



Dear Parents and carers

### Summer Term Newsletter 4 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

June 2023	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Scarf Education Life Bus to visit all classes
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 to Sidmouth RSE workshop to Year 4, 5 & 6 parents in the school hall after school
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	PPAT Poetry recital competition (selected children)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stay and play session for new starters
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Show performance 1 at Holyrood Academy
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 visit to Chard visitor centre RNLI workshop for Y5
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Show performance 2 at Holyrood Academy
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	FMCA Non-School uniform day for Summer Fete
July 2023	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Meet the teacher afternoon
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation Stage trip to Lyme Regis Multi-Cultural Day FMCA Summer Fete
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 trip to Somerset cricket
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 trip to Somerset cricket
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performances to parents 1.30pm and 6pm

#### Sports Day – A message from Mrs Prevett

We had a wonderful day completing our sports day in the sunshine last Thursday. The wide range of events were completed by the children in a competitive and supportive manner with lots of cheering of friends and members of their houses. As always, the KS1 and KS2 events were well supported by family members, and we do thank you for attending and providing your support to the children.

The overall winner of this year's sports day was Gifford House (the yellow house) and the final points were as follows.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Gifford House with 843 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Bondfield House with 744 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Stringfellow House with 683 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – Gillingham House with 615 points

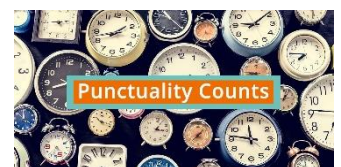


#### Sun Safety

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.



#### 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 13<sup>th</sup> July – Afternoon performance of The Greatest Show in the school hall a 13:30 start.
2. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Evening performance of The Greatest Show in the school hall an 18:00 start.
3. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)



### Quad Kids

Some of our KS2 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of athletics at the Rotary Club's Quad Kids event on Wednesday. The athletes worked so hard that they were treated to a cold reward. A particular well done to Lily-Mae who came third in her age range.

### 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)



### FMCA School Disco

The FMCA are hosting their next school disco for the children on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the school hall. They have shared information about this on their Facebook page (as we have on the school social media accounts) and the poster is included with further information at the end of this newsletter.

### 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.



### Ilminster literary poetry competition at Herne View school

Last Wednesday evening, Noah, Scarlett, Avani, and Jessica performed as finalists at the 2023 School poetry competition as part of the Ilminster Literary Festival. They each performed confidently, with much gusto and great humour, representing the school so brilliantly against the other eight schools represented. They each received a certificate and thoroughly enjoyed the chocolate cake and refreshments when the judging was taking place!

### 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 have been delighted to commence selling tickets to our annual Summer Shows (Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June) at Holyrood Academy 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. 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

The children at EYC have been enjoying the sunshine. We have spent time exploring lots of water activities and investigating in our mud kitchen. Please keep applying sun cream to your children before they arrive with us and keep cream in their bags so that we can top up throughout the day. Our preschool children have also continued with their transition to Hedgehogs and Squirrels class by spending time inside the classrooms with Miss Grabham and Miss Hamilton. They have all been very excited to visit!



### 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.

### 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
Hérons & 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.



### Online safety news from Miss Thompson

At Manor Court, we are always happy to talk about online safety so please do feel that you can come and speak to us. However, if you would like to talk to your child about online safety at home but need help with knowing where to start, Internet Matters have created a set of activities which can help start you off. The activities are fun, don't need to take long and should help lead to some useful conversations. You can find them here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/things-to-do-together-to-help-young-people-connect-with-others-safely/>

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

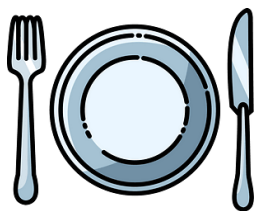
### Safeguarding

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.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**

### **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.



### **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 for your continued support.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke Talmage'.

Mr Luke Talmage  
Headteacher

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Clode'.

Mr Alan Clode  
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



# NON SCHOOL UNIFORM

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# SUMMER DISCO



**Friday 23rd  
June  
£1 donation**



**EYC & Foundation Stage  
The disco is during the school day no permission slips needed**

**KS1 (years 1 & 2)  
3:30pm - 4:30pm**

**All children to remain in school please collect your child at 4.30pm  
permission slips need to be returned.**

**4:45pm - 5:45pm  
KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6)**

**All children to return to school for the disco - please collect your child at  
5.45pm permission slips need to be returned.**

**PLEASE NOTE (KS2 only)- there will be 50p bags of prepacked tuck for sale,  
max 2 bags per child.**



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**

# CHARD HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW

**Saturday 15th July 2023  
at The Guildhall**

open to the public

from 10.30am

Show schedules  
available from:  
Tourist Office,  
Floweringi  
West Country  
Barrons



# 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								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27
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March 2024						April 2024						May 2024								
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June 2024						July 2024						August 2024								
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### Key:

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### 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