting

Mr Mallam (Miss Nakamoto's dad) spent a morning planting Beech, English oak, Maple and Alder trees with some of the Y4 children. A great time was had by all. Thank you, Mr Mallam!

Thank you or your continued support.



Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher



Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



JOIN US FOR OUR

Summer Fayre

FRIDAY 7TH JULY
3.15-5.30PM

FREE
ENTRY



Join us for lots of fun including
bouncy castle • ice cream •
face painting • entertainment •
games • craft stalls • food stalls
and much much more!

@ MANOR COURT COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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
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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	
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December 2023						January 2024						February 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