

Dear Parents and carers,

Spring Term Newsletter 1 - Friday 10th January 2020



Happy New Year! We hope that you had an enjoyable, peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday and that your child has enjoyed their first week back at school. During this term, the National Curriculum will be taught through the whole school structure of 'Around the world in 80 days'.

May we also take the time to thank you on behalf of staff for the many gifts and cards that we received, they were all appreciated.

Key dates (please note that these may change)



January	
Monday 13 th	Swimming for Yr 4/5 children recommences After School Clubs commence
Tuesday 14 th	KS2 X-Country – Holyrood (selected pupils) Pantomime performance to whole school
Wednesday 15 th	KS1 Cricket Competition - Holyrood (selected pupils)
Friday 17 th	Art Exhibition - Guildhall
Tuesday 21 st	Yr 5/6 Hockey competition
Friday 24 th	Yr 3/4 Badminton tournament

Ofsted Inspection

As you know Ofsted completed an inspection of Manor Court Primary School prior to the Christmas holiday and we were delighted to inform you this week that Manor Court Primary School was judged to be a Good school. The full report was published on the Ofsted website yesterday, the Chard & Ilminster published a complimentary article this week and our Ofsted Facebook post (on our school Facebook page) has been seen by 11,454 people and shared 79 times. It is wonderful that our achievement has been seen by so many in the local community and further afield!



ParentPay

ParentPay is our chosen method of communication with you. Our decision was made last year because it is more environmentally friendly, instantaneous to smart phones or email addresses and extremely cost effective for the school.

However, it is important that all parents sign up to this service as it is your child who will ultimately miss out on all of the opportunities that they can participate in. Do speak to the office if you need help in setting up your account.

Art exhibition

On Friday 17th January an exhibition of the children's latest art work will be displayed in the Guildhall. The exhibition will open between 9:30am and 5:00pm and the artist in focus this year is Doris Hatt. Entrance is free but a donation to this year's school council charity of the year would be greatly received.

Parents evening advanced warning.

Our next parents evening is on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th March 2020.

M&M Pantomime – Sleeping beauty

Next Tuesday M&M productions will perform their travelling version of Sleeping beauty to all of the children. This is always an exciting event for the children and audience participation is encouraged from staff and children. We do thank the FMCA who always contribute half of the overall cost.

Preston Primary Academy Trust writing competition

All of the children in the five schools in the Preston Primary Academy Trust participated in a writing competition. We were delighted to tell the children before the Christmas holidays that Harrison Goodland was the winner of the prize for year 1 and Taya Sutherland was the winner of the prize for year 3 across the Academy Trust.

We were especially pleased that Taya was the overall winner of the writing competition, beating over 1500 children to win this year's prize. This is an exceptional achievement for Taya.

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

The way in which parents of children due to start school in 2020 has changed. To save money, Somerset County Council no longer post letters home to parents to explain the application process. For further information about the process, please follow this link or come and speak to us in the school office and we would be delighted to help you.

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-start-school/>

Thank you for your continued support,



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