

May 2022	
Monday 9 th May to Thursday 12 th May	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 10 th May	Dentists visit to Foundation Stage
Thursday 12 th May	Brewhouse Theatre Zoom Assembly Y6 residential meeting
Tuesday 17 th & Wednesday 18 th May	Foundation Stage visit to Chard Museum
Thursday 19 th May	Film composer & sound producer Zoom assembly
Friday 20 th May	FMCA Jubilee Bingo
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th May	Whole School Jubilee week Y6 activity week including residential trip
Friday 27 th May	Last day of this half term
June 2022	
Monday 6 th June	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 7 th June	All children to return to school

Welcome to our new Foundation Stage children

We'd like to send a very warm welcome to the children and their families who have gained a place at our school and start in September. Mr Talmage spent a day in the Easter holidays telephoning each child's parent and we can't wait to meet you!



Year 6 information about KS2 assessments next week – A message from Mrs Hall and the year 6 team

Year 6 have been working extremely hard in preparation for next week's SATS tests. The testing will take place from Monday to Thursday, and it is important to remind you that attendance is vital for all year 6 children next week. Please contact the year 6 email y6@manorcourt.ppat365.org as early as possible if your child could potentially need to be absent from school. Children signed up to breakfast club will be able to attend from 8.10am where a healthy breakfast will be provided for them. A teacher will meet the children at the front gate to allow access to the hall. Good luck to all of year 6, we are sure that you're absolutely ready for next week!



We need you! A message from Dr Matt Reed (Chair of the Local Governing Body)

We are recruiting two parent governors to join our local governing body. If your child attends our school and you would like to help Mr Talmage, Mr Clode, the Senior Leadership team, and current members of the local governing body, steer the school into the next stage of development please do read the letter that your child was sent home last week. If you would like to have a conversation about what this role entails please contact the school office to provide your contact details and I will contact you as soon as possible.



Y5 Residential – A message from Mrs Terry

Year 5 return to school today, exhausted but happy, after an exhilarating and informative three days at Magdalen Farm.

The children experienced hands-on farming whilst learning about biodiversity and the impact of organic methods.

They showed teamwork and collaboration on the ropes course, tried a variety of plants grown on the site, lit fires and cooked apples and got wet pond dipping!

Plenty of songs were sung, flapjack eaten, and hidden talents discovered.

The Year 5 staff also had a brilliant time away and were super proud of the children's behaviour, have-a-go attitude, and respect for each other.

The children who remained at school also had a great time enjoying creating with clay, making and cooking pizzas over fire, building spaghetti towers and playing human Hungry Hippos!

SEND Soft play sessions at Chard Leisure centre

This week we received a flyer about free SEND Soft play sessions at the Leisure centre. Please do read the poster at the back of the newsletter and share the word about these much needed and appreciated sessions.

Scholastic book fayre – A message from Mrs Terry

Thanks to your support last week at the Scholastic half price book fair, we took a fantastic £900! This means we now qualify for 50% of the total, meaning we can spend £450 on quality books for all year groups. We will ensure the children are involved in choosing titles they would enjoy.



Guildhall community banners

Last Friday the new community banners were revealed at the Guildhall, created by a variety of groups from the community including pupils from Manor Court.

Activities and refreshments continued all day, and Y4 performed their Carnival Dance at 4pm it was fantastic to see so many parents and siblings after school in the Guildhall supporting the children. Do take the time to go and view the banners.

Medical and allergen information

It is important that we have up-to-date information on your child's medical and allergen needs. If there have been any changes, please let the school office know.

Creative Art Assemblies

Last Thursday afternoon we held the first of three creative art Zoom assemblies and had a whole school Zoom assembly led by Maria Cork. Maria is an artist who produces creative effects for film & stage. She told us about her excellent work for the Star Wars & Harry Potter franchise! She also took time to answer questions from the Art council and children in the different classrooms.

Over the next month we will be joined on a Thursday afternoon by the manager of the Brewhouse Theatre in Taunton and a music composer.



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.

Jubilee Bingo

Do join us at the FMCA Jubilee Bingo on Friday 20th May where there will be lots of great prizes to win. Please see the poster at the back of this newsletter for more information and the contact details to book your table.



Recruitment

We are looking to recruit a professional, self-motivated, happy, skilled and professional receptionist/administrator to replace a highly respected member of our admin team. We are also looking to appoint a skilled practitioner to be the new manager of our Early Years Centre.

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.

Jubilee lanterns

Please start to bring in empty and clean one pint milk bottles for the Jubilee lanterns (those purchased from any shop and in any shape is perfect). Your child's teacher is starting to make a collection in their classrooms.



Road Safety talks

Last Tuesday each child participated in an informative road safety workshop led by Somerset Road Safety Team. At the end of the session the children each received a pencil and booklet to provide extra information.

Careers week

We are enjoying returning to the rhythm of our Manor Court School calendar and have started planning for our annual careers' week which this year will be held between Monday 20th and Friday 24th June. As usual we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to come into school to talk to the children about their chosen career.

If this is something that you would like to do, please contact your child's teacher through the year group email address, email the school office or speak to one of the staff.

E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

We often share resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre, but if you're looking for updates in a different language, you can find out more about Safer Internet Centre services in different countries in Europe on this website: <https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/> About halfway down the main page, there are links to other Safer Internet sites in lots of different languages which might be useful to some members of our community.



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

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



Whole school Platinum Jubilee week

Earlier in the week we sent home a letter via ParentPay and added to our social media accounts, to explain our plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We anticipate that this week will have the correct balance of being both informative and enjoyable for the children as we commemorate this important event. Please do keep the letter safe to refer to and check our social media accounts for updates.

EYC news from Stacey

This week the children have had fun learning their numbers and shapes, next week we will be looking at phonics. The school leavers have started their transitions to Foundation where they will spend time exploring the classroom and meeting their new teachers.



Please remember to apply sun cream in the mornings and we will reapply sun cream to children who stay all day. Also remember to send them in with sun hats and please make sure that sun cream, hats, jumpers and water bottles are clearly names as we don't want these to get lost.

Year 6 advance warning – A message from the Y6 team

It is a busy time of the school year for the Y6 children as we finish preparing for the end of Key Stage 2 assessments that the children will be taking next week. As soon as the children have completed these assessments our focus will turn towards further curriculum enrichment, your child's transition to their secondary school and the traditional school play – this year it's Peter Pan!

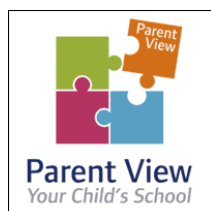
Please put these dates in your diary so that you do not miss these important events.

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).



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.



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

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.

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Mr Luke Talmage
Head Teacher

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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
01460 315007**

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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Su	4	11	18	25	Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26			
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
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	W		3	10	17	24	31
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F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F		5	12	19	26	
Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa		1	8	15	22	29	Sa		6	13	20	27	
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June 2023						July 2023						August 2023						
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Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		3	10	17	24	31
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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.



The Friends of Manor Court School
FMCA

Jubilee Bingo

Friday 20th May 2022

At Manor Court Primary School.

Doors open at 6pm Eyes down at 6.30pm



6 game book - £6.00

Flyer - £3.00

BUNDLE PRICE £10

Includes 1 book, 1 flyer,
2 raffle tickets

Alcoholic drinks, non-alcoholic
drinks & snacks available on
the night

**PLEASE NOTE Only foods & drink
purchased on the premises can be
consumed on site.**

**For more information and to book a table please
call 07823 331 844 or email: contactFMCA@gmail.com**

Manor Court Community Primary School



QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE PUDDING COMPETITION.

As part of our Jubilee week, your challenge is to design and make a 'nut-free' pudding at home in honour of our long reigning Queen.

The winning pudding from each class will receive a prize and the overall winner will receive a trophy!

Bring your pudding into school on Wednesday 25th May to be judged first by your class and then the best pudding from each class will be judged by Mr Clode & the School Council to find our overall winner.

