

Dear Parents and carers

Summer Term 3 – Friday 27th May 2022



June 2022	
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day – School closed to all children
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school for the last half term of 2021-2022 academic year
Monday 13 th June	Multicultural Day (further information to be sent home after half term)
Wednesday 15 th June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 17 th June	FMCA School Disco and non-school uniform day. See last week's newsletter for further information
Monday 20 th June – Friday 24 th June	Whole School Careers week

Whole school Jubilee week

We have had a thoroughly enjoyable week celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this week with your children. We hope that they have enjoyed this week and learnt a lot about the 70-year reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

On Wednesday we were overwhelmed with the number of puddings that were made for our Jubilee pudding competition, we thank you for taking the time to help your child make their puddings. Each child took the time to sample each pudding in the morning and voted for their class winner which went through to a panel in the afternoon consisting of The School Council, Mr Clode and Sue Wakeman (a member of our local governing body). Each child who made a pudding has received a certificate, the finalists received a certificate and a prize, and the overall winner received a certificate, trophy, and baking kit. Our overall winner for this competition was Charlie in Nightingales, well done to every child who participated in our Jubilee pudding competition!



Yesterday the whole school participated in a street party. During the morning the different classes played traditional games (tug of war, Jenga, musical statues, connect four and pin the tail on the corgi) on the KS2 playground and made sandwiches for their street party. After lunch the children ate together, sang songs from the 70-year reign of her majesty together on the KS1 playground.

The children have today enjoyed the Kings and Queens Day and have each brought home their platinum Jubilee Mug as a memento of their learning this week and the platinum Jubilee.

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



Y6 Activity week (including residential at Huish Woods)

This week, Year 6 spent a fantastic 3 days at Huish Woods Scout Camp near Taunton. They enjoyed activities including archery, fire-lighting, caving, and team building. The children (and staff) returned to school on Wednesday muddy and tired but in high spirits. On Wednesday afternoon, before the children had returned to school, Mr Clode received a telephone call from Huish Woods in which they had expressed their sincere pleasure in having hosted the Year 6's. Two of the Huish Woods instructors have already expressed their desire to be on the rota to complete activities with Manor Court children in 2023.

Yesterday and today the children took part in a range of exciting activities at school: pizza making, creating an art project for the garden at Oak Lodge and a visit from the Pancake Pod were the children's highlights!

Farewell to Mrs Field

Today we have said farewell to Mrs Lynnette Field who has been a key part of the school office team for the past seven years. Lynnette has worn many hats in her time with us and has overseen the safe organisation of the many school trips, sending all communication home to parents, overseeing the school lunches and has often been the face of the school helping children and their parents at the reception hatch to name a few. We wish Lynnette much happiness as she leaves us to utilise her skills as an HR officer in her brother's expanding business. We have recruited Lynnette's replacement this week who will be starting with us shortly.

2022 – 2023 Term and Holiday Dates

We've recently published our 2022-2023 School Term and Holiday dates on our school website this week and have added them to the end of this newsletter for you to print off for use at home.

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

Sports Day

Please save Wednesday 15th June in your diary for our Sports Day (weather permitting) and wait for a letter to be sent home in the first week after the half term holiday to provide further information.



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.

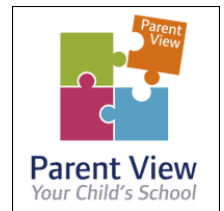


Recruitment

We are also looking to appoint a skilled practitioner to be the new manager of our Early Years Centre and two Learning Support Assistants to start who’s position will start in September. If you believe that you are who we are looking for please contact Mrs Diana Hunt in the school office to arrange to visit us.

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 6 advance warning – A message from the Y6 team

It is a busy time of the school year for the Y6 children and our focus has now turned towards further curriculum enrichment, your child’s transition to their secondary school and the traditional school play – this year it’s Peter Pan!

Please put these dates in your diary so that you do not miss these important events.

1. Wednesday 13th July – Afternoon performance of Peter Pan in the school hall (13:30 start).
2. Thursday 14th July – Evening performance of Peter Pan in the school hall (18:00 start).
3. Wednesday 20th July – Leaver’s service in the school hall (13:30 start).



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



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



Mr Luke Talmage
Head Teacher



Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Head and Inclusion Leader



We love coming as there are no expectations on how to behave and everyone plays together and being quiet and low light helps a lot

My boys love coming as there is no pressure from other children

**FREE weekly
SEN/SEND soft
play sessions at
Chard Leisure Centre
for children up to the age of 16
(siblings welcome @ £5)**

Reduced capacity

Subtle lighting

Calm and friendly atmosphere

Additional resources: puzzles, colouring etc

Cafe shutter closed (full cafe services still available)

I have watched children come in to the sessions and make new friends and play together. It is so lovely to watch them having fun

Thursdays 4:30-6

Sundays 9-10:30

It is great to watch my children having fun in a non-judgemental environment. All the parents are friendly and supportive

Pop in to the centre to book or phone our friendly team who will be happy to answer any questions

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Friday 3rd June
Queen of the Commonwealth:
The Queen's reign over 70 years
Variety Concert

19:30 – 21:00

Doors open at 19:00

Poetry
Choirs
Dancing
Singing

Buy your tickets at:

Eventbrite - Queen of the commonwealth, Chard
(please note there is an additional charge)



Or

Chard Guildhall - £2.50

Manor Court Community Primary School

2022 - 2023 Term Dates & Holidays



September 2022						October 2022						November 2022						
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24	
F		2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25	
Sa		3	10	17	24	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su		4	11	18	25	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27		
December 2022						January 2023						February 2023						
M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28
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March 2023						April 2023						May 2023						
M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu		2	9	16	23	30
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June 2023						July 2023						August 2023						
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)
Term 2: 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days)
Term 3: 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days)
Term 4: 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)
Term 5: 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days)
Term 6: 05 June – 21 July 2023 (35 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2022/23

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	Easter Monday	10 April 2023
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2022	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2023*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the Bank Holiday falls on a weekend

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.