

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term Newsletter 2 – Friday 27th April 2018



The Summer Term is quickly passing us by and the weeks always seem to be full of exciting activities and great learning opportunities. Do remember to ask your child each evening about their school day, as we are sure that you will be amazed as to what they have been doing.

Key dates (please note that these may change.)



May	
3 rd May	Foundation visit to Chard Fire Station
4 th May	Natural History visit to Yr 3 pupils
10 th May	Foundation & Yr 6 pupils weights & weights measurements
14 th to 18 th May	Yr 6 SATS week
17 th & 24 th May	New Foundation children stay & play sessions
24 th May	KS2 Sports Day
25 th May	KS1 Sports Day

Year 4 trip to Escot

This week the majority of the children in Puffins and Eagles had a wonderful time during their residential at Escot. For many of the children this was their first time staying away from home and they overcame their fears, working together in teams and showing impeccable behaviour. Much thanks should go to all of the staff who gave up their time to take the children. Do look on the school Twitter page for lots of photographs of their adventures.



Academy rebrokering

The transfer of Manor Court from the Collaborative Academy Trust (CAT) to our new MAT (Multi-Academy Trust) is progressing smoothly. This transfer of MAT, will have no impact on your children and in effect simply means that the staff of the school have a new employer.

On Tuesday 17th April some parents met with Mrs Bernie Green, Executive Head Teacher of the Preston Primary Academy Trust and we have uploaded the PowerPoint that she shared to our school website. We will continue to keep you updated.

Year 2 local visit to St Mary's Church

Last week all Year 2 children visited St Mary's church to learn about its features and their meaning as part of their studies about places of worship. The children completed activity sheets and made notes of the visit to use in their writing when they returned to school.

Mrs Hall

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Hall is starting her return to work after her maternity leave. From June she will be teaching three days a week in Kingfishers for the remainder of the year.

Tamsin Cooke visit

On Monday, we were pleased to welcome Tamsin Cooke, author of excellent books such as 'Cat Burglar' to Manor Court to complete an assembly and talk to KS2. Tamsin spoke for most of the afternoon in an engaging and creative style, by which the children were enthralled. We must thank Chard Bookshop for arranging this assembly, as these visits are truly inspirational for all children and adults.



School ties

We have been asked by a few parents recently about school ties in the Summer Term. It is not a uniform expectation for girls to wear school ties if they are wearing a Summer dress. However, if children (boys or girls) are wearing a school shirt, or polo shirt in Foundation stage or Year 1, then it is the expectation that they are wearing a tie at all times

Sporting results v Hamp Academy

Mr Jackson, Mrs Boyland (Vice CoG) and a team of volunteers took three teams to Bridgwater to play a mini-tournament against Hamp Academy, Mr Talmage's and Mr Jackson's former school. This was an excellent event and it was a pleasure to see such friendly rivalry being formed. The Y3/4 team won 1-0, the Y5/6 Girls team won 4-2 and the Yr 5/6 boys team lost 5-2.

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 following dates. KS1 will be held on the afternoon of Friday 25th May and KS2 will be held on Thursday 24th May. Do feel free to come and support your child on these dates.

Paramedic visits to Foundation stage

Yesterday the Foundation stage children were visited by local paramedics, Clive and Harvey as part of the topic 'people who look after us.' The children appreciated learning about the paramedics working day and seeing Mrs Farwell and Mrs Findlay being rescued. We're not sure who enjoyed it more, the children or their teachers!



Summer Fayre

The FMCA will be holding their annual Summer Fayre on Friday 13th July. Please try and support this fundraising event on the day.

Year 6 leaving assembly – advance notice!

We have already been asked by parents when the Year 6 leaving assembly will be held. This will be on Monday 23rd July, so please do try and save the date. Further information will follow nearer the time.



Roof refurbishment

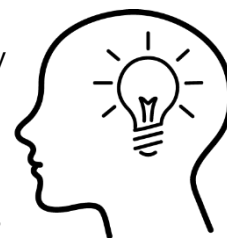
Over twelve weeks and £250,000 later, the scaffolding is down and the roof on the Victorian part of the school and windows at the front of the school have been replaced. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. During the May half term we will be erecting a security fence and gate, on either side of the front of the building to stop trespassers getting onto the school site during holidays and at weekends.

School milk

The government has a free milk scheme for all children under the age of five and sells it at a subsidised rate for all primary aged children. Please see a standard letter from the government about this scheme, on the back page of this letter.

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 14th May and Friday 18th May and there is to be no Year 6 absence in this week please. If children are poorly, please send them into school to do their tests and then we will send them home as soon as it is finished. All children will receive a letter in the next few days about the free breakfast club that is offered



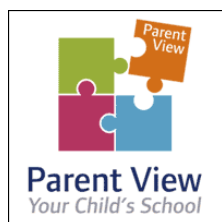
Celebration assembly

This half term our KS1 celebration assembly will start at 8:55am and KS2 will be in the later slot of 10:45am.

Reminders

Please do try to ensure your child has everything they need for the day ahead with them at the start of each day as there seems to be an increasing number of phone calls having to be made home and items being dropped into the Reception as children have forgotten items that they need, this includes, lunches/drinks bottles, coats, book bags, musical instruments, swimming kit, etc. We like to keep disruption to learning time to a minimum and thank you for your support in helping us achieve this.

If your child is provided with an item of school clothing to wear during the school day, please return the item to the class teacher ASAP so that we have spare clothing in class should another child need it. Thank you.



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,



Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher



Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader

Dear Parent/Carer

School milk is available for ALL children

If your child is currently under 5, we're delighted to confirm that we have arranged for them to receive free milk at school, funded by the UK Government's Nursery Milk Scheme.

When your child turns 5 or if they are already over 5, you have the option to pay for their milk. We have made arrangements with the UK's leading school milk supplier, Cool Milk, to supply milk at a small subsidised daily cost.

What you need to do:

- ❖ Visit www.coolmilk.com as soon as possible and select "Register your child for milk", then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay

A portion of fresh, chilled milk at mid-morning break provides protein, calcium and other vital nutrients, important for your child's growth and development. It's also a great way to bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch, re-hydrating your child and helping them to concentrate in class.

Please ignore this letter if your child is already registered for over 5's milk.

Should you have any queries regarding your child's registration or milk supply in general, please do not hesitate to contact Cool Milk directly on customerservices@coolmilk.com or call 0844 854 2913.

Kind regards

The Head Teacher