

Spring Term information newsletter 3 – Friday 15th February 2019

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to our two parent's evenings this week. They are an important part of your child's education and invaluable for sharing with you your child's successes and areas for further development. If you were unable to attend, your child's teacher will be in touch to reschedule the appointment.

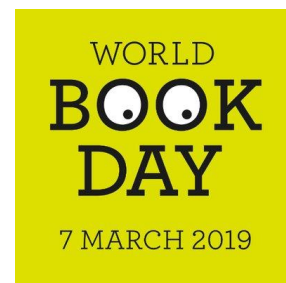
Key dates (please note that these may change)



February	
Friday 15 th February	Children break up for half term
Monday 25 th February	Children return to school after half term Drop in session for Owls parents to meet Mrs Devereux
March	
Friday 1 st March	Year 5/6 Football & Netball at East Coker Primary (selected children only)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Celebration Assemblies recommence
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief

World Book Day news from Mrs Terry

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2019 and are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair returns on Friday 1st March. This year for World Book Day we are not having a particular author focus, but are asking the children to think about their favourite story to read or hear before bed. With this in mind, we are suggesting they come to school in their pyjamas or as their favourite book character. Alternatively, pupils could bring in a prop or something they have made that relates to their favourite book or character, which they can share with the class. We shall be encouraging all pupils to bring in their favourite book from home (please make sure it is clearly named).



During the day, classes will be utilising some of the resources from the World Book Day website and will participate in paired reading with children from different year groups. There will also be a book trail around the school for the pupils to follow and competitions to enter.

Each child at Manor Court School will be issued a £1 National Book token on the day, which can be used against the purchase of a book, or used to pay in full for the £1 specially printed World Book day books that will be available at Chard Bookshop.

This year we would also like you to participate in our celebration of reading; so please join your child/children in their class from 2:45pm if you are free.



Manor Court 48

The Manor Court 48 is proving to be extremely popular with the children and staff at Manor Court. The children have enjoyed participating in the wide range of activities that help to enrich their education. Do watch the video on the school website <http://www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk/the-manor-court-48-1/> and to see the up to date list of activities. The Year 6 children loved making their meal for £2 with Mrs Nadeau this week!

Comic relief on Friday 15th March

Schools and nurseries helped raise over £5million during the last Red Nose Day. This year we will help to raise money for this worthwhile cause by holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 15th March. Children can wear something red on this day, their official red nose or official clothing for a £1 donation. We will order red noses that can be purchased from the House Captains in the week building up to this day.



Healthy snacks

As part of the science, PE, and PSHE lessons, we teach the children the importance of a balanced diet. We are becoming aware that some of the snacks that some children are eating during morning break are not the healthiest. Please ensure that your child does not have chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks in their bag to eat. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Sporting news from Mr Jackson

On Tuesday Miss Cazzulini took a group of year 5 & 6 children to take part in a netball tournament at Holyrood Academy. The children were great representatives for our school showing good sportsmanship and skills and finishing a respectable 3rd out of the ten schools competing.

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

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 between Monday 13^h May and Friday 17th May and there is to be no Year 6 absence in this week please.



Attendance

Whole school attendance at Manor Court Primary School is now good 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.

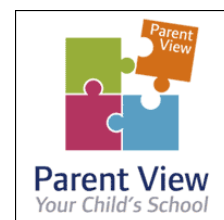


Manor Court Primary school prioritises the monitoring, support and robust action needed to secure high levels of attendance and works in close partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve attendance. Our aim is that every child will have attendance higher than 96% of all possible sessions (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.

Ofsted Parent view – we still require your responses!

Thank you to those parents who have recently completed the Parent view survey, but it would be great to receive more survey responses, especially as we are due an inspection at some point in 2019.

As you know 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



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.

Extreme weather

It is coming to the time of year when more extreme weather may be experienced. We will endeavour at all times to keep the school open and will only shut if it is becoming dangerous for the children, if we are unable to provide a warm learning environment or if food is unable to be delivered to the school from Aspens at Holyrood.

Up-to-date information about school closure will be found in the following places.

1. The scrolling bar on the front page of our school website: www.manorcourt.somerset.sch.uk
2. The school twitter page: @ManorCourtChard
3. Somerset Learning Platform <https://slp.somerset.gov.uk>
4. Information will be broadcast on the following radio stations
 - BBC Somerset. 95.5 FM, 1566MHZ
 - Heart FM. 102.6 FM, 96.5 FM (Taunton Area)

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher



Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader