

Dear Parents and carers

Summer Term 6 – Friday 17th July 2022



July 2022	
Monday 19 th July	Somerset County cricket sessions with selected year groups
Wednesday 20 th July	Y2 School trip to Noah Ark Zoo Y6 Leavers Assembly with tea & cake for children and their guests afterwards Y6 Silent Disco paid for with the money raised from their enterprise project
Thursday 21 st July	M&M production of The Railway Children to the whole school School council Non-School uniform day for the RNLI 50p donation please Uniform Swap on KS1 & KS2 playground after school
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of the school year and non-school uniform for everyone (no charity donation required)

Summer Show

Last Tuesday and Thursday each class thoroughly enjoyed performing the Manor Court Community Primary School Summer Show at Holyrood Academy. On each evening over two hundred children from Foundation Stage to Y6 danced, sang, and told jokes to over two hundred and fifty spectators in the audience.

Mrs Morton and Miss Grabham worked tirelessly to arrange the evening and their work was appreciated by us all. Thank you to Mr McCormick (Head Teacher of Holyrood Academy) for allowing us the full use of their facilities at no charge.

The proceeds from ticket sales for the two nights came to £1551.84 and all proceeds will be used to pay for a yearlong project for our children to be taught dance from the Royal Ballet company.



Non-School uniform day for the RNLI

Next Thursday we are holding our last charitable non-school uniform day for this year's charity of the year – the RNLI. Children can come to school in non-school uniform for a 50p donation to the school council chosen charity.

Uniform swap – A message from Mrs Terry

After school on Thursday 21st July, we will be holding a uniform swap. If you would like to swap uniform, please bring washed and good quality uniform to school on the morning of Thursday 21st July and we will 'lay it out' on age tables for collection in readiness for after school.

Uniform for children in F/S, Y1 and Y2 will be on the Key Stage 1 playground.

Uniform for children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be on the Key Stage 2 playground.

Any surplus uniform will be stored in our uniform bank which parents can donate to or receive from at any point in the school year. If you have any clean underwear or swimming costumes that you no longer need, please consider donating these to the uniform bank as well for children who may need it.

The year 6 performance of Peter Pan

Year 6 gave three brilliant performances of their play 'Peter Pan' on Wednesday morning to the whole school and Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening to family members. The children sang beautifully, performed and acted well on stage and entertained three full audiences exceptionally well. Thank you very much to all year 6 parents who came to watch them, supported the children to learn their lines and found a costume for them to wear; the year 6 team really appreciated all your support. Next week, year 6 will turn their attention to their leavers assembly which is on Wednesday 20th July and their silent disco and pizza treat the same evening.



School Data

Our children have achieved superbly this year in the different assessment points as a result of the support that you give them at home and the excellent teaching that they receive in school from each member of the staff team. We are continuing on an upward trajectory of academic achievement and have shared this data at the back of the newsletter for you to read. These results are the highest combined figures in a very long time, if not ever and is considerably above the National Average in all areas!



Afterschool enrichment club's cancelled

As usual there will not be any afterschool enrichment clubs next week as this is the last week of the Summer Term. Please collect your child at the end of the school day unless they are attending the wrap around care provision.

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

Local Governing Body members

We would like to say thank you to Mr Paul Birks and Mrs Jo Boyland who have been parent Governors of our school during the last five years of transformation. As their time of office has come to an end they have decided to step down from this role. We welcome Clare Cooper and Nick Gray to the governing body in their place from September.



Somerset Literacy Network's Poetry Award Presentation

Huge congratulations to the two year five boys who attended the Somerset Literacy Network's Poetry Award Presentation last Tuesday night. Their poems have been published in an anthology of poems. Out of 2095 entries, the boys' poems made the top 50. They also were lucky enough to meet poet A.F. Harrold.

Absence Notification – A message from the school office

We are finding that an increasing number of parents are not contacting us when their child is off school. Please may we remind you that if your child is absent through illness or for any other reason to please telephone the school office before 9.00 am.

If a child is absent and the reason is unknown, a member of staff will contact the parents. This is done in the interests of safety and to establish the whereabouts of all children not reporting to school.

No Smoking outside the school gates at drop off and collection times

A polite reminder that we are a non-smoking site on the school grounds and outside the front of the school on the pavement or sat on the benches. This is to help keep our children healthy.



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

Year 3 trip to Lyme Regis

The Year 3 children had a fantastically sunny and happy trip to Lyme Regis yesterday. The children had a tour to the Mary Anning Statue and gravestone, enjoyed a fossil tour and walk and enjoyed time paddling in the sea which was balmy!



Y2 Writing about The Great Fire of London

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Great Fire of a London in their English lessons. The children have applied their knowledge of the events to write their own newspaper report. They have thought very carefully about their vocabulary choices to hook their audience.

Holiday club

Chard Churches together are running a free holiday club for all children at Holyrood Academy (Lower Site) from Mon 01 Aug - Fri 05 Aug from 10am to 1.30pm. It's free to attend, and lunch is provided each day. The club is open to any children from school years Reception to Year 5. Year 6 children are invited to be young helpers during the week if they would like to.

At the end of this newsletter, we have included the advertisement poster and have today sent home via ParentPay the information form that will need to be completed and emailed to chardholidayclub@gmail.com

Y4 Eco-Project

Y4 have been busy preparing their final Manor Court 48 challenge – create an eco-project! They have asked all classes to collect as much soft plastic waste as possible to reduce the amount that we send to landfill. It is their plan to take it to a local recycling centre next Thursday.



Rise in number of positive covid cases

We are all learning to live with covid and are enjoying getting back to our old way of life. This time of the school year really is wonderful in a primary school with all of the activities – school plays etc and we have missed them over the past few years! Can we please request that we continue to be cautious and if you think that your child has covid that you follow the three-day guidance explained in the letter sent home in recent weeks.



Foundation Stage Pirate Day

Foundation stage had a great pirate day yesterday as part of their 'Adventures' topic. They enjoyed completing a mission of building word sentences using the coloured coins which they had to search for around the playground.

The children also enjoyed making pirate ships, drew pirate maps to find the treasure and wrote messages to Captain Hook to send off to sea in a bottle.

The staff enjoyed dressing up and Mr Talmage enjoyed popping in to tell some terrible pirate jokes.

Y5 Chow Mein cooking experience

Y5 made Chinese Chow Mein last week from scratch! This D.T. project taught them the skills of chopping, peeling and grating vegetables whilst supporting their understanding of traditional Chinese dishes. The Chow Mein tasted superb!



Make a Difference Finalist: A message from Mr Talmage

I am humbled to inform you that I have been nominated and have been shortlisted as one of four finalists for the BBC Somerset - The together award. This award is for an individual who create real change by breaking down barriers and bringing together people for a common cause.

The person who has anonymously nominated me stated in the application:

- His passion and drive for Manor Court Community Primary School has taken it from a position of perpetually requiring improvement to a School that is "Good" in the eyes of Ofsted. The first time in over two decades.

- His leadership throughout the pandemic was Outstanding and had

positive impact beyond the school gates and made a difference in Chard and the wider community.

- He has built a school community that is positively changing the lives of each child who attends the school and their parents.

I will find out in September if I am the overall category winner and will be delighted to share this accolade with the whole Manor Court Community.



Meet the teacher morning

Last Thursday, when the Y6's were on their second transition day at Holyrood, every child in the school had time to meet their new class teacher for September. This was a positive morning for the children and staff alike and we saw lots of happy and smiling faces.

EYC News

This week we have been looking at all things to do with the beach, making ice creams with shaving foam, fruit kebabs for snack and keeping cool with lots of water play.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the school leavers graduation party, we will miss you all so much. Good luck to you all for September, keep shining!



ParentPay

We are aware of a problem with ParentPay charging for meals ordered for children who are in KS1 in September and those entitled to FSM in KS2. This should not be happening, and we have escalated this issue with ParentPay. Please do not order meals for September until we email to say it is safe to do so. Thank you.

Welcome to the Manor Court team!

We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Emily Glentworth into the school office in her new role as receptionist and office administrator. We have also appointed two new Learning Support Assistants who will join the team in September: Miss Amelia Rinaldi will be working in Y4 with Mrs Wilkins and Miss Claire Harris who will be working across our Foundation Stage.

E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

CEOP have launched their brand-new website (Jessie and Friends) for children aged 4-7, their parents and carers. The idea is that it equips children with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to stay safer online. The website is interactive and helps children recognise worrying, upsetting or scary situations to reinforce the message to 'tell a grown up'. You can find the website here: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7



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Foundation Stage MC48

Foundation Stage loved their MC48 face painting experience last week and there were lots of beaming smiles on the children after they had all had their faces painted.



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

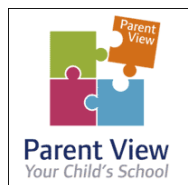
Music showcase

Miss Prater and her talented students enjoyed showcasing their musical skills on Tuesday afternoon. If you'd like your child to learn an instrument with Miss Prater, please contact her through the school office (there may be a waiting list).



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 Jo Boyland.



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

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

Mr Luke Talmage
Head Teacher

Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Head and Inclusion Leader



Manor Court Community Primary School Summary of 2021/2022 reported data

Key Stage 1

% of KS1 children achieving the expected standard

	Manor Court Community Primary School	National Average	Somerset Average
GLD	74%	TBC	TBC
Phonics	87%	82%	TBC
Reading	78%	75%	TBC
Writing	78%	69%	TBC
Mathematics	84%	76%	TBC
RWM	78%	TBC	TBC

% of KS1 children achieving the higher standard

	Manor Court Community Primary School	National Average	Somerset Average
Reading	38%	25%	TBC
Writing	24%	15%	TBC
Mathematics	32%	22%	TBC
RWM	22%	TBC	TBC

Key Stage 2

% of KS2 children achieving the expected standard

	Manor Court Community Primary School	National Average	Somerset Average
Reading	84%	73%	TBC
Writing	82%	69%	TBC
Mathematics	81%	79%	TBC
SPAG	85%	78%	TBC
RWM	76%	59%	TBC

% of KS2 children achieving the higher standard

	Manor Court Community Primary School	National Average	Somerset Average
Reading	34%	27%	TBC
Writing	26%	20%	TBC
Mathematics	29%	27%	TBC
SPAG	45%	36%	TBC
RWM	10%	TBC	TBC

KS2 Scaled Score

Reading	102.27
Maths	102.03
SPAG	105.21

L Talmage
7th July 2022

Holiday Club 2022

Book now!

**MISSION
2022**



SUPERMISSION

Join us for a week of games, crafts,
adventure and lots of fun!!

01 - 05 August

10:00 - 13:30

@ Holyrood Academy (lower site)

Free entry
(donations welcome)
Lunch Provided
School years R-5

Email
chardholidayclub@gmail.com
to book your space



Holiday Club is provided by
Chard Churches Together

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

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
W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	W	1	8	15	22		
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	Th	2	9	16	23		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	F	3	10	17	24		
Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	Sa	4	11	18	25		
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
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		4	11	18	25	
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	
Su	5	12	19	26	Su		2	9	16	23	30	Su		7	14	21	28	
June 2023						July 2023						August 2023						
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	31
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		

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.