

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term Newsletter 5 – Friday 21st June 2019

Key dates (please note that these may change.)



June	
Monday 24 th	Foundation Stage Pirate Day
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th June	Yr 6 Residential to Butlins, Minehead
Tuesday 25 th June	Yrs 3-6 Virtual Reality Experience
Friday 28 th June	Yr 6 non-residential pupils to ROAM Outdoors, Dillington Yr 4 trip to Somerset County Museum, Taunton
July	
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd July	Yr 5 Residential to the Ultimate Adventure Centre, Westward Ho!
Wednesday 3 rd & Thursday 4 th July	Yr 6 Transition days to Holyrood
Thursday 4 th July	Whole school new class afternoon 3.30pm – 3.50pm New Class/Teacher meet for Parents
Friday 5 th July	KS2 Primary Sports Festival (selected children)

Careers week

The children and staff have been fascinated by a wide variety of visitors talking this week about their chosen careers. We believe that many children would have been inspired to seriously consider what they may do in the future. We are extremely grateful to all of the volunteers who have given up their time this week.



Times Tables workshops

Thank you to those parents who attended the informative multiplication table workshop this week. We have included the helpful handout that she made at the end of this newsletter.

Advance warning – Year 6 end of year performance and leavers assembly

The end of the school year is soon approaching as are two important events for our Year 6 children. If you have a child in year 6, please make note of them for your arrangements.

- Year 6 performance of Annie to Parents on Monday 15th July (matinee performance) or Wednesday 17th July (evening performance).
- Year 6 leavers assembly to family members Thursday 18th July at 1:45pm.

Allergy Reminder

Could we please remind parents/carers not to include nuts in children's lunchboxes or snacks. We have children in school who have a severe allergy to these products.

FMCA news

Our Summer Fete is being held on Friday 5th July from 3:30pm. We will be holding a non-school uniform day next Friday the 28th June, in return for donations towards stalls on the Fete. The Y4 children must be in school uniform for their trip to the Somerset County Museum on Friday, so they can wear non-school uniform for their donation on Thursday. A letter will be sent home with a list of what is needed. All donations are appreciated as we couldn't put on this event without them.

We have some fantastic prizes in our raffle this year and books will be sent home to you via your child's class teacher, for you, family and friends to purchase. Completed stubs and correct monies can be handed into school. If you would like more books, please let one of us know. If you are able to help at this event please contact us at contactfmca@gmail.com or on our Facebook page: Friends of Manor Court Association (FMCA). We look forward to seeing you on the 5th July!

Lunchtime supervisor role

We are looking to recruit two lunchtime supervisors for September. If this is a role that you would enjoy, please contact the school office and collect an application form and further details.

Year 4 residential to Escot Wildwood

Year 4 had an enjoyable time last week, at Escot Wildwood, for their residential. The torrential rain did not stop the children's resilience in their den building, maze escaping and fire lighting. They even enjoyed the washing up!



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

New teachers

Please see the letter that was sent out today about the teachers and classes for the next academic year. The children will meet their new teacher in the afternoon of Thursday 4th July.

Mrs Lilley

Mrs Lilley has worked at Manor Court for over two years and has provided expertise in issues relating to finances and HR. We are sad to announce, that next Wednesday is her last day working at Manor Court before she starts working at another school in Somerset. We wish her every happiness in her future career and are extremely pleased that she is able to reduce her forty-five minute commute to ten minutes.

Jo Earlam's author visit

Year 4 met Jo Earlam a local children's author this week. She discussed the ideas behind her story, Taumor the Turtle and recycling.



Year 6 residential to Adventure Centre Butlins

Next week the Year 6 children will be having a fabulous time in Minehead for their residential. Mrs Hall and Mrs Terry will be leading the week between them. Those who are unable to attend will be having an enjoyable time in school.



Escapeline

Escapeline is a local charity whose aim is to raise awareness of child exploitation and how to keep young people safe from sexual exploitation and issues relating to County Lines. The Year 6 children will be participating in workshops led by this charity over the next two weeks.

If you are on Twitter, please do follow the charity through their account @Escapeline2

The Big Battery hunt news from Mrs Burns

We are participating in the Big Battery Hunt, a nationwide battery recycling initiative funded by Duracell. Each year group will have their own bucket to fill up with old batteries. If you have any at home, please give them to your child to bring into school and place in their bucket. The type of battery we shall be collecting are; AAA, AA, C and D. Please see Mrs Burns if you would like any further information. Happy hunting!

Online Safety news from Miss Thompson

Part of being safe online is about helping our children to use the internet and technology in a positive way and showing them how useful it can be. BBC Bitesize have just created a brilliant online advice and information for children moving from primary to secondary school and highlighting the great potential that they will have to start afresh. Find it here:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/tags/zh4w9q/starting-secondary-school/1>



ParentPay

As you know ParentPay and the uploading of letters onto the school website is our chosen method of communication now with parents. Through converting to this method and reducing the amount of photocopying, we have saved over £7500 which can be used on providing an even better education for your children. Please come and ask in the school office if you're having trouble receiving communication.

Waffle workshop – news from Mrs Devereux

Across the school, children work hard to learn and apply English Grammar in their writing. If you'd like to learn more about fronted adverbials, clauses and conjunctions, then you could possibly book a place at The Community Waffle House, Axminster for their parent's homework supper group. This will be on Wednesday 26th June at 7:30pm. Please contact them through their Facebook page to book a place and receive a free hot drink!

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.

Variety shows at the Guildhall

The Performing arts is an important part of the curriculum and education that we offer to all children at Manor Court. We will be hosting an end of year variety show, containing song, dance and drama at the Guildhall on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th July. Tickets will be on sale from the Guildhall box office from this weekend and all profits will be reinvested into the performance arts curriculum in our school.

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child that is believed to be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court Primary School, we provide high quality education and enrichment opportunities for all of our pupils regardless of ability or background. However, it is useful to receive this funding for all children entitled to it. If your children are entitled to free school meals or a member of the household is currently in receipt, or has been in the last six years, of Universal credit then please do let the school know.

Attendance

Whole school attendance at Manor Court Primary School is now good (96.26% whole school attendance today) and we strive for it to become even better. It has been proven that excellent attendance is linked with greater academic achievement and progress. Children who have regular absence, patterns of unauthorised absence, broken weeks of attendance and high levels of absence for minor illness are unlikely to achieve their academic potential.



Manor Court Primary school prioritises the monitoring, support and robust action needed to secure high levels of attendance and works in close partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve attendance. Our aim is that every child will have attendance higher than 96% of all possible sessions (mornings and afternoons) each year. When necessary, we will not hesitate to place matters before the court, especially in circumstances where parents or carers do not ensure that their child attends school with regularity and punctually, or who have ignored the support of the school or the Education Welfare Service.

In the parent section of the school website, we have posted the Attendance Phases. These are a guide for parents on the steps that Manor Court Primary School will take to support the regular attendance of pupils at school. At every stage of our attendance phases we welcome the opportunity to engage with parents and carers.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher

Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader

Expectations from the National Curriculum:

- Year 1 – Start to know the multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
- Year 2 – Know and recall multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Year 3 - Know and recall multiplication facts for 2, 3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables
- Year 4 - Know and recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12

Strategies:

Tricky Sixes

Six times tables can be tricky to learn. One helpful trick is that in the 6 times tables, when you multiply an even number by 6, they both end in the same digit.

$$\underline{2} \times 6 = \underline{12}$$

$$\underline{4} \times 6 = \underline{24}$$

$$\underline{6} \times 6 = \underline{36}$$

$$\underline{8} \times 6 = \underline{48}$$

Double, Double!

A quick trick for learning the fours is just to double, double. Double the number and then double it again.

For example;

$$3 \times 4 \quad \text{double 3 is 6, double 6 is 12}$$

$$5 \times 4 \quad \text{double 5 is 10, double 10 is 20}$$

$$6 \times 4 \quad \text{double 6 is 12, double 12 is 24}$$

$$9 \times 4 \quad \text{double 9 is 18, double 18 is 36}$$

Games:

Super Fingers!

This is a game for two players.

The game is basically a version of rock, paper, scissors but with numbers. Two players count to 3 and then make a number using their fingers.

Both players then have to multiply both numbers together and the quickest wins.

Multiplication Snap!

You will need a deck of cards for this game.

1. Flip over the cards as though you are playing snap.
2. The first to say the fact based on the cards turned over (2 and 3 say 6) gets the card.
3. The person to get all of the cards wins.

Rhyme Time!

Silly rhymes can help children learn tricky tables, e.g.,

$$8 \times 8 = 64 \quad \text{'He ate and ate and was sick on the floor, eight times eight is 64.'}$$

$$3 \times 3 = 9 \quad \text{'Swing from tree to tree on a vine, three times three is nine.'}$$

$$7 \times 7 = 49 \quad \text{'Seven times seven is like a rhyme, it all adds up to 49.'}$$

$$4 \times 4 = 16 \quad \text{'A 4 by 4 is a mean machine. I'm going to get one when I am 16.'}$$

Bingo!

This game will need 2 players.

Make a grid of six squares on a piece of paper and ask your child to write a number in each square from their target tables. Give them a question and if they have the answer they mark the answer off. First one to mark off all their numbers is the winner!



Websites:

Hit the button - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> (You have 1 minute to answer as many times tables as possible. You focus on one times table).

Spug balloons - <https://www.timestables.co.uk/spug-balloons.html> (You can choose a range of times table you wish your child to practise. There are also two different levels. For easy the times tables are in order. For hard they are mixed up.)

Times tables - <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> (You choose one times table you wish your child to focus on. There are different activities which get progressively harder).

Maths fishing - <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/306/Maths-Fishing-Multiplication> (You can choose a specific times table or a mixture).