

Dear Parents and carers,

Autumn Term Newsletter 1 - Friday 6th September 2019

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new children, and their families, to Manor Court Community Primary School. We hope that you have a happy time with us throughout the length of our partnership. It would be very helpful if you could take a moment to inform the office of any changes to addresses, telephone numbers and end of day procedures by returning the data sheets that were sent home this week.

As you will know, three new teachers have started with us this term. Miss Prater will be teaching in Year 1 (Dragonflies), Miss Moore has joined us to teach in Year 3 (Kingfishers) and Mrs Coate in Year 5 (Badgers). In the school office Mrs Hunt has been employed as our new school business manager, Mrs Hunt will be the first person to contact if you have any issues with finances.

Key dates (please note that these may change)



| September | |
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| Wednesday 11 th September | Phonics workshop for Foundation Stage parents. 1:15pm in the school hall. |
| Friday 13 th September | Y6 trip to the Houses of Parliament Roald Dahl day – please see below for further information. Celebration Assemblies |
| Monday 16 th September | Afterschool clubs begin Foundation stage children begin school full time Holyrood roadshow for Y6 children and parents. 6:30pm in the school hall. |
| Tuesday 17 th September at 3:30pm | Year 6 information session – ‘What is expected of my child in the end of KS2 SATs?’ talk in Herons classroom. |
| Monday 23 rd September | Harvest festival at St Mary’s Church |
| October | |
| Monday 14 th October | Open day – more information to follow |
| Monday 21 st October | Whole school assessment week 1 Parents evening 3:30-6:00pm |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | Parents evening 4:00-7:30pm |
| Friday 25 th October | Last day of half term |

Roald Dahl Day

September is Roald Dahl’s birth month and this year on the 13th, a wonderful mixture of events will be taking place at Manor Court. If Roald Dahl were alive today, he’d be 102 this year. Our pupils will be reading some of Dahl’s stories and poems, completing art work of his famous characters and completing fun activities such as designing their very own marvelous medicine! Please note we are not asking pupils to dress up for the event this year.



Get Chard reading project

Year 5 and Year 6 children have started to participate in a reading project with all Y5, Y6 and Y7 children in the other Chard schools. They will study an exciting book called ‘The boy at the back of the class’ written by Onjali Q. Rauf and participate in workshops throughout the town on Friday October 4th. Each of the children should have received their own copy of this book.



Harvest Festival

Advanced warning, on Monday 23rd September all of the children will be attending St Mary’s church to participate in our Harvest festival. We will be collecting non-perishable food items (UHT milk, fruit squash, sugar, rice, pasta, tinned food etc.) for the Lord’s larder. If you would like to donate an item please bring it in on Friday 20th September.

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



Swimming

Year 6 swimming starts on Monday 16th September at Crewkerne Aquacentre.

Volunteer readers

We are looking for new volunteers who can give an afternoon to listen to children read on a weekly basis. Please speak to Mrs Terry, Mr Clode or Mr Talmage if this is something that you could do. We will provide training to all volunteers.

After School clubs

There is still time to sign up for an after school club through your Parent Pay account, but please hurry as they are filling up fast! All clubs are starting in the week beginning Monday 16th September. Please collect your child at 4:20pm from the classroom in which it is being held.

Y6 Houses of Parliament trip

On Friday 13th September, our Year 6 children and staff will visit the Houses of Parliament for their exciting school trip. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about British democracy and visit our capital city. Children need to arrive promptly to school at 6:00am and be dressed in smart school uniform. Please see the letter on the school website for further information or speak to your child's teacher.

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club runs each morning from 8:00am and has been held, for many years, in the school hall. The cost of this is subsidised by the school and is extremely reasonably priced at £2.25 a session. For this money the children have a healthy breakfast, including drink and half an hour's child care. Places are limited to twenty children per session and places can be booked through ParentPay. From this week, to enable us to continue offering this service and at a reduced price, it will be held in the EYC. Children can arrive from 8:00am at the EYC and will be walked to the main school by a member of staff.

Further information has been sent home to all parents via ParentPay about booking places.

Open days

As a result of the success of last years' Open day, we have arranged an open day for Monday 14th October. More information will be sent home soon but please feel free to invite friends and family members.

Celebration assemblies

It is always a pleasure seeing so many parents supporting their children in the weekly celebration assemblies each Friday. This half term KS1 assembly will start at 8:50am and KS2 assembly will be second at 10:50am, we look forward to seeing you.

School uniform and PE kit

It is wonderful to see the children looking smart in their new school uniform. Can we please take the opportunity to politely remind you, that nail polish is not to be worn in school at any time and that brightly coloured or extreme hairstyles, including tram lines or shaven stars are not acceptable. Girls skirts need to be of an appropriate length with tights in the Autumn and Spring terms and children from Year 2 and above must be wearing formal school shirts and not polo shirts.

Please be aware the only piercings acceptable at school are a single stud in the ears and that they have to be removed during PE. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit with them every day.

Year 6 information session – 'What is expected of my child in the end of KS2 SATs?

If your child is in Year 6 you will be interested to know what is expected of them in their end of KS2 SATs exams. To provide important information and an opportunity for you to answer any questions about these tests, please join us in Herons classroom for a short presentation between 3:30 – 4:00pm on Tuesday 17th September. We will be serving refreshments in the classroom from 3:25pm.



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Twitter

The only social media that we as a school use is our twitter page. This page is full of the most up-to-date news and photographs. Our Twitter page is @ManorCourtChard so please start to follow us.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr L Talmage



Mr A Clode

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