

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Summer Term Newsletter 2 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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



May	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 SATS
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3/4 Girls Football at YTFC (selected pupils)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 3/4 & 5/6 Football match against Hamp Academy
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS1 Sports Day Yr 6 Cricket Day to SCCC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Sports Day Yr 6 Movie Night Last Day of half term for pupils
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
June	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school Yr 6 Butlins Residential Meeting
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Quad Kids Athletics FMCA Fundraising BBQ

### Multi-cultural day

This year we will be holding a multi-cultural day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, coinciding with Portugal Day, a national holiday in Portugal. During the day, each class will learn about the culture and history of three countries; England, Portugal and an additional country that a child in the school's family originate from. In the afternoon children will have the opportunity to sample traditional food and play traditional games from different countries. We are asking for children and staff to come to school on this day in non-school uniform that is either red to represent Portugal, white for England, or the colours highlighted in our recent letter sent home via ParentPay for the third country that your child's year group will be learning about. If your child has traditional clothing from any of the countries listed in this letter, they are more than welcome to wear it.



### Contact details

Occasionally it is necessary for members of staff to telephone home to pass on a message or to inform you that your child is unwell. It is becoming increasingly difficult to contact some families as we do not have the most recent telephone number. If you have changed your telephone number recently, please give this to the school office.

### Dance Club cake sale – News from Mrs Morton

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (after KS1 sports day), dance club will be hosting a cake sale on the KS2 playground to raise funds to buy material to make some exciting new dance costumes. We would really appreciate your support.

### Crisp Packets – Whole school eco-project

Members of the school council and Mrs Facey's nature clubs have decided to start collecting empty crisp packets and send them to the crisp maker KP. The school will receive prizes based on the amount that we return. The children will be collecting the packets from Monday in the school hall at play and lunchtime.



### Variety show 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 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets will be on sale from the Guildhall box office from the start of June and all profits will be reinvested into the performance arts curriculum in our school.

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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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

## Year 6 Movie night – Manor Court 48

As part of the Manor Court 48, the Year 6's will be having their own movie night on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the school hall. Children should be dropped off at the School Hall at 7pm and will need to be collected at 9pm. Children may wear pyjamas if they so wish. Refreshments will be provided. All children will need to be collected; children will not be permitted to walk home alone. Please login to your ParentPay account to book your child's place.

## Careers week

Careers week will be in the week starting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to come into school to speak about your job, please speak to Mr Pidgeon.

## Ilminster Literary Festival Poetry Competition

Over the past fortnight, children throughout the school have been reciting poems to win the opportunity to represent our school at the Ilminster Literacy Festival Poetry competition held at Greenfyld Infant school. It was a privilege for Mrs Morton and Mr Talmage to judge the completion and this year's winners are Daisy (KS1) and Gaby in KS2. Well done to them both! Gaby and the other three finalists in KS2 will represent the school in the county wide Poetry Slam competition at Dillington House in June.

## School residential trips

This term the children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be attending their residential trips and this week we have sent home many important letters and have uploaded them to the school website. Please take the time to read the information and return the consent forms by the deadlines.



## Online Safety news from Miss Thompson - Whisper

Whisper is a reporting tool for online safety concerns run by the South West Grid for Learning. It can be used anonymously if you choose not to give your name. When you click on the button on the online safety part of our school website, it opens a box which you can use to report any online safety issues or concerns directly to us. We'll receive an email notification and then we can deal with what

has been reported. This tool can be used by all members of the school community, including children, staff and family members with the aim of making everyone in our school feel safe online.

## Sports day

All of the children in the school are preparing for the KS1 and KS2 sports days. This year these events will be held on the following dates. It is our intention (depending on the weather) to hold KS1 on the afternoon of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and KS2 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Do feel free to come and support your child on these dates. Entrance to the school field is via the gate at the rear of the school from 1.10pm.

## KS2 SATs

Year 6 children are working especially hard at the moment in preparation for their end of Key Stage assessments, in Reading, Mathematics and SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar). These assessments are next week and there will be a free breakfast club for all year 6 children in the school hall. Please see the recent letter that was sent home for details.



## School website

The school website is an excellent place to find information about the school day and activities that children complete in their education at Manor Court Primary School. At the request of individual family's we have started to regular update the calendar section of the website. It is possible to sync this with your smart phone.

## FMCA – Friends of Manor Court Association

You may not be aware, but as in all schools, all parents, careers and staff members are enrolled as members of the Friends of School (FMCA). If you would like to become involved in helping such a worthwhile cause at one of their many events or attend one of their meetings, please contact the committee members themselves through their Facebook page or via their email – [contactfmca@gmail.com](mailto:contactfmca@gmail.com) . Alternatively speak to the office staff or Mr Talmage who will be delighted to pass your details onto them.

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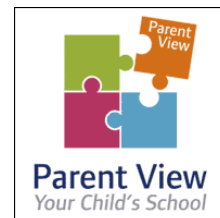
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## Pupil Premium

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.

## Ofsted Parent view – We need your responses please!

Please take the time to create an account and respond to the Parent view survey, we've only had one response in the past year. Just to remind you, Parent view is a way in which Ofsted surveys the parents and carers 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)



## 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: Miss Gregory and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor is Mrs Jo Boyland.

## 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