



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

incorporating Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reference: Christmas activities for all children

We have been busily preparing for the Christmas activities for this school year. Please read the information in this letter carefully as it will help your child to enjoy the fullness of the Christmas activities.

Art Council Advent calendar

Once more the Art Council and Mrs Morton have arranged an art competition with the children to produce an online Christmas Advent calendar. This Advent calendar can be opened at home each morning before school or at the weekend (the doors won't open before the correct date), and the children will be shown what's behind the door with their friends in class each day.

Please find the calendar at <https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=f83d68f19ed941387cc146f1e438d2bf> and we have shared this on our Facebook and Twitter page or on the 2021 Christmas page on our school website www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/manor-court-christmas-2021/ for easy access.

Elf on the shelf – An Advent competition!

We have discovered a naughty Elf in a variety of places in the school and from tomorrow (hopefully before school) we will be revealing via social media to your children where he is and what he has been doing each morning.

Please check what he's been doing on our school Twitter and Facebook page or on the 2021 Christmas page on our school website.

www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/manor-court-christmas-2021/



Alongside the morning fun we have also arranged a competition that each child can participate in up until Christmas Day. All the children have to do is write down on the sheet provided (this can also be downloaded from the website and printed at home) where the Elf is and return it to school on the First day back. Each correctly filled in sheet will be entered into a Key-Stage 1 or Key-Stage 2 prize draw.

FMCA Break the Rules Day

On Friday 3rd December the FMCA are hosting their latest Break the Rules Day to raise money for their school funds to provide enrichment activities and further opportunities for the children. Please do see their poster on their Facebook Page and shared in last week's newsletter to support the FMCA in this fundraising event.

Carols with St Mary's

On Saturday 4th December we encourage parents' and children to consider joining Reverend Ann and staff from Manor Court to meet outside the school at 4:00pm and walk to the Beacon by Snowdon Park to sing carols and witness the lighting of the Beacon. This is an opportunity to join the Christmas festivities with members of the wider community of Chard. Children are encouraged (if they would like) to dress as an angel to walk with the procession.



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December we are participating in Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. Children can come to school without their school tie, jumper and shirt and wear their Christmas jumper for a 50p donation to the charity.

The EYC Christmas performance, Foundation Stage Nativity, and St Mary's Carol Services

As you will be aware we are unable to invite family members into school this year to watch a live performance of the variety of Christmas productions. These will all be recorded and shared with parents by Friday 17th December to watch at home in the comfort of their own homes. It is our intention to share these with the children during the morning of the last day of term so that all children have opportunity to watch themselves in their live performances.

Manor Court Community Primary School living nativity

On Wednesday 15th December we are delighted that Emma Biss from Drift education will bring in some of her animals to create a living nativity on the school field. This exciting day being arranged by Mr Clode will create some fantastic memories for each of the children in our school. More information will be sent home about this via ParentPay early next week at the very latest.



Christmas class parties

On Friday 17th December we are holding a non-school uniform day (no donation required) for all children in which they may choose to wear suitable party clothing or their Christmas Jumper. On this day we will have a day of Christmas activities and in the afternoon the children will have their traditional Christmas parties in their classrooms with games, music, party food and laughter; we also hope to be having a visit from Father Christmas during the afternoon. We are grateful that the FMCA have agreed to pay for the party food for all classrooms and we suggest that children should bring a slightly smaller lunchbox than normal. All hot meals from Aspens will be ordered as normal for those children who have a hot meal at lunchtime.

Thank you for your ongoing support and Happy Christmas!

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Mr Luke Talmage
Head Teacher

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Mr Alan Clode
Deputy Head/Inclusion Leader