

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term Newsletter 5 – Friday 15th June 2018

Key dates (please note that these may change.)



June	
Friday 14 th June	Year 4 trip to Chard museum
Tuesday 19 th June	Year 6 CAT tests
Tuesday 26 th June 9:00am-10:00am	Parent Pay drop-in session in the school library
Thursday 28 th June 3:00pm-4:00pm	Parent Pay drop-in session in the school library
Friday 29 th June	EYC fundraising quiz
July	
Friday 6 th July	School reports to be sent home
Monday 9 th July	M&M performance of Charlotte's Web to the whole school
Friday 13 th July	FMCA summer fete
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
Monday 23 rd July 1:30pm	Year 6 leavers assembly to family members

Transition day and school reports

A letter will soon be sent home to confirm who your child's new teacher will be for the next academic year. On Thursday 5th July all children will spend the day in their new classrooms with their new teacher. These days are always helpful for easing any small fears that children may have and to enable them to become familiar with their new environments.

School reports will be sent home on Friday 6th July. Please do let your child's teacher know if a second copy of the report is required for a parent (with parental responsibility) that does not live with the child.

Year 5 residential

The Year five children went to the 'Ultimate Adventure Centre'. They enjoyed learning to surf and competing in the total wipe out course. Do look on the school twitter page for some excellent photographs.

Quad kids

Manor Court children had a great day at the Quad kids event kindly organised by the rotary club. Special mention for Alfie's third place in the Y4 boys and Ebonie winning the Y4 girls completion and all of the children were fantastic!



Parent Pay drop in sessions

As you are aware, from September Manor Court School will become cashless. This means that all payments for school trips, school dinners and residential trips will have to be paid online through a secure account on a smart phone, tablet or computer, using Parent Pay. Early next week we will be sending home to each child a secure login password and information of how to create and use your account.

We appreciate that for some families this may be daunting and have therefore arranged two workshops to help set up accounts and to demonstrate how this new system works. These sessions will be held in the school library at the following times:-

Tuesday 26th June between 9:00am - 10:00am

Thursday 28th June between 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Fathers' day bacon butties

Yesterday the Foundation stage children invited their dad, granddad or other important male role model into school to wish them a happy father's day. The twenty guests that attended were given a bacon butty, with lots of sauce and a cup of tea or coffee and most importantly the children were able to show them their excellent work. Today the EYC invited their dad, granddad or other important male role model in to see what they have been doing.

New security gates

As you will have noticed our new security gates were fitted in the half term holidays. They will soon be fitted with timers to allow the gates to be open at the busiest times and to ease your access to the school at drop off and collection times. Once these gates have been closed they will remain automatically locked at all other times.



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.

World cup day

World Cup day was a brilliant success yesterday. All children were involved in the day which saw KS1 take part in fun football themed activities led superbly by our Yr 5 and 6 children. The winners of our World Cup tournament in the afternoon for Yr 3/4 were Germany and for Yr 5/6 it was Colombia. A great day for everyone and so amazing to see everyone enjoying the beautiful game.

Schools rounders tournament at Holyrood Academy

We are extremely proud of the Y5/Y6 rounders team who competed in the CAFOS cluster rounders tournament. They came third overall and beat Neroche and Redstart in their qualifying rounds. They eventually lost a very close game against Chard school. NJ was the captain of the team and led them in a very competitive but sporting manner.

Year 6 residential

For the last 18 years Manor Court children have been to Okehampton for their end of year 6 residential and this was the first time that Manor Court Children have been to Minehead. The children participated in many activities that they had never experienced before and will be preparing an assembly to the rest of KS2 in the coming weeks. Mr Glentworth has written the following description about this exciting trip.



Year 6 have just returned from a brilliant residential at Butlins, Minehead. The children were met by staff on the first day and taken down to the field to participate in some team games. After lunch they had time to explore the fairground which quickly became a group favourite. After dinner, a treasure hunt and tour of the site took place and then children returned for their first night. On Tuesday, we woke to some wildlife outside of our rooms, some ducks had come to say hello. Our first experience of breakfast at Butlins was rather impressive – a full English with toast and cereals available. The food throughout the week was excellent – 3 cooked meals each day meant no-one was ever complaining about being hungry. The rest of Tuesday consisted of: a sports day, fun in the arcade, a drumming and magic workshop. After dinner the children watched a pantomime, Cinderella Rocks, and then took part in archery and fencing lessons.

Wednesday was another busy day and the sun returned. The morning consisted of a science workshop where children made their own bath bombs and explored skills needed to be an astronaut. After lunch the children (and some of the staff) conquered their fears on the high ropes course and also the climbing wall – special mentions here need to go to Ollie, Corey & Mrs Stoker. Wednesday finished with lots of fun in Splash World enjoying the wave machines, pools and flumes.

The behaviour of our children throughout the week was exceptional – both schools that were also at Butlins commented on how brilliant they were at bedtimes and also around the park; Butlins' staff echoed the other schools which really did finish the week off perfectly. Special thanks to Mrs Terry, Mrs Barbour, Miss Gregory, Mrs Stoker and Mr Talmage who all gave up their time so that the children could attend. We have booked again for next year; details will be released to Y5 parents before the end of this academic year.

Thank you for your continued support,



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