

Dear Parents and carers

## Spring Term 1 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022



January 2022	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Manor Court Art Exhibition at the Town Hall in The Guildhall
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	RE Day – World Religions Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Year 3 Visit to the Donkey Sanctuary
February 2022	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Foundation Stage Family Learning first session

### Art Exhibition

It was a fantastic experience today for the children to exhibit their work in the Town Hall (which can be found in the upstairs of the Guildhall). Many visitors came to see and enjoy the children's artwork based on the work of local artist Jenny Mellings. Please see our social media accounts for more excellent photographs of the exhibition. The water colour wash artwork in this photograph was produced by children in Year 3 and depicts their favourite view on the steam train to Minehead.



### School Uniform

We are seeing increasing numbers of children come to school wearing incorrect or inappropriate uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform including a school tie and sensible school shoes. Children are not allowed to wear make-up or nail varnish to school, and we will ask a child to remove it if they are wearing it.



### Pupil Voice

Over the past week each child in Year 1 to Year 6 has completed their pupil voice survey using Microsoft forms. The deadline for each class to complete this survey is today and we are looking forward to sharing the results with you early next week.

### Covid safety measures

Our current covid safety measures remain in place for the foreseeable future, including staggered starts, year group bubbles, online assemblies and face masks in communal areas. We will inform you as soon as we know if more changes are needed to either relax measures or place further safety measures in place.

If you need advice about coronavirus or to inform us about a positive LFT test, please do email the specific covid case email address [covidcase@manorcourt.ppat365.org](mailto:covidcase@manorcourt.ppat365.org) as this enables us to help quicker. This email address is checked throughout the day from 07:30 and until 21:00 each day.



### World Religion Day

World Religion Day is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. In 2022, that falls on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. Its aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. World Religion Day aims to promote the unity of religious peoples so that we can overcome historical differences. For centuries, different religions and faiths have fought each other, and ignored their common values. The purpose of World Religion Day is to

work towards a peaceful understanding between faiths.

On Monday the children will learn about the six main religions in the world and what common beliefs that they have in our multi-cultural society.



### EYC news from Natalie!

We have had a wonderful start to the new year. We have been enjoying our environment by completing bug hunts, looking at Space and the children have really enjoyed all the rockets and planets we have been learning about. Next week we will be exploring our senses with lots of fun activities planned!

### Elf on the Shelf competition

We hope that you and your children enjoyed watching the adventures every December morning of the Manor Court Elf. He was extremely mischievous and got up to some amazing and often funny tasks. Alongside the videos was a competition where the children could list the activities that the Elf had been up to each day. The winning entries were drawn out of a hat this week by Mrs Hunt.

The Key Stage 1 winner was Ford in Squirrels class, and the Key Stage 2 winner was Carolina in Kingfishers class. Well done to Ford and Carolina who were awarded their prize in assembly this morning.



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 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)

## 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 and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor is Mrs Jo Boyland.

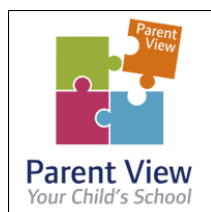
## E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

Lots of people still don't know about Supervised Experience on YouTube. It is a big improvement on their previous Restricted Mode. There are now 3 filtering levels which are:

- Explore - for users 9+.
- Explore More - for users 13+
- Most of YouTube - all content excluding content marked as 18+.

You can find a useful guide

here: [https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA2sqOBhCGARIsAPuPK0h3gNmafc9FS-QISOyubQdAUQuJ-HDXB77k10P3ltgRuuWB3bEBuRAaAvycEALw\\_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds](https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA2sqOBhCGARIsAPuPK0h3gNmafc9FS-QISOyubQdAUQuJ-HDXB77k10P3ltgRuuWB3bEBuRAaAvycEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds)



## 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)

## Cold weather

The weather has been especially cold and wet since we have returned to school after the Christmas holiday. Please ensure that you send your child to school with a suitable coat and ideally a hat and gloves that are named.

## Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 residential trips for the children. Don't miss out!

We are delighted that our residential trips are taking place again this year, for our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children! Letters have been sent home about these enjoyable trips to explain the cost, what the trip entails and the deadline to pay the deposit and final payment. As per usual please make all payment through your ParentPay account and contact the school office if you require further information.

- Wildwood residential for Year 4 deposit of £15.00 is due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.
- Magdalen Farm residential for Year 5 deposit of £20.00 is due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.
- Huish Woods residential and activity week for Year 6 deposit of £15.00 is due by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.



## Attendance: our 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 will be triggered. We are of

course aware that the current Covid-19 situation may affect your child's attendance, and this will be taken into consideration during the monitoring phase. Should you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's attendance please contact Miss Gregory within 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)



## Year 6 workshops with The Turbans

This week, both of our Year 6 classes have enjoyed a workshop with members of the internationally renowned band The Turbans at Holyrood Academy. The children enjoyed learning about European music, a variety of unusual instruments and enjoyed learning a variety of European dance moves.

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## Emotion coaching

The PFSA Team (Parent Family Support Advisors) currently have some availability to offer Emotion Coaching to any parents who might be interested. Please speak to Mr Clode for more details.

## Tesco community grant

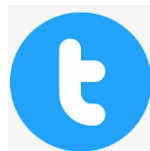
If you shop in the Chard branch of Tesco you may have noticed that we are one of three worthy causes trying to collect the blue tokens to be the winning community grant. If you shop in Tesco, we'd love your support to help us with our 'radical reading project' to provide even more high-quality reading books. As they say 'every little help's' so please remember to pick up your blue coin & drop it in our tube.



### Magic Breakfast a message from Mrs Terry

You may recall that before Christmas, I made contact with the Magic Breakfast charity and we are delighted that yesterday breaktime each child was offered the opportunity to have a piece of toasted bagel. We will provide this alongside the daily fruit that we provide for most children each day.

Magic Breakfast is a charity who deliver healthy breakfast foods to schools across England and Scotland, to provide all children at risk of hunger a nutritious start to the day with fuel for learning. At Manor Court, we recognise how important it is that our pupils eat in the morning to set themselves up for the rest of the day. Feeling hungry affects how a pupil feels, and they may not be ready to learn. We are going to be working closely with Magic Breakfast to ensure that all our pupils have access to food in the morning. We will be offering free bagels and fruit every morning during breaktime to satisfy any hungry tummies and have received a very generous anonymous donation from a local benefactor to cover the school contribution towards the project.



### Twitter and Facebook

If you are not already following our official school accounts on Twitter or Facebook, do consider following us as this is an excellent way to find current information about the school. Our school twitter account is @ManorCourtChard and you can find us on Facebook at @manorcourtchard

## School applications for September 2022

For all parents with children starting school in September 2022, you can now apply for your child's school place by following the link below on the school website that will take you directly to the Somerset application page. This link will take you directly to the Somerset County Council admission page. <https://www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/starting-school-for-the-first-time-in-september-20/>



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

Mr Luke Talmage  
Head Teacher

Mr Alan Clode  
Deputy Head and Inclusion Leader