

Dear Parents and carers

Summer Term Newsletter 6 – Thursday 20th July 2023

September 2023	
Monday 4 th September	INSET Day – School closed to all children
Tuesday 5 th September	School opens to all children
Monday 18 th September	Flu Vaccinations for all children whose parents have requested it
Wednesday 20 th September	Tempest Photography in School.
Tuesday 26 th September	Holyrood Roadshow for Y6 parents and students. 17:30 in our school hall.

Mr Talmage's review of the 2022-2023 school year

I come to the end of the school year both tired and with satisfaction that comes from having the pleasure to lead a school that has continued to thrive this year. Our school community is truly remarkable! It is made up from children and adults who all realise that we are collectively stronger (and better) when we all work together for the good of the children in our care.

Academic achievement of the children is important to us all – if the children are not taught well and given the opportunity and skills to excel in their learning then they will not achieve their best or have the skills of Maths and English to achieve their future dreams and goals. The children from the Foundation Stage to Y6 have excelled in all national assessments, please do take the time to look at the attainment summary at the end of this newsletter.



Academic achievement is not the only goal of Manor Court, and we wish for each child to find their hidden talents and passions through an enriched school life. I believe that our Twitter and Facebook pages show the wide range of opportunities that the staff team give your children! Please do start following our page to see the amazing opportunities that the Manor Court children have.

I was asked last week by the governors to name personal highlights of the school year and for me it is especially difficult this year. If I were to name three, they would

be.

1. Finding out that we had filled two classes of Foundation Stage classes for September 2023. The reputation of our school continues to grow, and parents are desperate for their children to attend Manor Court. For the past twenty years (according to Somerset admissions) Manor Court has not been the school of choice and this year we had a high number of first, second and third choices and could have potentially filled three classes!
2. The success of our production kitchen means that for a number of children we can provide a hot, nutritious meal on site.
3. The opportunity to congregate together. The recent years have been challenging for us all because of the pandemic and to be able to meet more regularly has been delightful. Opportunities such as the coronation street party and to play in the snow has brought much joy to us all. Let us hope that there will be many more opportunities like this in the next school year.



I wish you all a happy and safe school holiday and am extremely grateful for your support throughout this school year.



Goodbye Year 6

Our wonderful cohort of Y6 children have left us today to move onto their secondary education. Most of the children will complete the next stage of their education at Holyrood, with a few children choosing to attend Axe Valley in Axminster. This afternoon the whole school stood on the Key-Stage 2 playground and clapped the children out of school as they left us at the end of the school day for the last time.

These are the first cohort who have travelled through Manor Court under the leadership of Mr Talmage and Mr Clode. They have achieved remarkably well academically and have continued to grow in maturity throughout their time in Y6 and are extremely supportive and caring to each other. We wish them lots of happiness in their very bright futures!



Farewell to some members of staff

Today we said farewell to five members of staff who are leaving employment at Manor Court to emigrate, relocate, family reasons, for promotion within PPAT or to return to university. We wish Miss Thompson, Miss Parsons, Mrs Prett, Miss Whitehouse, Miss Diffey and Mrs Holloway a very happy and successful future.



FMCA Summer Fete

We had a wonderful time at our recent Summer Fete arranged by the FMCA. The community gathered to enjoy a variety of traditional activities such as 'splat-the-pigeon', a performance from the Manor Court Meteorite Cheer Squad and the Choir, tombola's, climbing into a fire engine, bouncing on a bouncy castle, hair braiding and ice-creams. The children loved throwing wet sponges at Mr Talmage and Mr Clode!

In this one event the **FMCA raised £3031.00!** if you would like to join this fun and happy group of volunteers, please contact them via their email address: contactfmca@gmail.com

Message from Dr Matt Reed Chair of the local Governing Body

The End of the school year is always a bittersweet time. I love to see and hear of all of the children's achievements. Watching the recent celebration assembly was an affirmation of all the talents in the school. I was particularly pleased to see children getting awards for being good sports, for showing determination and a friendly attitude. It was lovely to see the pride taken by the children in their class doing well in areas like attendance and participation in sports. School is about academics, of course, but it also gives children a chance to develop the character we hope to see them have in adult life. The little tone of sadness is seeing the year six pupils looking forward to their exciting futures but feeling sad at leaving the school where so many of them have been happy. Academically the school has gone from strength to strength, with the data and the mock reports from Ofsted inspectors showing that we are now in the top 10% of primary schools in England. Such results come not only through the hard work of the staff team but the intelligent application of their time and efforts. Their dedication and skills are a credit to them, as well as to the school. The staff feel the active support of the community of parents and carers around them. Your faith in them and your efforts in getting the children to school on time, taking part in school events and raising funds makes a huge difference. Only by working together can the school succeed, and every one of your children, as well as every member of staff, parent, grandparent and carer, is part of our team's success.

I'm already looking forward to the excitement of a new year, with more children joining and anticipating all that is before us. But for the next few weeks, we all need a break. Have a good summer holiday, and we'll see you when it all starts again.

Foundation Stage Pirate Day

Last Friday the Foundation Stage children enjoyed 'Pirate Day' as part of their topic 'adventures and explorers'. They have loved learning about Captain Flinn and the pirate dinosaurs and have produced some fantastic writing. They are all ready for moving onto Y1 and continuing their journey of learning at Manor Court.



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.

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.

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

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.

Little Cellos

On Tuesday 11th July we had the pleasure to welcome Charles and his wife Kath from little cellos to our school. They introduced the cello to the children, and we even had some brave students coming up to the front to demonstrate how to play it.

Charles and his wife will run cello sessions at the Guildhall in Chard on each Saturday starting from September 2023. It costs £5 per session but if you struggle to afford the price of the sessions you can get in touch with them. If your child is interested in learning to play the cello there is an information in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.



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The Big Help Out Challenge prizes

During our end of year whole school assembly today we awarded certificates, medals and trophies to the children who participated in our Big Help Out challenge.

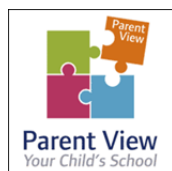
PE Days for the Autumn Term

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	Thursday and Friday
Owls & Kingfishers	Tuesday and Thursday
Eagles & Puffins	Thursday and Friday (Swimming)
Foxes & Badgers	Monday and Friday
Hérons & Otters	Wednesday and Friday

Summer Activities for your children

At the end of this newsletter, we have included a number of posters that we have been sent to advertise free (or cost effective) events for children that are near Chard. We hope that these will help you entertain your children through the summer holidays.



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 4 & 5 trip to the County Ground

On Monday and Tuesday of last week each Y4 and Y5 child went to the County Ground in Taunton to watch Somerset play Surrey at cricket. The children behaved impeccably, and this was commented on by lots of people attending the match. The children enjoyed watching Mrs Wilkins competing in the challenge set for teachers, meeting mascot 'Stumpy', having their faces painted, competing in the cricket activities for children, eating ice cream and watching the cricket!



Somerset Poetry Slam

Who are these witches? What's going on? It's Katy, Sam, Jess, and Daisy who all performed 'Double double, toil and trouble' by Shakespeare at the Poetry Slam a Dillington House on 4th July. They got to meet renowned poet AF Harold, added their own writing to the Poetry Wall, enjoyed the Bubble Zone and loved the chocolate cake!



Visit from Chard PCSO's

On Tuesday our Y5 and Y6 classes had a talk from the Chard Police Community Support Officers about keeping safe over the six-week holiday and the importance of keeping them self-safe online and how not to treat others online. Please do keep talking to your children about online safety issues and do check their mobile phones with regularity so that it is part of a routine.

Rev'd Ann leaving Assembly

On Monday 3rd July we all went to St Mary's to say farewell to Rev'd Ann Kember who has left Chard for a new parish nearer to her grandchildren in Sussex. We are so thankful for Ann's friendship and all that she did for our school community during her five years in Chard but especially during the pandemic. Each class gave Ann a handmade gift or card and one class gave her a new teddy bear assistant to work alongside Baxter the bear in her school assemblies. The bear has been appropriately named Barnaby which means the encourager. At Ann's request there was a lot of signing!



School Games Gold

We have recently received notification that we have once more had our sports provision validated as gold standard in the national School Games mark. We will soon be able to apply for the platinum award.

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EYC news from Sophie

We were so glad the rain held off so that we could celebrate our preschool children leaving us for big school, this week. Our leavers party was very well attended, and we were so grateful to see so many parents coming to support. We enjoyed singing along with Declan the Music Man and having an ice lolly. We wish all the children leaving us the best of luck! Have a fantastic summer.



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

With the summer holidays coming up, Internet Matters have created a great list of apps which will help children to get active and develop healthy habits. You can find it here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/apps-to-help-kids-get-active/>

Y3 and Y4 Football Festival at Huish Park

Selected children in Year 3 and Year 4 spent the day at Huish Park, the home of Yeovil Town Football Club, last Tuesday to participate in a football festival with children in schools from Yeovil and the surrounding villages. The event arranged by the Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust (YTCST) taught the boys and girls a variety of new skills and as always, the Manor Court children were complimented on their behaviour, manners, and great sporting attitude. We look forward to continuing our relationship with YTCST in the next academic year.



School residentials 2023-2024

We are making plans to take the children in Y4 (one night at Wildwood), Y5 (two nights at Magdalen Farm) & Y6 (Enrichment week including time at Huish Woods) on their residentials in the next academic year. Further information will be sent home in the first two weeks of the new school year and how you can pay the non-refundable deposit to guarantee your child's place. These are always extremely enjoyable experiences for the children who can attend.

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.

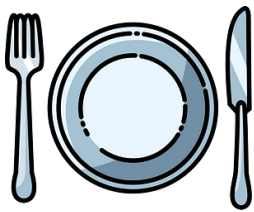
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Pupil Premium

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

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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.

We wish you all a very happy and safe summer holidays and look forward to seeing you and your children on Tuesday 5th September.

Thank you or your continued support.

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Mr Luke Talmage
Headteacher

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

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Leader



Manor Cour Community Primary School Summary of 2022/2023 reported data

Key Stage 1

KS1 children achieving the expected standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	2022 National Average	2022 Somerset Average
GLD	77%	65%	64%
Phonics	93%	82%	
Reading	78%	66%	66%
Writing	78%	58%	59%
Maths	80%	68%	68%
RWM	76%	53%	54%
SPAG	78%		

KS1 children achieving the higher standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	2022 National Average	2022 Somerset Average
Reading	35%	18%	19%
Writing	28%	8%	10%
Maths	30%	15%	15%
RWM	24%	7%	6%
SPAG	26%		

KS2 children achieving the expected standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	2022 National Average	2022 Somerset Average
Y4 MTC	79%	TBC	TBC
Reading	92%	75%	72%
Writing	87%	69%	67%
Maths	92%	71%	67%
SPAG	96%	72%	68%
RWM	85%	59%	53%

KS2 children achieving the higher standard

	Manor Court Community Primary	2022 National Average	2022 Somerset Average
Reading	34%	27%	24%
Writing	36%	13%	13%
Maths	32%	22%	17%
SPAG	64%	28%	23%
RWM	14%	6%	7%

KS2 Scaled Score

Reading	107.21
Maths	106.07
SPAG	110.03

L Talmage 11th July 2023



Little Cellos



**Your child could learn the cello for £5 per week
Group tuition and instrument loan included
For children aged 7 – 11 yrs**

**Every Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm @ Chard Guildhall
Starting Sept 2nd 2023**

Contact Charles Sugden cesthecellist28@gmail.com

For safeguarding policy see www.chardmusic.com



Summer Fun Day



CREW KERNE GRC & HENHAYES

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST 12-4PM

FREE - Funded & Supported by Crewkerne Town Council



BBQs



Water Wars !

With new fun + games
It's splashastic!



Bouncy Castle

Circus Skills



Scooters



Super sports & Great Games



Amazing Art & Creative Crafts

Health & Happiness

Face Paints & Tie Dye

Science & Experiments

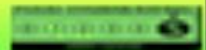
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All Children
aged 5+
welcome

Fun Time Day Time

Chard Young
People's Centre

9am-3pm

**ON
25TH
JULY**

**ON 1ST
AUGUST:**

**ON 8TH
AUGUST:**

Slime making

Circus Skills

Hama Beads

Karaoke &
Dance

Tie Dye

Sand Jars

Bubble magic

DIY Biscuits

Disco &
Parachute

Nerf

Face paint &
Hair Chalks

Badgemaking

Hovers & Scooters

DIY Milkshakes

Dodgeball

Chalk Bombs

Arts & Crafts, water fights, BBQ / Pizza lunch

available across each day

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Pre-Booking	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
Half Day	£8	£15	£20
1 Day	£15	£25	£35
2 Days	£25	£45	£65
3 Days	£35	£65	£90
On The day			
Half Day	£10	£18	£24
1 Day	£20	£35	£50

***Pre-booking
available up to 7 days
before each event**

Either pre-pay onsite at a FT session
or email pete.may@alsyouth.org.uk
for online payment details

Lunch available each day

**£5 per child - includes:
BBQ / Pizza, Drink & Fruit**

BATH & WEST EDUCATION HUB

Bath & West Woodland Walk



For one day only, the Bath & West Showground are opening up their Mini Woodland, allowing families to enjoy a FREE day out during the Summer Holidays! Get ready to explore our beautiful woodlands and immerse yourself in nature.

For more information and bookings, please visit - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bath-west-woodland-walk-tickets-671339774337?aff=oddtcreator>





Summer Fun Day

TATWORTH PLAYING FIELDS



SATURDAY 22ND JULY & SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 12-4PM
FREE - Funded & Supported by Tatworth & Forton Parish Council



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With new fun + games
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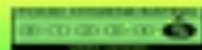
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Family Holiday Activities

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Celebrate Summer!

August 2023

Masons' Marks Monday 7 & Wednesday 23 August

Follow our treasure hunt to learn about the stone carvers who left their marks here, then try your hand at soap carving.



Watery Wells Tuesday 8 & Tuesday 29 August

Follow our trail around the Cathedral, then have fun with water in the Camery Garden before making a themed badge.



Feed the Birds Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 30 August

Find out how we can help our feathered friends and make a bird feeder.



The Incredible Clock Wednesday 16 & Thursday 31 August

Listen to a story, watch the clock strike and enjoy clock crafts.



Bugs and Bees Tuesday 22 August

Learn about the importance of pollinators and help us build a giant bug hotel. Make your own mini bug hotel and a badge.



Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE

Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult



**Summer's Here!
All Tickets £1**

cinechard presents

**Saturday 22nd
July 2023**
Chard Guildhall
2:30pm (doors 2pm)

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
The Musical
Music and Lyrics by **TIM MINCHIN**

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Cash-free tickets from
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Manor Court Community Primary School

2023-2024 Term Dates & Holidays



September 2023						October 2023						November 2023								
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W			6	13	20	27	W		4	11	18	25		W		1	8	15	22	29
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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