



Dear Parents and carers

Spring Term Newsletter 6– Friday 31st March 2023

April 2023	
Monday 17 th April 2023	Children and staff return to school after the Easter holidays
Thursday 20 th April 2023	Year 4, 5 and 6 dancers to Octagon Theatre for show
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
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	KS2 assessments begin
Friday 12 th May 2023	End of KS2 assessments
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th May 2023	Year 6 Enrichment week including residential to Huish Woods



Year 4 and 5 Production of Cinderella and Rockerfella

We are all so incredibly proud of the Year 4 and Year 5 children for their Cinderella Rockerfella performances this week. Manor Court certainly has a few stars in the making! Each and every one of the children gave it their all, singing their hearts out and making us laugh with their witty one liners. Thank you to all the adults who helped with rehearsals, costumes, and stage management, it could not have been done without 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.

Easter Assembly

On Tuesday morning we held our Easter assembly at St Mary’s Church led by Reverend Ann. Children read poems, the choir performed two songs beautifully and every child from Foundation Stage to Year 6 sang their hearts out to ‘This Little Light of Mine.



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

The Manor Court ‘Big Help Out’ Challenge

On Monday we launched our Manor Court ‘Big Help Out’ challenge and our plans in which we will celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III via a letter sent home through ParentPay and 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 today for your child to be able to sign off their hours from tomorrow.



Celebrate Coronation Day!

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

Nut free school

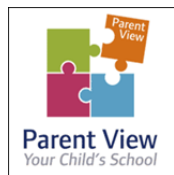
We aim to be a Nut-Free school. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes.

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.

EYC News from Sophie

This week I took over the role of EYC Manager. It has been a real pleasure getting to know the children and staff. I look forward to working with you all more after the Easter break. The children have enjoyed lots of Easter activities including baking Easter nests and crafts. We also enjoyed a trip to the church to visit Reverend Ann. We hope you have a lovely Easter break, and we will see you all back at the EYC from Monday 17th April.



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



Online safety news from Miss Thompson

How good are you at spotting fake information? With so much misinformation easily accessible online, it's really important that we help children to be able to identify fakes. Research suggests that people frequently over-estimate how good they are at spotting fakes so, with your children, try out this quiz created by Internet Matters. You can even compete against your children to see who knows more! Find it here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/fake-news-and-misinformation-advice-hub/find-the-fake/>

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

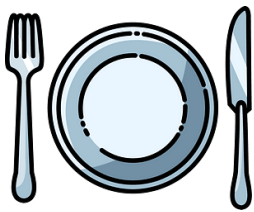
Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please "Don't think "What if I'm wrong Think... 'What if I am right" If you have any concerns about a pupil, you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse, 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.



Year 1 Library visit

Year 1 had a fantastic time this week learning how the library works during their visit to Chard library. They enjoyed looking at books and listening to stories.

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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.

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.

We have started to make plans for our whole school celebrations and will release these to the children and parents as soon as we possibly can.



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.

Manor Court 48 opportunities

Many of the children have completed their latest Manor Court 48 opportunities this week. The Y6 children mastered the skill of wrapping presents this week with the help of Mrs Nadeau for their latest Manor Court 48, the Y5 children have visited the cinema to watch Puss in Boots at their own private screening and the Y4 children have been learning to tie a variety of important knots with a local scout leader!



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

Easter Bonnet competition

We had over one hundred entries to our school council Easter Bonnet competition raising funds for their charity of the year – Musgrove Park Hospital children's ward.

The children have shown their creativity and the children (and staff) have enjoyed viewing them yesterday and judging their favourites'. Prizes were awarded today to the winners.



Online safety accreditation

We are delighted to inform you that following our re-assessment, we have been awarded the Online Safety Mark for another three-year period – thank you to Miss Thompson for your hard work in this important area!

Klezmer Workshop

Yesterday each child within the school attended a Klezmer workshop, after which some of our Year 4 children were lucky enough to be chosen to take part in a Klezmer workshop in school. In the evening they then gave a fantastic performance at Holyrood Academy to an audience. Klezmer music has its origins from the Jewish culture and is played a lot within the Ashkenazi Jews community.

The children really enjoyed learning about this type of music, and they made us very proud when performing. Well done!



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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Easter!

Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader

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		
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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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



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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

Session timings:

17:30 - 18:30

Contact:

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