

Dear Parents and carers,

Autumn Term Newsletter 7- Friday 5th December 2019



Key dates (please note that these may change)

December	
Monday 9 th	Yr 5 Christmas performance (6pm)
Tuesday 10 th	Yr 1 Pantomime trip
Wednesday 11 th	Foundation Nativity (2.30pm) Yr 3 & 4 Carol Concert – St. Mary's Church 10.30am
Thursday 12 th	Foundation Nativity (2.30pm) Yr 5 & 6 Carol Concert – St. Mary's Church 10.30am
Friday 13 th	Christmas jumper day (further details to follow)
Saturday 14 th	FMCA Christmas film afternoon
Tuesday 17 th	Yr 1 & 2 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th	Yr 1 & 2 Christmas performance 2.00pm
Friday 20 th	Last day of term
January	
Monday 6 th	Inset day
Tuesday 7 th	Return to school

Ofsted Inspection

As you know we were inspected this week by Ofsted and we have been due an inspection since last July. We appreciate that you will want to know the outcome of this visit, however due to the confidential nature of the inspection process, we are unable to tell you the result at the moment. The full report may not be published until after Christmas. We are very pleased with the outcome and it is as we had expected!



Year 2 trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum

The Y2 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Fleet Air Arm museum last week to learn about the Wright Brothers and the children built a model of the Wright flyer in one of their workshops. As part of the Manor Court 48 children also went onto Concorde and for many children this is the first time that they had stepped onto an aeroplane. All of the guides at the museum complemented the children on their behaviour.

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: Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor is Mrs Jo Boyland.

Choir performances

Our school choir have been invited to many places to perform in the build up to Christmas. This Wednesday they performed at Crowshute House and were each given a Christmas tree made by their audience.



Rock up and Read videos

Reading is one of the central features of our school offer. We aspire for all of the children who attend Manor Court to find a love of reading. One of our initiatives is called Rock up and Read and is in three parts:- Part one: to invite parents to come into school and read with their child at the end of the school day. Part two: for the school to gather volunteers to hear children read with regularity throughout the week. Part three: for adults employed in the school to record a video of them reading their favourite childhood story. These videos could be used at home by parents as the bedtime story. We have initially made seven videos (a new one will be uploaded each week) and our first video starring Mrs Terry was uploaded to our school website last week at www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/rock-up-and-read-with-your-school-adults.

