

Dear Parents and carers

Summer Term 5 – Friday 17th July 2022



July 2022	
Monday 4 th July to Friday 8 th July	Pete the Poet visit for the whole week
Monday 4 th July	Y4 Viking day
Tuesday 5 th July	Summer Show night 1 at Holyrood Academy
Thursday 7 th July	Children's 'Meet your new teacher' session (morning only) Summer Show night 2 at Holyrood Academy
Monday 11 th July	End of year school reports to be sent home
Wednesday 13 th July	Y6 School production 1 (13:30 start in the school hall)
Thursday 14 th July	Y3 school trip to Lyme Regis Museum Y6 School production 2 (18:00 start in the school hall)
Friday 15 th July	Y5 School Trip to Exeter
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

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.



Y4 Residential to Escot – A message from Mrs Scott

Year 4 children returned to school on Wednesday, albeit a little tired, after an exciting and educational two days at Wildwood at Escot.

The children arrived at the yurt village and quickly set about choosing and setting up their own beds in preparation for their stay. Once set up, the children headed out for a woodwork activity of making their own wooden necklaces. Following this, the much-anticipated swamp walk followed; this did not disappoint at all!

This really was a test of the children's character and their ability to put aside some of their doubts about what lay ahead. The staff were incredibly proud of all the children, as they were all able to overcome their worries and complete the swamp challenge!

At dinner, the children showed great teamwork skills when they were expected to set and clean up before and after dinner working in their yurt teams.

After dinner, the children sang many songs around the campfire and toasted marshmallows and apples!

On day two, the children had an educational and enthralling visit to Escot Park where they learnt about many of the resident animals there, including the wolves and bears. A highlight for many of the children in the park was the drop-slide; this challenged many children to overcome fears, leaving them with a great sense of achievement upon completion. Back at camp, children demonstrated excellent collaboration skills when they undertook their bushcraft activities, including learning how to make a fire and shelter building. Some children found that their shelters weren't quite up to the showerproof standard when their shelters were tested!

All staff had a wonderful time away with the children and were incredibly proud of their resilience, kindness and behaviour.



Congratulations to Miss Parsons and Miss Thompson

After a rigorous internal application process the local Governors, Mrs Terry, Mr Clode and Mr Talmage are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Stacey Parsons as Y1/2 Phase Leader (to replace Mrs Johns) and Miss Hayley Thompson to be Y5/6 Phase Leader (to replace Mrs Hall) from September.

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

Afterschool enrichment club's cancelled

Due to the number of children & staff participating in the Summer Show dress rehearsal (Monday), Summer Show Night 1 (Tuesday) & Summer Show Night 2 (Thursday) all after school enrichment clubs are cancelled on these days next week.

Wrap around care remains open as usual and refunds for enrichment clubs that incur a cost will be issued via ParentPay.



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 earlier this week.



Online Safety Bitesize videos

Possibly the biggest safeguarding risk for children living in the 21st Century world is online.

We are now making regular Bitesize e-safety videos of no more than 3 minutes for parents to watch. Here's a link to Bitesize #1 explaining PEGI and please do share the videos with your friends and family.

vimeo.com/723326730

International Day

On Monday the school was awash again with colour as the children and staff attended school in the colour of one of 13 countries flags (the countries in the world who have Portuguese as the national language). The children learnt about these different countries, tasted food from around the world, played traditional Portuguese games on the KeyStage 2 playground and attended a Zoom assembly with a teacher from Brazil and a Samba performer. This was another excellent day in which we celebrated the cosmopolitan nature of our school community.



Careers week

Careers Week was a great success last week inspiring our children to aim high for their futures. Both KS1 and KS2 took part in many activities including building and construction role play, a shop, MC Dragons Den and finally The Little Apprentice. The Dragons and Lord Clode was incredibly impressed with the children's creations and pitches. Children were lucky enough to have many inspirational and driven speakers to share their personal and professional journeys. We had a Lab worker, Site manager of construction, Head of Health & Safety at Numatic Internationals, a Nurse, Leonardo apprentices and finally C Squared construction with their digger. The children related so much to the men from C Squared as they also attended Manor Court in recent years.

Finally, the children showed off their future careers in dress up day and rounded the week off with a reflection.

FMCA School Disco

The children and staff really showed their moves at the FMCA disco on Friday 17th June. The new way that the FMCA have organised this event seems to have been a hit with the children and parents were able to take them home in time for tea. We look forward to the next disco in the Autumn Term.



Sunflowers for Somerset

Last Thursday the Eco-Warriors and Nature club helped plant out the sunflowers with Ingrid from local florists Flowering and Marjorie from Sunflowers from Somerset. The children are looking forward to tending them and watching them grow over the next few weeks.

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. Last week we 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.



School Council RNLI Non-school uniform day

The school council have requested to hold a fundraising day for the RNLI before choosing a new charity of the year in September. The day that we have chosen is Thursday 21st July (the penultimate day of this school year) and your child can wear non-school uniform on this day for a 50p donation to the RNLI charity.

Year 6 music workshop

Year 6 were visited this Wednesday by Ms Spiller from Holyrood Academy for a music workshop. The Y6's learnt about body percussion and how to incorporate it into music! The children especially enjoyed creating their own sea shanty and drumming along to We will rock you by Queen!



Summer Show

We have been delighted to commence selling tickets to our Summer Shows (Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th July) at Holyrood Academy on Eventbrite. Tickets are priced at £4 per adult and £2 per child and all profit from these two events will be used to pay for the yearlong project in the 2022-2023 academic year with the Royal Ballet Company.

We've decided to sell tickets on EventBrite to ensure that we are being the most environmentally friendly as we can be. This week we have emailed links to the place where you can purchase the tickets and have them sent directly to your smartphone or email address.

Year 1 trip to Sidmouth

The Year 1 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to Sidmouth on Monday. The children enjoyed viewing the wildlife in the gardens and spending time on the beach. Thankfully the children managed to dodge the rain and stayed dry (apart from their feet when they went paddling in the sea)!

EYC News

The children have enjoyed exploring and learning about bugs and nature last week and learning about Angola and other Portuguese speaking countries for multicultural day and especially enjoyed the different games and activities. This week we are focusing on sports and have different sports events planned each day for the children to take part in. Please keep an eye on EyLog at what your child has been up to.

We hope you and your child enjoyed the stay and play session for those of you moving up to Manor Court in September. A reminder that there is another session on Thursday 7th of July at 9.30am.



Production kitchen an update from Mrs Hunt

We are very excited to be having a new production kitchen fitted over the summer to allow us to prepare and cook our own meals in school from September 2022. We are currently advertising for a Catering Operative, details can be found at the end of this newsletter, in the vacancy section of our school website and our Twitter and Facebook page.

Aspens will continue to provide lunches for our children until the end of July, so please remember to order your children's lunches on their 'Select' site as normal. However, our menus for September 2022 will be going live in July on Parentpay, which is a site you are all familiar with. As soon as we upload our new menus, we will let you know, asking you to order your lunches in readiness for September.



Y6 workshop with Escapeline

Last week the year 6 classes had guest speakers from the charity Escapeline, deliver a high impact workshop on county lines and national and local gang crime. The children were part of some great discussions and all left saying they had learnt many things about the warning signs of county lines. Please talk to your children about what they have learnt and each year 6 parents were emailed an Escapeline parent resource pack which is full of information about

county lines and child exploitation. This work pack is now on the safeguarding section of our school website for parents in other year groups to read.

Foundation Stage trip to Lyme Regis

The Foundation Stage children enjoyed their second school trip on a coach and had a glorious day in the sunshine at Lyme Regis. The children enjoyed visiting the lifeboat house and playing on the beach with their friends. Do see our social media accounts for some beautiful photos of their day.



E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

Lots of games make a lot of money through in-game purchases and some of these are accidental. Most devices have parental controls which can help stop accidental purchases or at least allow parents to check how much their children are spending. This article by Wayne Denner is a really useful guide which explains how to set up parental controls on devices including the PS4, iPhone

and Xbox One. You can find it here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/blog/how-to-avoid-getting-your-bank-account-emptied-with-your-children-gaming/>

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Year 5 & 6 girls' trip to Huish Park

A number of our Y5 & Y6 girls had a fantastic day at Huish Park today. Thank you to the coaches from Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust for being such great coaches, great 'sports' and for being so hospitable.

Our partnership with this fantastic local Football club enriches the lives of all children who attend our school!

Life Bus visit a message from Mrs Scott

Last week the children each enjoyed their informative workshop provided by Coram education and the Life Bus. Each class learnt about a different topic linked to their personal health and relationships. We are grateful to the FMCA who cover the cost of these visits each

The FMCA needs you

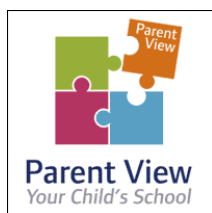
The FMCA is a group of parent volunteers who spend time raising money (whilst having fun) for activities or equipment to be used for the children in the school. The work that they do is vital, and the committee needs more volunteers to help them achieve more for the children.

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



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



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

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.

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! Tickets can be achieved for all events on EventBrite

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).



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
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
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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
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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						
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
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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	
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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.