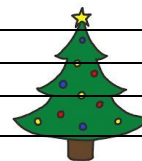


Dear Parents and carers

Autumn Term Newsletter 6 – Friday 25th November 2022



November 2022	
Tuesday 29 th November	Scholastic half price book fair in the library after school until Monday 5 th December
December 2022	
Thursday 1 st December	FMCA Break the rules Day – See poster at end of newsletter
Friday 2 nd December	School choir performing at Chard Mayor Christmas concert
Saturday 3 rd December	Lighting of the Chard Beacon for Christmas
Monday 5 th December	KS1 Christmas performance (Number 1) to family members
Tuesday 6 th December	Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church at 09:30 – 10:30
Wednesday 7 th December	Year 3 trip to Chard Museum Y4 Preloved Toy sale (as part of their MC 48)
Thursday 8 th December	KS1 Christmas Dinner KS1 Christmas performance (Number 2) to family members
Friday 9 th December	KS2 Christmas Dinner Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – suggested 50p donation for this charity Enrichment clubs finish for this academic year
Saturday 11 th December	Y6 Make £5 grow stalls at the Chard Saturday market
Monday 12 th December	Foundation Stage Nativity performance (Number 1) to family members
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 1 Panto Trip to watch Dick Whittington at the Octagon theatre Foundation Stage Nativity performance (Number 2) to family members
Wednesday 14 th December	Visit from the Advent Alpacas!
Thursday 15 th December	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church at 09:30-10:30
Friday 16 th December	Last day of the Autumn Term and non-school uniform day for all children No Celebration Assemblies



EYC News from Lara

Exciting times in preschool preparing Christmas gifts and cards for all our lovely mummies and daddies.

On Friday we joined the rest of the children at Manor Court in celebrating Children in Need Day, dressing up and making our own Pudsey bear snacks. The children had lots of fun making elephant bubbles (so did I !!) This week we have been learning all about the sound 'n' and making lots of silly soup.

We also welcome our new apprentice Hettie to the team, and she is settling in really well and making lots of friends in our little ones.

Carparking at the front of the school

It is becoming increasingly dangerous at the front of the school at drop off and collection time. This is because several parents are choosing to mount the pavement to enable their children to get out of the car! It is important that this inconsiderate behaviour stops and parents who have been doing this obtain a free permit for Sainsbury's carpark.

Save the dates

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the rest of this term and opportunities that we would not wish for you or your children to miss or not be prepared for. Please do save the dates in the table above onto your calendar at home so that you are aware and not disappointed to miss out.



Christmas Dinner Day

On Thursday 8th December and Friday 9th December, we will be serving Christmas dinner to each of our children. Very generously the friends of Manor Court association (FMCA) have offered to subsidise any child that would normally pay for a Christmas meal, meaning all children will receive a FREE Christmas lunch. Details have been sent home via ParentPay as to how you can take up this lovely offer.

Children in Need

Last Friday we enjoyed being all dotty and spotty to raise money for Children in Need. As a result of your generosity, we raised £195.29 Thank you for your support and generosity.

Shoe box appeal

Last Thursday, the School Council and Mrs Burns were able to hand over thirty shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in other countries who may not receive Christmas presents. Thank you to everyone who donated to the shoe box appeal.



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



Year 5 trip to Chard Museum

On Monday the Year 5 children had a wonderful morning at Chard Museum where they investigated the part people living in Chard had at the time. They considered what evacuees would have taken as they left London to the safety of Chard. They tasted some WWII cake, which were sweetened with carrot (due to the rationing of sugar in the war years) and thought that they still tasted delicious!

Warm Space

We are proud to be a community school and one of our central values is to care for each other. We appreciate that there are people in our local community who are worried about keeping warm this winter, so we have decided to open our school hall to be used as a warm space on Wednesday afternoons. During this time there will be a relaxed opportunity to spend time with our children and staff to read or play a board game and to share a hot drink and cake.

Please spread the word and the poster at the end of the newsletter to encourage more to join us.

Art Display at Springmead Doctors Surgery

Staff at Springmead surgery asked if some of our pupils could create a display of things that make them happy to brighten up their waiting room. We think that this art from pupils in Y2-6 will put a smile on the patients' faces.



Foundation Stage places for September 2023

Please share and tell your friends and family. We are an academically high achieving, caring, diverse, vibrant, happy and fun school! Applications for starting school for the first time in September 2023 are now open. All initial school applications are through the Somerset County Council website (link to apply for any Somerset school is below).

Please do arrange an appointment to visit our school and Mr Talmage or Mr Clode would love to show you around before you decide on which school to apply for. We also have limited spaces in every year group apart from Y6 if you're interested in a place in a different year group.

<https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/applying-for-a-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time>

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**

Uniform expectations – A message from Mr Clode

We take pride in everything about our school and have high expectations of ourselves and each other. A part of this high expectation is for each child to come to school prepared for the day ahead and this includes how they are dressed. Please send your child into school in the correct uniform, footwear and the correct PE kit on PE days. It is not the expectation that children wear boots to school and children will be asked to change out of this. Our uniform code can be found here on the school website: www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/uniform-information



Attendance our school expectations. A message from Miss Gregory (Early intervention & attendance officer)

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.

Year 3 healthy breakfast project

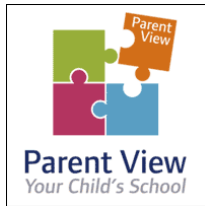
Last week the Y3 children cooked and assembled healthy breakfasts as part of their DT project. They planned and designed their own ideas, carefully considering the Eatwell plate and they thoroughly enjoyed bringing their ideas to life. Some of the children even enjoyed the washing up at the end!



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Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child who is believed to be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court 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



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 group emails

If your child is in Y1 – Y6 and you would like to make contact with your child's class teacher or if they wish to pass a year group relevant message to parents, we encourage use of the year group email address. This email address is checked regularly (at least once a day) and is the best way to contact your child's teacher. Communication between Foundation Stage parents and children is via Eylog. Please do email the year group email addresses as a reminder the year group emails are:

Year 1 (Bumblebees and Dragonflies)	Y1@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 2 (Magpies and Nightingales)	Y2@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 3 (Kingfishers and Owls)	Y3@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 4 (Eagles and Puffins)	Y4@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 5 (Badgers and Foxes)	Y5@manorcourt.ppat365.org
Year 6 (Otters and Herons)	Y6@manorcourt.ppat365.org

School council charity cake sale

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who supported our cake sale in aid of the children's ward at Musgrove Park Hospital. We raised over £155! We had so many donations of cakes, homemade and shop bought, from generous and kind people. We will be holding a book sale and another cake sale in the spring.



Thank you for your continued support and with all good wishes.

Mr Luke Talmage
Head Teacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Head and Inclusion Leader



Chard Churches Together invite you to:

**Carols at Chard Beacon Nativity Scene
Saturday December 3rd at 4pm.**

Meet outside Manor Court School to walk with a host of
angels and shepherds to the Beacon.

All welcome to dress as angels or shepherds

**See the lighting of the silhouettes made by
'Men's Shed' for Chard Churches Together**

Supported by Chard Town Council



FESTIVE BREAK THE RULES DAY!

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Rules to be Broken:

1. Crazy, wacky or temporary coloured hair
2. Christmas hair accessories
3. Christmas or crazy tie
4. Funky socks or tights
5. Non school shoes
6. Temporary tattoo
7. Wear glitter/ make up
8. Wear nail varnish

How it works...

Wear school uniform but pick up to 4 rules from above to break

Pay 50p for every rule you want to break to the FMCA.

Maximum of 4 rules.



Manor Court Community Primary School

invites you to

Share Our Warmth

Please come and enjoy a warm drink, in a warm space,
with a warm welcome

EVERY Wednesday

(term time only)

Beginning 5th October 2022

Manor Court School Hall

Please arrive at 13.15pm
at the front School gates
Finish time 15.15pm

NO charge

NO registration

#keepwarmthiswinter

Children and Staff welcome you to play a board game, share a book
and enjoy a drink and cake while keeping warm in our School Hall this Winter





Activity Calendar

Community Inclusion and Activity Team

Christmas Half-term
Monday 19 - Friday 23 December



For ALL children and young people in Somerset with a disability or additional need. *You DO NOT have to be referred to any service to access these activities, unless otherwise stated.

Improving LIVES

Monday 19 Dec

Purple Elephant
Frome Cricket Club, Rodden Rd, Frome BA11 2AH.
Christmas crafts, face painting, entertainment, hot meal and a visit from Santa! 10am-1pm.
£1 per person or free if eligible for free school meals.

To book, please contact Lenka Grimes:
lenkagrimes@gmail.com



Tuesday 20 Dec

Purple Elephant
Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome, BA11 3DE.
Christmas crafts, face painting, entertainment, hot meal and a visit from Santa! 10am-1pm.
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Wednesday 21 Dec

Purple Elephant
The Key Centre, Feltham Lane, Frome, BA11 5AJ.
Christmas crafts, face painting, entertainment, hot meal and a visit from Santa! 3-6pm.
£1 per person or free if eligible for free school meals.

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Thursday 22 Dec

Neroche Woodlanders
Young Wood, Staple Fitzpaine, TA3 5AZ.
Seasonal forest school and campfire cooking activities! 11am-2pm. For 2-18yrs.
£10 per family.

To book, please call Sarah Holdway on 07784 800641 or email sarah@nerochewoodlanders.org/info@nerochewoodlanders.org



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19th

The Mendip School
Edmund Rack Road, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4FZ.
10am-3pm. Christmas party and playday! £1 per person.

To book, please contact office@themendipschool.com or call 01749 838070



20th

EAQ Manor farm
Owl St, Stocklinch, Ilminster, TA19 9LG.
Spend time with our horses and explore nature. 2hr 1:1 session available at 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm. Costs £10 per family.

To book please contact Ian Roberts on 01460 394375 or enquiries@eaqmanorfarm.co.uk



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22nd

Ark
Ark at Egwood, TA16 5QN.
Outdoor activities, including meeting the animals, Christmas arts and crafts and Christmas themed games! 10am-2pm. For 5-18yrs. £1 a head for young people. £3 a head for parents and carers to cover lunch and refreshment costs.

To book, please call Matt Laughton on 07751 645849 or email Matt@arkategwood.com



ACTIVITY PACKS

Community Inclusion Activity Team
 Winter' or 'Christmas' themed activity packs, containing arts & crafts, puzzles, recipes and more! £2 per pack. Payment on delivery please.
 To order, please email ciateam@somerset.gov.uk by 5th December with your preference for 'Winter' or 'Christmas' themed pack, your child's name, age, address, phone number and where we can safely leave the pack if you're not in. Delivery w/c 12th December.



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21st
Yeovil Inclusion Partnership
 Fairmead School, Mudford Road, Yeovil, BA21 4NZ.
 Fun packed day including activities such as: arts & crafts, bouncy castle and cooking. 10am to 3pm. For ages 4-18yrs. Costs £15 per young person or £25 per family.
To book, call Steve Coles 07786 992229 or email scoles@fairmeadschool.com

22nd
Community Inclusion and Activity Team Family Day
 Bishops Lydeard Railway Station, Station Road, Taunton, TA4 3RU.
 Santa Train departing at 1.30pm. Please arrive from 12.45pm. £15 per person.
 Winter Lights Train departing at 5pm. Please arrive from 4.15pm. £12 per person.
To book, call 07977 412199 from 10am on Tuesday 29th November

19th
Escape
 Somerset Boat Centre, Maidenmead Moorings, Bridgwater, TA7 0DQ.
 Santa Christmas Cruise! Enjoy a hot chocolate & gingerbread biscuits. Families will be allocated a 2 hour time slot between 9am and 3pm at booking. For 0-18. Costs £7.50 per person.
Please book via their website: www.escapesupportgroup.com

WHAT'S ON ACROSS THE WEEK?
Monday 19 - Friday 23rd December
Brookside Academy, Street, BA16 0PR
 A variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including arts & crafts, cookery, Wii games and sports! For 4-13 years (must be school age), 9am-3pm, £24pp. For 14-16 years, 9am-3pm, £27pp.
Booking is required with Harriet Dunford or Sandra Cinicola at extendedschools@brooksideacademy.co.uk

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 Santa Christmas Cruise! Enjoy a hot chocolate & gingerbread biscuits. Families will be allocated a 2 hour time slot between 9am and 3pm at booking. For 0-18. Costs £7.50 per person.
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Key for activities:

- Family Activity - for all members of the family to attend and enjoy
- Child/Young person can attend on their own under group supervision or with parent/carer if additional 1:1 support is required - please call the organisation to have a chat
- Child/young person must attend with a parent or carer
- Staff provided by the organisation to support the child/young person 1:1 if required - please call the organisation to see what they can provide as this may not include personal care
- Some parts of the activity are wheelchair accessible please call the organisation to find out more
- Accessible changing facilities are available please call the venue to find out more
- Activities aimed at young people/teenagers/young adults

Useful Information

Who are the people offering the activities? Organisations who have experience of working with children and young people with a disability or additional need and their families. Activities can be adapted to suit the children and young people who would like to attend. Please call them to chat about your child / young person's needs.

Activities offered by the Community Inclusion and Activity Team -
 Dependant on the child / young person needs, we can provide a day out without parent / carer as we offer group supervision. If it is the first time your child / young person has accessed a trip with our team, a parent / carer will need to attend. We require payment a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the day. Please note, spaces for children and young people with a disability or additional need will be prioritised first, with spaces offered to siblings once bookings have closed if we have room. Online payment at www.somerset.gov.uk/cwd

Don't forget our Activity Day Passes - Available to ALL families in Somerset with a child or young person with a disability or additional need - Puxton Park, Noah's Ark, Bristol Zoo & The Wild Place, Abbotsbury, Ferne Animal Sanctuary, Hestercombe gardens, Court farm. Please email CIATeam@somerset.gov.uk to find out more or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/cwd to view the flyer.

Max Card - A FREE card for all children and young people with a disability or additional need in Somerset aged 0-25 years. This card can be used at many places all over the UK offering discounts and special rates when you show the card. Visit www.mymaxcard.co.uk for more info. Cards can ONLY be issued by Somerset County Council to people living in Somerset. Call 01823 358117 or email ciateam@somerset.gov.uk

If you would like help with the calendar and how to access activities please email the team ciateam@somerset.gov.uk