

Dear Parents and carers



Summer Term Newsletter 1– Friday 21st April 2023

April 2023	
Friday 21 st April 2023	Class photos to be taken by Tempest Photography
Tuesday 25 th April 2023	Scholastic Half price book fair arrives
May 2023	
Monday 8 th May 2023	Extra bank holiday for Kings Coronation – school closed for all
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	KS2 assessments begin
Friday 12 th May 2023	End of KS2 assessments
Friday 19 th May 2023	Y6 trip to the Houses of Parliament
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th May 2023	Year 6 Enrichment week including residential to Huish Woods

Welcome to our school community.

We would like to send a very warm welcome to the children and their families who received notification on Monday that they will be starting their education in our Foundation Stage classrooms in September. Mr Talmage has enjoyed spending time telephoning parents to answer any questions that they may have and if parents couldn't answer the phone, he left a voicemail for them to listen to.

We can't wait to meet you!



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.

Collaborate digital competition

A video made by a group of our Y6 children, about peer pressure, has made the final of the Somerset Schools Media Challenge!

Please vote for our video through the following link! The public vote is open until 5pm on Wednesday 26th April. www.collaboratedigital.com/vote



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 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. Very soon after this 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. Wednesday 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

Dance club performance at the Primary Dance Festival – A message from Mrs Morton

Yesterday evening dancers from Years 4,5 and 6 performed to a packed-out audience at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil, as part of the Primary Dance Festival. Year 4/5 dancers performed a cheeky Charleston to music from Buggy Malone, and Year 6 dancers performed a funky street dance to Get Up Offa That Thing by James Brown. They danced brilliantly and made parents and staff extremely proud. They will perform these dances again at our Summer Show at Holyrood in June.



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We are recruiting for a Midday Supervisor

We are recruiting for a kind and caring midday supervisor to supervise and engage with the children during their lunchtimes. If you would like to apply for this role, please see the advert at the back of this newsletter and contact Mrs Diana Hunt (Assistant School Business Manager) in the school office for further information.



Scouting Day

This coming Monday children who are part of the scouting community (Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows) are welcome to wear their full smart uniform to school this coming Monday instead of their normal school uniform.

EYC News from Sophie

This week, the preschool children have enjoyed a colour hunt around the school field. We hunted high and low to find any objects that matched with the colours of the rainbow. We found lots of lovely spring flowers and spotted the flag on the church roof.

From next week, the children who are due to start in our reception classes from September will be beginning the initial stages of their transition by visiting Hedgehog's and Squirrel's outside area. There will then be a number of further visits as the summer term continues.



Scholastic Half Price Book Fair

Our scholastic Half Price book fair arrives next Tuesday, 25th April and will books will be sold in our library. We are pleased that cash and card payments can now be taken. All pupils will be shown the titles on offer before hand so that they can choose their favourite book.

Chard Spring Festival

Next week is the start of the Chard Spring Festival. Do see the poster at the end of the newsletter for information.

The Manor Court 'Big Help Out' Challenge

Before the Easter Holidays we launched our Manor Court 'Big Help Out' challenge and explained to parents our plans in which we will celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. This information was sent home via a letter through ParentPay and Mr Talmage made a video explanation that was shared on Facebook and Twitter.

We hope that you will encourage your child to join us in the challenge and complete as many hours of adult supervised volunteering in the run up to the coronation of King Charles III.

Certificates and prizes will be awarded for those children who complete 5, 10, 15, 25+ hours volunteering. Use the #TheBigHelpOut and #TheMCWorkforce to advertise your child's good work. Printed timesheets were sent home with your child as well, please find additional copies for printing in the child section of our website.

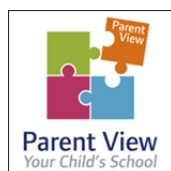


Celebrate
Coronation
Day!

Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

The Government and Royal Family have announced that Monday 8th May 2023 will be an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III which is happening on Saturday 6th May. **Our school will be closed to all children and staff on Monday 8th May 2023.**

This additional Bank Holiday will have a knock-on effect for the Y6 KS2 assessments. These assessments will now start nationally on Tuesday 9th May and all Y6 children will be expected to attend school throughout this week and can join us early each morning for a free breakfast with their friends, please see the letter that was recently sent home via ParentPay, this can also be found in the letter section of the school website.



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

St George's Day assembly

Miss Whitehouse led us in our Zoom Assembly this Wednesday about St George's Day. She spoke to us about the legend of St George and the Dragon and St George's Day this coming Monday.



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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

Online safety news from Miss Thompson

Snapchat have added more controls to help block 'sensitive' and 'suggestive' content from being viewed by under 18s. To turn on this control, toggle on the 'Restrict Sensitive Content' in the Snapchat Family Center. The control is limited to Stories and Spotlight so it won't help with Chat, Snaps and Search but it should help reduce the amount of inappropriate content that children might be exposed to. You can read more about it here: <https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/introducing-content-controls-on-family-center>



A GREAT PLACE TO BE...

Very nearly an oversubscribed school

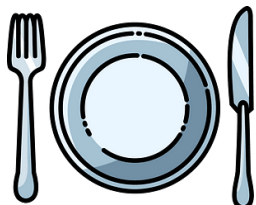
We are sure that you will agree that we are an academically high achieving, caring, diverse, vibrant, happy, and fun school. We will soon be at the capacity of sixty children in each year group from Foundation Stage to Year 5 (we have no spaces in Year 6). If you know of parents of children who may wish 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.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



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.

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 a number of 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.



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.

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Key Stage 1 playground equipment

There has been a real buzz on the Key Stage 1 playground this week as the children had opportunity to play with their new playground equipment. The equipment for the KS2 playground is on its way after a slight delay in delivery.

Nut free school

We aim to be a Nut-Free school. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes.

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts.
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches.
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts.
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts.
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame).
- Cakes made with nuts.
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts.

Foundation Stage butterflies

Foundation Stage were excited as they have waited patiently watching the life cycle of a butterfly. Today we released the four butterflies that hatched. The children were so excited to see them fly into the big wide world.



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	Wednesday & Friday
Eagles & Puffins	Wednesday & Friday
Foxes & Badgers	Monday & Friday
Hérons & Otters	Monday & Friday

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



Manor Court Primary School

Duck Lane

Chard, TA20 2ES

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Email: office@manorcourt.ppat365.org

Middy Supervisor

Required as soon as possible.

Fixed term Contract

5 hours per week (Monday – Friday),

Salary Grade 16 point 2

Salary is paid on a pro-rata basis – term time only

We are looking to recruit a kind, friendly and positively assertive person to join our team as a lunchtime supervisor in September.

Job Summary

The successful applicant will be providing daily care for pupils in the lunch period, ensuring a caring attitude and maintaining a safe environment. The role will include ensuring the dining areas are ready and cleared for school use in the afternoon. To encourage appropriate eating and social behaviour and follow school procedures in cases of pupil conflict and pupil injury.

Please apply in writing by completing the application form available from the school office and website.

Applications should be returned to the school office for the attention of Mrs Diana Hunt, Assistant School Business Manager.

PPAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and expects all staff to share the same commitment. The successful applicant will require an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check, medical clearance, and references.

Closing date: Midday on Friday 5th May 2023

Interviews: W/C Monday 15th May 2023

Due to the volume of applications received if you have not heard from the school by Friday 12th May at Midday unfortunately you have not been successful in securing an interview.



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 SPRING FESTIVAL

The Chard Spring Festival celebrates the past, present & future culture of this vibrant, diverse town. Come & join us as we celebrate the coming of Spring with our wide range of activities.

Thursday 27th April

MUSIC NIGHT The Leggomen + Support

7:00 pm doors
The Guildhall, Chard

Come along to a highly entertaining evening of live music.

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April

CHARD REVEALED

10:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Guildhall, Chard

Chard Revealed provides an opportunity to view and explore photographs from the Dave Wheadon Collection presented by Chard Museum.

STORIES AND SPACES OF LOCAL CHARD HISTORY

10:00 am - 1:30 pm
Chard Museum

A special exhibition "HeritArt", explores their stories and interpretation of the town's art, culture and heritage.

THE BANNERS OF CHARD

10:30 am - 3:00 pm
The Guildhall, Chard

The five Banners were created by the Chard community with Somerset Art Works and lead artist Jenny Mellings.

Friday 28th April

WATER HISTORIES SHOWCASE

10:30 am - 3:30 pm
The Guildhall, Chard

Artwork on display from the Water Histories project. Presentation at 11:30 am, Talk & Tea 2:00 pm.

LACE RIOT WALK

2:00 pm
Start and finish at
The Guildhall, Chard

Heritage walks led by Chard Museum guiding you around 7 sites significant to the Lace Industry and Lace Riots of 1842 lasting around 45 minutes.

BLUE PLAQUE WALK

10:30 am
Start and finish at
The Guildhall, Chard

Heritage walk led by Chard Museum guiding you around 23 of the 27 plaques in and around Chard lasting around 2 hours.

CREATIVE COMMUNITY AFTERNOON FOR FAMILIES

3:30 - 5:30 pm
The Guildhall, Chard

Ernie's Journey - A family magical theatre adventure including circus, physical theatre, stage magic, poetry and puppetry!

Friday 28th April

HOLYROOD FILM 'IT STARTS HERE!'

4:00 pm
The Guildhall, Chard

Holyrood students present their short film showcasing what is good about Chard from the people who live and work here.

CREATIVE SUPPER

6:30 - 9:30 pm
The Guildhall, Chard

Share soup and enjoy a workshop and performance from Ukrainian theatre makers Bohdana Ushatenko and Nadiia Latsyba.

Saturday 29th April

CELEBRATION OF DANCE

11:00 am doors to 4:00 pm
The Guildhall, Chard

A celebration of all things dance, bringing together a wide variety of different acts. Peruse a variety of stalls and enjoy refreshments at this event.

AN EXPLORATION OF WATER IN CHARD

Water Histories
Walk with Anna
Chrystal Stephens

2:00 - 3:30 pm
Meet outside

The Guildhall, Chard

Explore Chard's waters on a guided walk in the local area.

More info culturallychard.org

Saturday 29th April

COMEDY NIGHT

Doors 7:00 pm / Show 8:00 pm
The Guildhall, Chard

A fantastic lineup of comedians with MC Tom Glover and featuring, Jon Wagstaff, Chris Yates and Sol Burnstein

SPRING
FESTIVAL
CULTURALLY
CHARD



IN TRIBUTE TO
HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S PUBLIC SERVICE

Manor Court Primary School invites you to join in with

The Big Help Out

From 1st April until
Coronation Day 6th May

Manor Court wants you to

Volunteer at home



YOU COULD...



tidy your room 
help fold laundry 
walk the dog 
hoover 
dust 
do the dishes 

ANY age appropriate task to HELP OUT

RECORD YOUR HOURS AND CLAIM REWARDS

Get your grown up to write down each time you help out and how long for. Clock those minutes into hours and claim certificates or prizes dependant on how many hours you complete.

REWARDS FOR 5HRS, 10HRS, 15HRS AND 25HRS+

Join the MC Workforce!

It all starts with...



We all play at:

Chard Cricket Club

Session dates:

5th May for 9 weeks

Session timings:

17:30 to 18:30

Contact:

Youthcricket@chardcricketclub.com



Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk

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		
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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



**DYNAMOS
CRICKET**

**This is
our game.**

dynamoscricquet.co.uk

Join us at:

Chard Cricket Club

Session dates:

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th June

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17:30 - 18:30

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