

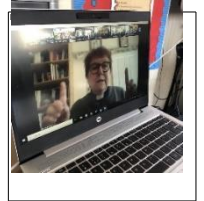
Dear Parents and carers,

Summer Term Newsletter 3 - Friday 19th June 2020

We hope that you are all still well during this time. Presently there is still much unsubstantiated news being shared about children's return to school. Please be assured that we are working hard, within the parameters set by the Government, to ensure a safe return to school for more children. We will be sending home a survey early next week to canvass the opinions of parents.

Virtual assembly with Reverend Ann from St Mary's

We have been fortunate during this time of phased reopening to have a virtual assembly with Reverend Ann from St. Mary's Church. This is always a wonderful way to start the school week.



FSM vouchers

We are delighted that the Government has agreed to continue issuing funds to schools for FSM vouchers in the six-week summer holidays. This will enable us to continue sending Tesco vouchers home to those families who are entitled to them.

If you would benefit from these vouchers, please do apply through the following hyperlink which can also be found on the coronavirus section of the school website.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

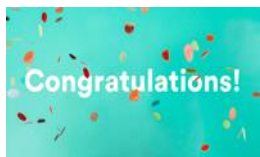
Our latest lockdown task – Manor Court goes on safari!

We have created another lockdown task that we hope will bring entertainment to those children who are working from home. Your new task (if you choose to accept it) is to build a safari animal scarecrow and put it in your garden or outside your house for the week commencing Monday 29th June. Then walk around town taking photos of what you have found and post them to the FMCA Facebook page.

Further information can be found on the reverse of this newsletter and on the school website.

Work packs

The latest work packs will be uploaded to the school website and delivered this weekend to those families that have requested them.



Miss Parsons

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that Miss Parsons is pregnant with her first child. The baby is due to be born in December 2020 and Miss Parsons will return for the start of the academic year.

Class structure for 2020-2021

It is our intention to inform you of which adults will be working with your children next year by the end of the next school week. We will also write and explain how transition to the children's new classrooms will happen this year.

Multi-cultural day

We celebrated our annual multi-cultural day at home and school last week. Home learning didn't stop children enjoying and learning during our multicultural day. All children happily produced such fantastic work.



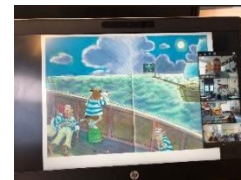
Fuel poverty advisors

The Centre for Sustainable Energy has a fund available for emergency fuel top-ups for prepayment meters for those living in Somerset. If you or someone you know has run out of credit on their meter and do not have the money to 'top it up', please contact the advice line at the Centre for Sustainable Energy on 08000 822234. This advice line is open Monday to Friday between 09:00 – 18:00. The advisors can issue voucher codes which can be taken to pay point or post office to 'top up'. There are a few volunteers to take keys into be charged if necessary.

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, or Mr Talmage. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: 0300 123 2224 or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

Story time with local author Mick Gowar

The children and staff in school are thoroughly enjoying the weekly story time sessions with local children's author Mick Gowar. This week's story was Alfie the Sea dog and Doug the handyman. We can't wait for next Thursday's adventure!



Mr Glentworth

After teaching at Manor Court for the past eight years, it is with great excitement that we write to inform you that Mr Glentworth has achieved his first Headship and will be the Head Teacher of Kingfisher Primary School in Yeovil. This is a fantastic opportunity for him to lead a growing school within the Preston Primary Academy Trust and we know that he will be an asset to Kingfisher School as he has been at Manor Court.



World Oceans day

Last week our Year 2 and 3 keyworker pupil bubble made these collages to celebrate World Oceans Day 2020. The sea creatures and waves are made from crisp packets and scrap paper. The children learnt how rubbish like this can pollute the world's seas.

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. Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Clode and Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead: Miss Gregory and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor is Mrs Jo Boyland.



Online safety news from Miss Thompson

The e-safety commissioner in Australia has set up a new website which has really useful information about a range of online safety topics, including, cyber-bullying, online gaming and digital reputations. It could be a useful place to start when talking to your children about online safety and the advice is helpful as well as being child-friendly. You can find the website

here: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people>

Fundraising for Children's hospice South-West

The children have raised £208 for the school council charity of the year - children's hospice South-west this year!

Term Dates 2020-2021

The term dates for the 2020-2021 academic year have been published can be found on the school website.

Parent refunds

We are still working hard to achieve refunds from the companies who was hosting the children on the Y5 residentials. We have issued refunds for money paid for the Y4 and Y5 residentials and for the swimming lessons. As you can appreciate there is a process that we are required to follow to ensure that we can secure every penny of your money from the company. Thank you for your patience in this matter.



Thank you for your continued support,

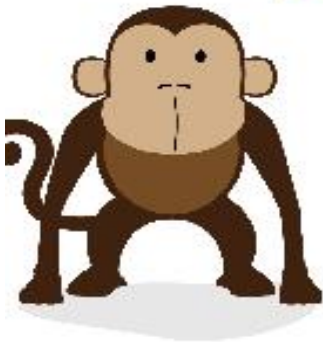
Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher

Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader



Manor Court Primary School
invites you to join in with

“LET’S GO ON A SAFARI”



Week Commencing:
29th June 2020



Build a Safari Animal Scarecrow
and put it in your garden/outside your house
then “Go on a Safari”
around Chard, spotting all the animals!

