

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Summer Term Newsletter 7 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

We have come to the conclusion of a busy and successful school year and we wish all children and their families a happy and safe summer holidays. On behalf of all staff we would like to thank you for the many kind cards, gifts and well wishes that we have received, we are all truly appreciative of them.

We wish all of our Year 6 children good luck as they leave us to move onto the new stage of their education. We have been extremely proud of their successes this year! We also say goodbye to Miss Cazzolini, Miss Chapman and Mrs Devereux and wish them much happiness in the next stage of their careers.

**Key dates** (please note that these may change.)

September	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Return to school for pupils
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 6 Swim sessions start
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 6 Houses of Parliament Trip
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	After School Cubs commence



#### Mrs Gray

The children and staff have said farewell to Mrs Joyce Gray today, who after working at Manor Court for 27 years, has retired. Joyce started her relationship with the school as a parent volunteer when her own children attended the school (her son is now a member of the governing body), became a lunchtime supervisor and for many years has been one of the valued and highly skilled Learning Support Assistants. We wish her much happiness in her retirement, as she spends time with her husband in their garden.



#### End of school year review

This academic year has been one of further successes and growth at Manor Court. Stability of leadership and staffing and our new relationship with other schools within PPAT has enabled us to build upon the gains in the previous school year. We hope that your child has had a happy year!

The whole school highlights for the year, as staff have perceived them, have included the implementation of the Manor Court 48 offer to all children, our new curriculum, the drama and art opportunities for all (Art exhibition and Variety show) held in the Guildhall, curriculum enrichment, the multi-cultural day in which members of the Portuguese and Polish communities helped bring the school together, the inspirational talks during careers

week and the many visitors. Our strengthening links with the Churches of all denominations, businesses, library and museum in Chard have also supported school improvement and whole school attendance, which is 95.94% at the end of the school year.

Academic achievement has improved once more this year. 85% of our foundation stage children achieved greater level of development (67% achieved this last year nationally), 81% of Y2 children achieved age expectations in their Reading, Writing and Maths (higher than the national average). KS2 results were also excellent; Maths (92% Age Related Expectation) and Writing (90% Age Related Expectation) were in the top 10% nationally and the highest in all of the Chard schools, as was our combined figures for Reading, Writing and Maths.

In the next school year we anticipate our next full inspection by Ofsted and the governors and SLT are confident that we will be judged to be at least a 'Good' school. This will be for the first time in over fifteen years.

We can all continue to be proud of being part of the school community at Manor Court Primary School and please do share this good news with your colleagues, friends and family.



#### Annie

It was fabulous seeing the Year 6 children performing in Annie as their leaving show. The younger children sat in awe of their friends and siblings on Monday during the day and the residents of Oak Lodge who came to the Matinee performance thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## After school clubs for next term

All Autumn Term clubs will commence on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. There are limited spaces available in some clubs and please book early to avoid disappointment.

## Arts Mark

With all of the excellent arts (drama, music and art work) taking place in school by all children, we have started the two year process of achieving the Arts Mark. This is a nationally recognised award and we are aiming to achieve at least the Gold standard at the end of this period.



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England

## 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.



## Year 4 Photography work with Ferne Animal Sanctuary

Year 4 enjoyed a day of nature this week, when they were shown how to capture wildlife photographs and made their own dragonflies. This photo was taken by a year 4 child and we will display the excellent photographs that the children took around the school in September.

## 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 child care. Places are limited to twenty children per session and places can be booked through ParentPay. From September, 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 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.

## Chatterbooks

We had a very exciting assembly last week led by Jo Portway (from Chard Library) and the children who have attended Chatterbooks reading group, to inform pupils of the Summer Reading Challenge. It is free to sign up, just pop into Chard Library. Chard Library will host two chatterbook clubs in the next academic year.

Attached with this newsletter there is information about all of the activities that will be held in the Library during the summer holidays.



## Attendance

Whole school attendance at Manor Court Primary School is now excellent. Today at the end of the school year whole school attendance is 95.94% and we strive for it to become even better. It has been proven that excellent attendance is linked with greater academic achievement and progress.



Thank you for your continued support,

Mr L Talmage  
Head Teacher

Mr A Clode  
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader

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## **SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2019**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July Slime Workshops 10.30-11.30am & 2.30-3.30pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July Family Fun Tech Night 4.30-7.30pm

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July Space Chase Comic Club 10.30-11.30

Thursday 1<sup>nd</sup> August 2.30-3.30pm – Solar System String Mobile

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Star Wars Jedi Training 10.30 – 12pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2.30-3.30pm – Fizzing Planets & Space Dust

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2.30-4.00pm – Pom Pom & Pipecleaner Aliens

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10.30-11.30pm – Lego Club

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 10.30-3.30pm – Technology Family Learning Day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2.30-3.30pm – Craft & Drama workshops

Morning session for ages 4-7 and Afternoon session for 8-12s

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Craft & Drama workshop (time/ages to be confirmed)

Most activities are £1 per child, to include refreshments, payable on booking

Ages 5-12, although younger siblings can be accommodated

Spaces are limited, so booking is advisable

All children under 8 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times



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