

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term Newsletter 3– Friday 11th May 2018



We hope that you enjoyed the long weekend and the additional day in the sunshine with your children. As the weather appears to be remaining hot and sunny for a while longer, do apply sunblock before the school day and send your child into school with an additional drink when they have PE and during sports day.

Key dates (please note that these may change.)

| May | |
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| Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th May | KS2 SATs week |
| Tuesday 22 nd May | Year 6 trip to Somerset County Cricket Year 5 songs performance |
| Thursday 24 th May | KS1 Sports day 1:15pm on the school field |
| Friday 25 th May | KS2 Sports day 1:15pm on the school field Last day of this half term |
| June | |
| Monday 4 th June | All children return to school after the half term holiday |
| Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th June | Year 6 Residential to Butlins |
| Wednesday 6 th June | Ferne Animal Sanctuary special assembly |
| Monday 11 th to Wednesday 13 th June | Year 5 Residential to Westward Ho |



Foundation Stage visit to Chard Fire Station

The Foundation Stage children have been learning about 'People who help us' this term. Last week they visited Chard Fire Station, where the children looked at the equipment and had a chance to go inside the engine and to fire the hose. They also saw the Fire Engine get a call in real time and watched the engine leave.

Mike the Fireman sent us this message after the trip "I was very impressed with how well behaved the children were and how they listened, it made it rewarding for us all. I spoke to the children about the importance of having smoke alarms at home and if parents

require advice about smoke alarms, please do ask at the Fire Station."

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 24th and 25th May. KS1 family members are welcome to join us from 1:15pm on Thursday 24th May and KS2 family members can join us at 1:15pm on Friday 25th May. Do feel free to come and support your child on these dates. It is important that all children have their correct PE kit with them on the sports day as this is what they will be expected to wear. They may not be able to participate in the events if they do not.

Natural History Museum visit

Last Friday, Year 3 spent a brilliant morning with experts from the Natural History Museum. The children got to handle incredible fossils including a Megalodon tooth and a creature which lived 500 million years ago! The children also became palaeontologists and uncovered a diplodocus skull for themselves.



Disabled strongman assembly

On 2nd May we had Gary Clarke into assembly, organiser of Britain's Disabled Strongman 2018 which is being held at Chard Guildhall on Saturday 12th May. Gary is currently Germany's Disabled Strongman in the Cerebral Palsy class. The children were engrossed as he spoke passionately about how disability has no limits!

Red, white and blue day

Next Friday, we will be celebrating the Royal Wedding between Prince Harry and his fiancée Meghan Markle. All children and staff can come to school in non-school uniform, as long as the clothing is red, white or blue. Each class will be completing their own activities about the royal family and weather permitting it may be possible to have a picnic lunch on the school field. Further information will be sent home about this next week



School council a statement from the chairperson NJ

"The school council is very important because we need to give our opinion on any event in the school. What this group of role models, offer are experiences for younger children, such as when we did sports relief we arranged a jungle gym for year 3 ... We

meet every two weeks on a Wednesday and we discuss how we can help the school and improve it.”

For NJ's beautifully handwritten statement in full, please look for it on our school twitter page @ManorCourtChard

FMCA (Friends of Manor Court Association)

The FMCA work hard throughout the year to raise additional funds to support the education and opportunities that we can offer the children at our school. Their support is invaluable to us as a school community. The committee are looking for new members. If this is something that interests you, please contact them directly through their email address, contactfmca@gmail.com or alternatively through their Facebook page.

Their next event is the annual Summer Fete on Friday 13th July. Please try and support this fundraising event on the day and by donating goods and prizes for the stalls in the forthcoming non-school uniform day.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent scholastic book fair. We raised a staggering £735 in commission, meaning we can purchase additional exciting books for the children to enjoy!



Whole School Poetry week

Next week, all children apart from Year 6 will participate in a poetry week in their English Lessons. During this week the children will be learning famous poems and writing their own poems to be displayed in the school library. We will announce the winners of the recent poetry recital completion at the end of the week in the celebration assemblies.



KS2 SATs

Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard all year in preparation for their end of Key Stage assessments, in Reading, Mathematics and SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar), which are next week. We are pleased to see that so many of the children have signed up for the free breakfast club next week. We look forward to celebrating their many successes and are extremely proud of each and every one of them!

Year 5 performance to parents

Year 5 will perform their 'songs from the shows' to family members on Tuesday 22nd May at 4:00pm. Please do remember to send them into school with their t-shirt and come and support them as it will be a joy-filled performance.

Parent Pay

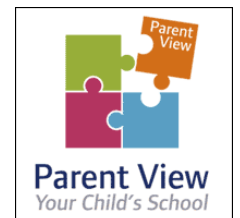
We will soon become a cashless school and all payments to the school will need to be made online through the national company ParentPay, which is used successfully and safely in schools throughout Britain. Each family will be given an account number that is used to make all payments, including school trips and book places for the EYC, Breakfast club or after school clubs. This website can be accessed online through a computer, tablet or smart phone. Account details will be sent home in the first week back after half term and we will arrange for workshops to help set this up and how it works.

Year 6 leaving assembly – advance notice!

Will be on Monday 23rd July at 1:30pm, please save the date.

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



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