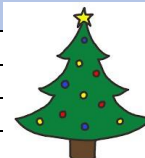


Dear Parents and carers

## Autumn Term Newsletter 5 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022



November 2022	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	FMCA Christmas Jumper Swap Day – See poster for further information at the end of the newsletter. Y4 Multiplication Check parent workshops
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need charity non-school uniform day suggested 50p donation for this charity Foundation Stage Literacy course starts. Please see letter for more information. FMCA Christmas Bingo in the school hall. Eyes down at 18:30.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	World Cup Day including England v Iran on the Hall Big Screen Year 5 Trip to Chard Museum
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 2 trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	School council cake sale after school on the KS1 playground
December 2022	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	School choir performing at Chard Mayor's Christmas concert
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance (Number 1) to family members
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church at 09:30 – 10:30
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Dinner KS1 Christmas performance (Number 2) to family members
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Make £5 grow stalls at the Chard Saturday market
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Nativity performance (Number 1) to family members
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Panto Trip to watch Dick Whittington at the Octagon theatre Foundation Stage Nativity performance (Number 2) to family members
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church at 09:30-10:30
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn Term and non-school uniform day for all children No Celebration Assemblies



### Y3 trip to Pecorama

The Sun was shining on the Year 3 children last Friday as they visited Pecorama who opened just so that our children could visit. We received the following email from Mike the Station Master after their visit:

*I wanted to tell how impressive your school visit was today. The youngsters were charming, very polite, excited, and inquisitive. One youngster, whose name I didn't catch unfortunately was concerned that burning coal was bad for the environment. He does have a point! I must mention Orlando who was*

*particularly knowledgeable. The youngsters were superbly managed by your staff, obviously a very happy school and a credit to you all.*

### Foundation Stage Literacy Family learning

We are delighted to be hosting a free four-week Foundation Stage Literacy Family Learning course to explain how we teach English throughout the school. Parents of children in the Foundation Stage will have received a letter this week with further information about the course. Please Eylog, Miss Grabham or Miss Hamilton, if you would like to attend. Unfortunately, the course will not run if we do not have eight confirmed adult attendees.

### FMCA Christmas jumper swap

The FMCA are holding a Christmas jumper swap on this coming Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. This is a fundraising opportunity for the FMCA and please do see the poster at the back of the newsletter for further information.



### 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.



### World Cup Day

Many of our children and staff are starting to become excited about the upcoming winter World Cup. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November we will be showing the England v Iran game on the big screen in the hall for any child who wishes to watch it. The FMCA will be selling sweets to children watching the game in the hall during the match.

Throughout the day children's learning will have a World Cup theme and children can come to school wearing red, white or blue non-school uniform or wear a football kit of their favourite club

or national team.

### Christmas Dinner Day

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Nightingales trip to Chard Museum

Nightingales had a lovely time at Chard Museum on Wednesday to learn more about John Stringfellow. They were fascinated by the models of his plane. On the way back they walked past his workshop and where he lived. Magpies will visit the museum next Wednesday.



### Wrap around care

It is great to see our wrap around care being used by so many of our families. If you need to use this service on an ad-hoc basis we ask that you contact the school office as soon as possible and by no later than midday on the same day.

All bookings should be made through the school office.

Wrap around care Phone number- **07765 073402**

If your child is attending after school care, please can you call the number provided and not go to the school office, your child will then be brought out to meet you.



### Whole school Science morning

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November all children throughout Manor Court got curious! We celebrated world science day with a range of experiments and activities. We enjoyed discovering a range of scientists and understanding the thinking behind their creations. In biology, we enjoyed creating skeletons, adding the organs, and matching up the function to them. In chemistry, we learnt about a range of chemical reactions through skittle rainbows, coke explosion and milk with food colouring and finally the dancing snakes. In physics we tested out tin foil boats with a sink or swim challenge. It was a crazy curious morning fuelled with fun!

### 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).

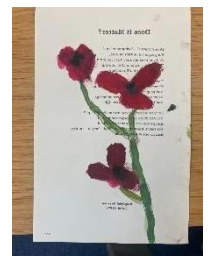
Please do arrange an appointment to visit our school and Mr Talmage or Mr Clode would love to show you around before you decide on which school to apply for. We also have limited spaces in every year group apart from Y6 if you're interested in a place in a different year group.

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

### Remembrance Assembly

At Manor Court we take the time to teach our children about the importance of British values and remembering people who have sacrificed their life in conflict for these values. We also take pride in the significance and symbolism of the red and purple poppy.

We were led in our whole school Remembrance assembly this morning by Revd. Ann and each class shared a piece of artwork that they have made to demonstrate their understanding and respect.



### 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.

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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)



### EYC News from Lara

We have had a busy and enjoyable few weeks in the EYC and have worked hard to try and dry whilst enjoying the outside the space! We have been creative in making Autumn pumpkins, Fireworks, and this week we have been discussing Remembrance Day and making poppies in different ways. Last Friday we tried making our own fireworks in a jar as part of science week.

### The Year 4 Debate

This week the year 4 children have been debating about the most important issue in our community as an introduction to our Manor Court 48. These topics included climate change, plastic, litter, pollution, food, and textile waste.

The children articulated their opinions brilliantly and were passionate about their chosen issue. They listened carefully to each other's viewpoints, and all spoke with such confidence.



### School Council charity of the year

The school council have chosen Musgrove Park Children's ward as their charity of the year. Their first fundraising event is a cake sale after school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please bring some pennies along to buy a cake from the school council. They will be on the KS1 playground immediately after school until the cake has all gone.



### E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

Teaching children (and ourselves!) about cyber security is important these days. Internet Matters have some brilliant advice on their website to help keep families safe. You can read it here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-cybersecurity/> They've also created a game to help teach children about cyber security which you can find here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/new-cyber-security-resources-children-at-home/>

### Year 6 Optician visit

On Monday, Year 6 had a fascinating talk from a local optician, Simon, who told us how our eyes work and showed us lots of brilliant optical illusions.

### Foundation Stage news

Over the past two weeks Foundation stage have been busy learning about their new topic festivals and celebrations. The children have been working together to build campfires and pretending to toast their marshmallows.

This week we have been learning about Diwali and what it is. The children have made Diya lamps, and beautiful Diwali crowns which they have loved wearing. We have also been creating poppies for Remembrance Day this week.



### Would you like to join our team?

We are looking to recruit two key roles for our school community. If you are enthusiastic about the Early Years, we are looking to recruit a qualified teacher to lead and manage the Early Years Centre at an exciting time of development for the EYC and the school as a whole.

Our excellent caretaker, Mr Woolford, is retiring in March. We are looking for a skilled individual who can continue his excellent work with the same level of care and dedication.

If you are interested in joining our fantastic staff team and believe that you have the necessary skills, please view the job adverts for these roles on our school website.

[www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/vacancies](http://www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/vacancies)

### 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.



### Outstanding achievements of the Manor Court children at home!

Thomas (in Year 5) is Harry Potter mad and loves everything to do with Harry Potter and is also an aspiring engineer like his dad! He recently spent most of a weekend making this Hogwarts express train out of Lego that he received for his birthday. Well done, Thomas!

## 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](http://www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/uniform-information)



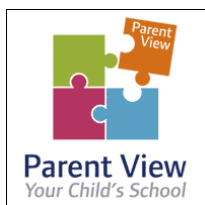
## Attendance our school expectations. A message from Miss Gregory (Early intervention & attendance officer)

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.

## 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](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](http://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

## The FMCA needs you

The FMCA is a group of parent volunteers who spend time raising money (whilst having fun) for activities or equipment to be used for the children in the school. The work that they do is vital, and the committee needs more volunteers to help them achieve more for the children.

If you would like to find out more about their work and how you can get involved, please do email them on [contactfmca@gmail.com](mailto:contactfmca@gmail.com) or contact them through their Facebook page.



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

Mr Luke Talmage  
Head Teacher

Mr Alan Clode  
Deputy Head and Inclusion Leader



Each year 1 in 4 Christmas jumpers end up thrown away or never worn again.  
We can change this and start a new tradition at Manor Court!

THE FMCA ARE GOING TO BE RUNNING  
**A BIG CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE**

ON THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER @ 3.15PM ON THE  
**KEY STAGE 2 PLAYGROUND**



Children's jumpers £2  
Adult's jumpers £3



Please donate unwanted jumpers  
(Children and Adults) in a bag to your  
child's teacher by 11th November

Please make sure that they are washed and in good condition.

Raising funds for the FMCA and as always thank you for your continued support.

# WATCH PROJECT



**New Zoom 8 week sessions starting  
Tuesday 6th December to  
Tuesday 31st January  
from 10.00am - 12.00 noon  
(No session on 27th December)**

## SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

- Elevate mood and reduce feelings of isolation
- Empower you to improve your own wellbeing
- Understand resilience and how to improve it
- Form supportive relationships with your peers in the workshop
- Leave the workshop with a toolkit of ideas to help you maintain your own wellbeing



**These workshops support people who are ready to explore  
with peers, their mental health and wellbeing**

**Book now to join us!**

**email [info@watchproject.org.uk](mailto:info@watchproject.org.uk) for bookings and enquiries  
Your Potential, Your Voice, Your Way**



# THE MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**FRI 2ND DEC  
CHARD SCHOOL AND  
MANOR COURT**

**FRI 9TH DEC  
HOLYROOD ACADEMY AND  
REDSTART**

**Time: Doors open at 5:30pm for 6:00pm show start**

**Where: The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard, TA20 1PP**

**Advance tickets available from the Guildhall reception**

**Adults: £2.50**

**Children: £1**

The FMCA invite  
you to our

# CHRISTMAS BINGO

18th November 2022  
doors open 18:00  
Eyes down 18:30

Special offer Bundle price  
£10

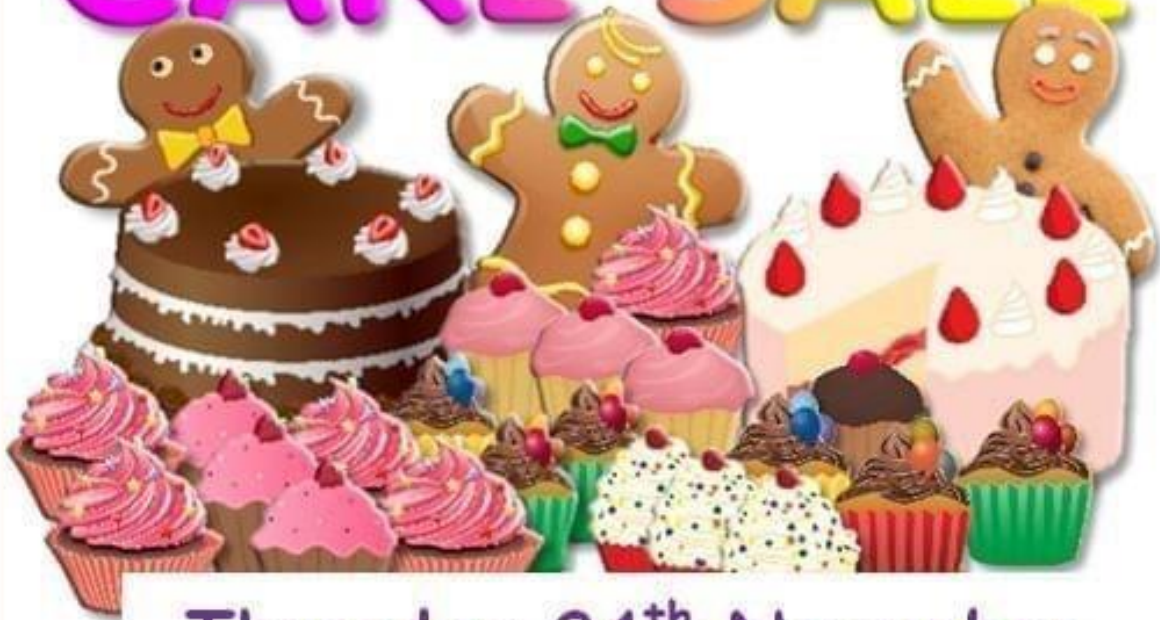
Includes bingo book of 6  
a Flyer and 1 strip of raffle  
tickets



Fundraiser for our school charity of the year

MUSGROVE PARK HOSPITAL CHILDRENS WARD

# CAKE SALE



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

KS2 playground 3.15 pm

DONATIONS OF CAKES WILL BE GREATFULLY RECEIVED! Donations of packaged cakes can be sent into school with your child from Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, fresh cakes please send in on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU

Manor Court School Council



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

