



Dear Parents and carers,

Autumn Term Newsletter 1 – Friday 7th September 2018

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. Please make sure that your child is equipped for the day ahead at the start of the day.

As you may be aware, two new teachers have started with us this term. Miss Cazzulini will be teaching in Year 1 (Dragonflies) and Miss Chapman has joined us to teach in Year 3 (Kingfishers).

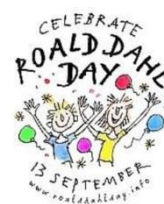
Key dates (please note that these may change)

| September | |
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| Friday 7 th September | Y6 trip to the Houses of Parliament Celebration Assemblies |
| Monday 10 th September | After School clubs begin |
| Thursday 13 th September | Roald Dahl day |
| Monday 17 th September | Foundation stage children begin school full time |
| Tuesday 18 th September at 3:30pm | Year 6 information session – ‘What is expected of my child in the end of KS2 SATs?’ |
| Tuesday 25 th September | Emma Carroll visit |
| October | |
| Monday 1 st October | Harvest festival at St Mary’s Church Holyrood roadshow 5:30-6:30pm |
| Monday 15 th October | Y6 assessment week |
| Monday 22 nd October | Whole school assessment week 1 Parents evening 3:30-6:00pm |
| Tuesday 23 rd October | Parents evening 4:00-7:30pm |
| Friday 26 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 101 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.



Preston Primary Academy Trust

On the 1st of September Manor Court Primary School was sponsored by the Preston Primary Academy Trust. Preston Primary School is the highest performing school in Somerset and has for the past ten years been in the top 250 schools for academic performance in the United Kingdom. This new partnership will be excellent for all of the children who attend the school and no negative change will be seen. Mr Talmage worked at Preston Primary School as Assistant Head Teacher before moving to Hamp Academy in Bridgwater to become Head Teacher. For further information about Preston Primary School and the Preston Primary Academy Trust, please look at their website www.prestoncofeprimary.co.uk

After School clubs

All clubs start in the week beginning Monday 10th September. Please collect your child at 4:15pm from the classroom in which it is being held.

Open days

As a result of the success of last years' Open day, we have arranged two more for Monday 8th October and Wednesday 10th. 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.



Swimming

As you know, Cresta Swimming pool has now sadly shut and we are travelling to Crewkerne Aqua Centre for lessons. To make this accessible to as many children as possible we are taking two year groups at a time, initially year 2 and year 3, Please see the separate letter for further information. Children who have not chosen to go swimming will stay in school with one of the year group's teachers.

Harvest Festival

Advanced warning, on Monday 1st October 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 28th September.



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 Otters classroom for a short presentation between 3:30 – 4:00pm on Tuesday 18th September. We will be serving refreshments in the classroom from 3:25pm.



Emma Carroll Visit

Local author Emma Carroll will be visiting Manor Court for a second time on the 25th September. She will talk about her new book with pupils from Year 4 – 6 and then complete a book signing. Her new book 'Secrets of a Sun King' takes place in 1922. It's about a discovery from Ancient Egypt; a cursed package, and the untold story of a young pharaoh. We already have a copy in our school library!

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,



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