

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term Newsletter 7– Friday 13th July 2018



We all hope that this glorious weather continues for a while yet. Please do ensure that your child has a hat, sun-cream and maybe an additional drink with them at all times. We hope that you have seen the excellent news about our rapidly improving school this week. We all should be feeling extremely proud!

Key dates (please note that these may change.)



July	
Friday 13 th July	FMCA summer fete School reports to be sent home
Tuesday 17 th July	Y6 performance of Lion King to the whole school
Wednesday 18 th July	Y6 performance of the Lion King to family members
Thursday 19 th July	Y6 second performance of the Lion King to family members
Friday 20 th July	China day
Monday 23 rd July 1:30pm	Year 6 leavers assembly to family members
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of the 2017 - 2018 school year. Non School uniform day for all children and staff. No donation required.
September	
Tuesday 4 th September	All children return to school for the start of the Autumn Term.
Friday 7 th September	Year 6 trip to the Houses of Parliament

Chard museum voucher

We are grateful that the committee of Chard Museum have provided a voucher to all of our families to use in the summer holidays. Please find it attached.



Year 1 trip to Animal Farm

This week all the children from Year 1 visited Animal Farm Adventure Park in Burnham on Sea. They thoroughly enjoyed the day, meeting many types of animals and going on the adventurous rides and to top it off, the sun shone throughout the day!

Tamsin Cooke visit

KS2 children were visited once more this week by Tamsin Cooke. This was another wonderful opportunity for the children to listen to and be enthralled by a published author. She spoke about her new book *Stunt Double* and its hero 'Andrew' who has to escape laser beams and alien teachers! We must thank Amanda, from Chard bookshop who arranged the afternoon for us. Amanda is becoming a great friend to the school. Please do buy your books from her.

China Day – news from Mr Pidgeon

To celebrate our new and exciting school link with the Dongfang Primary school in Yueyang city. We will be holding our first China day at Manor Court, for the day your child may dress in oriental theme clothes or red or yellow clothes. Throughout the day your child will spend their time exploring a variety of areas of Chinese culture. As a school we are very excited to have this opportunity to link with a school in China and are very excited at the future activities our school will share with our partner school (Dongfang Primary). It is expected that through this link we will be able to skype teachers and children within China and learn together.



End of year school reports.

School reports were sent home this afternoon. Please do speak to your child's teacher if there is anything that you would like clarification about or that you're pleased with as all feedback is useful.

Short stories

A collection of short stories written by our talented English writers can be purchased from Chard bookshop for £4 each. All money raised is going towards the children's charity Beanstalk. Beanstalk recruits, trains and supports volunteers to provide one-to-one literacy



support in early years settings and primary schools to children who have fallen behind with their reading. Do hurry to buy one so you don't miss out.

FMCA school fete

Our hardworking friends of school committee have their next event, the Summer Fete, this afternoon. This will be immediately after school on the school field. They will inform the total raised as soon as they can.

After school club letters

The Autumn after school club selection letters will be coming home early next week. We have many new and exciting opportunities for your children and it will be possible to book into these clubs through Parent Pay from Saturday 28th July. All clubs are allocated on a first come first served basis as usual.

Rounders' match

This week our Year 3 and 4 Rounders' team played competitively against a team from Tatworth Primary School. Well done to all involved.

Swimming next year

You may have read in the Chard and Ilminster or on Social Media this week, that Cresta swimming pool is closing. This obviously has an impact on our ability to take children swimming. We are currently working hard to make alternative arrangements.



Parent Pay

As you are aware, from September Manor Court School will become cashless. This means that all payments for school trips, school clubs and residential trips will have to be paid online through a secure account on a smart phone, tablet or computer, using Parent Pay.

We will also be using this system to make all bookings for after school clubs, on a first come first served basis. At the moment only 40 families have signed up to create a new account. If you do not create an account within the next two weeks, then your child will not be able to book into a club for the Autumn Term. If you were unable to attend one of the two Parent Pay introductory sessions and still need assistance, please do come and speak to us if you're having trouble creating your account.

New security gates

As you know our new security gates were fitted in the half term holidays. The timers have now been set on these gates; they will be unlocked from 7:30 until 9:00am in the morning and from 3:10 until 4:30pm in the afternoon (term time only). Once these gates have been closed they will remain automatically locked at all other times. The perimeter gate at the front of the school will open from 3:00pm every afternoon, so parents no longer have to wait on the pavement outside of the school.

GPDR forms

We still have not received all of the reply slips and teachers have been asked to start chasing those replies that we haven't yet received. Please do remember to return these forms.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher

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Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader