

Dear Parents and carers,



Autumn Term Newsletter 5 - Friday 8th November 2019

Key dates (please note that these may change)



November	
Monday 11 th	Whole school remembrance assembly
Tuesday 12 th	Owls parents' evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 19 th	Foundation Family Forest School
December	
Wednesday 4 th	Yr 4 Stargazing event (further details to follow)
Thursday 5 th	Yr 5 Christmas production 1.45pm
Friday 6 th	FMCA Christmas bingo
Monday 9 th	Yr 5 Christmas production 6pm
Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th	Foundation Nativity 2.30pm

After school clubs

Due to whole school English writing moderation there will not be Calligraphy club, Homework club (for all year groups), Times Tables club, Film club or Running Club on Monday 11th November. All teachers will be attending a meeting in Yeovil. Please collect your child at the end of the school day.



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we will join thousands of other schools in the United Kingdom to raise money for the Children in Need charity. The school council have agreed that we will have a non-school uniform day with a theme of 'Crazy Carnival colours'! Children are to wear bright clothing (as usual no football shirts please) for a £1 donation.

Unwanted school uniform

We would appreciate donations of any unwanted and reusable school uniform; jumpers, cardigans, polo-shirts, school shirts, trousers, skirts and shoes. These would be stored as a bank of items for children who may have got wet on the way to school or to give to families who may be struggling financially. Please hand any donations to the school office or to your child's class teacher.

Chard and District Poppy appeal workshops

Year 3 welcomed Maryanne Adams from Chard and District Poppy appeal into school for an afternoon of craft and learning about the meaning and importance of the Poppy. We are pleased that Maryanne will be able to join us in our Remembrance Assembly on Monday, which this year is being led by Reverend Andy Mills from Chard Baptist Church.



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.

EYC news from Laura

We have been busy at EYC over the last few weeks. We have been attending a group at Chard Library where the children sing a range of songs, listen to stories, join in with activities and the children are thoroughly enjoying it!

We have also had lots of fun with Halloween activities, fancy dress, and carving pumpkins as part of our Manor Court 48 experience!

This week we have been making rockets, and firework pictures and we have also been crafting poppies for remembrance day. Over the next few weeks we are going to be doing further crafts and games following the children's interests, continuing with our letters and sounds activities, weekly music sessions with Declan and starting to prepare for our favourite time of the year... Christmas!

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

Chance to Shine Cricket

Yesterday we welcomed Sophie Luff into school for some coaching and she brought with her the Womens Kia Super League Trophy won by Western Storm this summer. Sophie has also been nominated for Chance2Shine coach of the year!



School council eco-warrior poster competition

The school council ran and judged an eco-warrior poster and over half of the school entered. The runner up was Courtney and the winner was Tyler.

Autumn Term Parent Survey results

During Parents evening this term we completed the annual Parents survey of the parents who attend our school using the same questions as the Ofsted Parent view survey. We have received 197 responses which is 57% of the parent community. We are pleased with the results and will continue to work hard to provide a good education for your children.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	My child has not been bullied	I have not raised any concerns
My child is happy at school.	74%	25%	1%			
My child feels safe at this school.	79%	20%	1%			
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	69%	30%	1%			
My child has been bullied at the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	14%	19%	6%	1%	60%	
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	66%	12%	4%	1%		17%
The school has high expectations for my child.	71%	29%				
My child does well at this school.	82%	17%	1%			
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	72%	26%	1%	1%		
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	77%	23%				
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	70%	29%	1%			
I would recommend this school to another parent.	70%	29%	1%			

Staffing news

As you may be aware Mrs Scott is requiring an operation on her spine to alleviate the terrible pain that she has been in. We have covered her teaching commitment with skilled Manor Court staff until Mrs Wilkins returns from Maternity leave on Monday 25th November. We are pleased that Mrs Wilkins will teach full time in Puffins for the remainder of the Autumn Term and for the first week back after the Christmas holidays before reverting to three days a week.

Mr Jackson is a key and popular member of staff at Manor Court for children and staff alike. He has recently been approached by SASP (Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership) to become an area manager for the organisation. He has accepted the job on a part-time basis and we are delighted that he will teach at Manor Court for the remainder of the week and continue to oversee the excellent PE provision in our school. We are excited by the opportunities that this new role will provide for the children of Manor Court.

Shoe box appeal

This year we are again supporting the Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal and have sent a leaflet and letter home with the children explaining all the details. These shoeboxes go to extremely in need children, teenagers and adults who would not normally receive any gifts at Christmas. We would really appreciate if you would consider donating a shoebox of small gifts or items that can be used by us to make up shoeboxes. The deadline for handing them into school is Friday 15th November 2019. Thank you for your support



Staff carpark

Please do not use the staff car park when dropping your children at school, including breakfast club or when collecting them at the end of the school day.

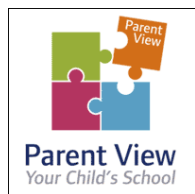
E-Safety news from Miss Thompson

Next week, the online safety council will be leading an assembly for both key stages on our online safety focus for this term which is age ratings for games and apps. We would like to recommend PEGI ratings to all children and adults. You can find out the rating on the front of the game or on the website <https://pegi.info/>.



Somerset Activity and Sports awards 2019

We are very pleased to announce that we have been nominated as a finalist for the Primary PE and sport premium awards at this year's Somerset awards. The award ceremony is during the evening of Friday 15th November and we will inform children and parents of the outcome as soon as we know. Hopefully it is a win for Manor Court!



Ofsted Parent view – The questions have changed, please review again.

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

School admissions

We currently have places for children in all year groups, apart from Y5 and Y6, in which we are oversubscribed. Please do tell your friends and family members!

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,

Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher

Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader

NON UNIFORM DAY

We're supporting



BBC
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FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2019

"CRAZY CARNIVAL COLOURS!"



Wear something **COLOURFUL!** Wear something **crazy!**

£1 donation FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

NO FOOTBALL SHIRTS – SENSIBLE FOOTWEAR