

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term Newsletter 3 – Friday 9th February 2018

We can't quite believe that it is half term already. We have attached the school term dates for the 2018-2019 academic year on the back of this newsletter. Next half term the times of our Celebration assemblies will rotate again. KS1 assembly will now be later at 10:50am and KS2 will move to the earlier time of 8:55am.

Key dates (please note that these may change.)

February	
Friday 9 th February 2018	Last school day of this half term
Monday 19 th February 2018	Children return to school
Tuesday 20 th February 2018	Year 5 Viking day Parents evening (3:30-6:00pm)
Wednesday 21 st February 2018	Parents evening (4:00-7:30pm)
Friday 23 rd February 2018	EAL drop in session Year 4 residential meeting in Puffins class – 3:30pm
Wednesday 28 th February 2018	Year 5 residential meeting in the school hall - 3:30pm
March	
Thursday 1 st March	World book day
Thursday 1 st to Wednesday 7 th March	Book fair in the school library
Thursday 8 th March	EYC Mother's day assembly in the school hall (further details to follow)
Friday 9 th March	Foundation stage Mother's day assembly in the school hall (further details to follow)
Monday 12 th March	Foundation trip to Axe valley (further details to follow)
Wednesday 14 th March	Year 4 performance of Aladdin to parents (further details to follow)
Friday 16 th March	All after school clubs for this term finish. FMCA Bingo evening
Tuesday 20 th March	Games competition v East Coker Primary School (selected children)
Friday 23 rd March	Last school day of the Spring term Sports relief



Year 3 school trip

On Friday, Year 3 had a lovely, sunny visit to the River Otter, linking to their geography topic, Rivers. The day consisted of finding the source of the river on the Blackdown Hills where they glimpsed the water just after it had come out of the ground. Then, travelling onto the mouth at Budleigh Salterton to see the estuary and where the river meets the sea.



Parents' evenings

Our next Parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 20th February (until 6pm) and Wednesday 21st February (until 7:30pm). These appointments are invaluable for parents and teachers alike, where information can be shared, next steps created and children's progress and attainment can be celebrated. Please take note of the appointment time that has been allocated to you by your child's teacher, which would have come home this week. On this occasion because of our building works, all parents' evenings will be held in the school hall

Please note that the only after school clubs that will run in the first week back after half term are **Drama Club, the school choir and the Primary Stars club** run by Yeovil Town Football club.



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.

Author visit

On Thursday local author Emma Carroll visited our school, giving year 4, 5 and 6 children the opportunity to ask lots of questions and copies of Emma's latest book, *Skychasers* were signed. We must thank Chard Bookshop for arranging the visits.

Fab Drumming

Last Thursday year 4 welcomed Marion from 'Fab Drumming' who lead workshops on African drumming and Gumbo dancing. Children learnt the history behind the traditions while immersing themselves in the music and cultural activities. The day ended in a spectacular performance to year 3, family and friends.



EYC

Over the past couple of weeks we have finished our winter topic and started Pirates and Princesses. We are supporting our children who will be heading to school in September by using our School ready room which includes an interactive whiteboard.

After half term we will be working together to build a pirate ship in the garden using a range of materials and we shall be having a dress up pirate and princess day on Friday 23rd February. We will also be making boats, castles, and going on a hunt to find a treasure chest and a prince!

From Monday 19th February we will also have some preschool pets. Two Guinea pigs we will be joining us at the EYC and living in the preschool garden. We hope this will be a positive learning experience for our children.

Lastly the children's EYC uniform is looking very smart. We have decided as a team that from September this will be made compulsory.

Foundation stage Superhero day

Foundation stage had an awesome Superhero day on Tuesday, where everyone dressed up. Super Squirrels and Hedgehog Heroes came to the rescue of various classes and people as emergencies occurred around the school. This included rescuing Mr Talmage from vicious cuddly toys, helping Year 6 with their phonemes and waking up the sleepy pre-school children.



Breakfast club

We are fortunate to have a well-attended and well run breakfast club, costing only £2 per session in the school hall each morning. We have noticed that some children are arriving after the breakfast is served, if your child would like to eat breakfast, please do try and get to school before 8:15. The doors will be closed from this time, so please do walk your child to the school hall if you're later than this time as they may not be allowed access.

FMCA Bingo – Advance notice

We are fortunate to have an active 'friends of school' committee who work tirelessly to raise funds that are used to enrich the experiences that all children receive. Their next fundraising evening is on Friday 16th March, which is a prize bingo evening. Please try and attend this evening if you can.



Chard Library art project

Staff from Chard library came to school on Wednesday to work with members of the art club on a new project for the children's department of Chard library. The children spent the day creating patterns from tissue paper to add to the snail design. Our snail will be in the library soon – we will let you know more information nearer the time!

World book day – Thursday 1st March

Just a reminder that Manor Court will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Our chosen author theme this year is Beatrix Potter, famous for her stories about Peter Rabbit and friends. We are inviting children to come dressed as a character from a book by Beatrix Potter, or any book that they enjoy. Alternatively, pupils could bring in a prop/artefact or something they have made that relates to their favourite book or character, which they can share with the class. Each child will be issued a £1 National Book token on the day which can be used at Chard Bookshop, who will have copies of specially printed World Book Day books for £1, or the vouchers can be used towards payment of other books.



Punctuality

It has come to our attention that the same children are coming to school late on a regular basis. Can we remind all parents that the bell rings at 8:45am every morning and that registers officially close at 8:50am. We appreciate that children in KS1 must be walked to school by their parents and their lateness is not their fault and from after half term (Monday February 19th) once a child has accumulated thirty minutes of lateness parents will be asked to meet with Miss Gregory and or Mr Talmage. KS2 children will be treated slightly and they will be kept in during their playtime to catch up on the work that they have missed.

Bikeability

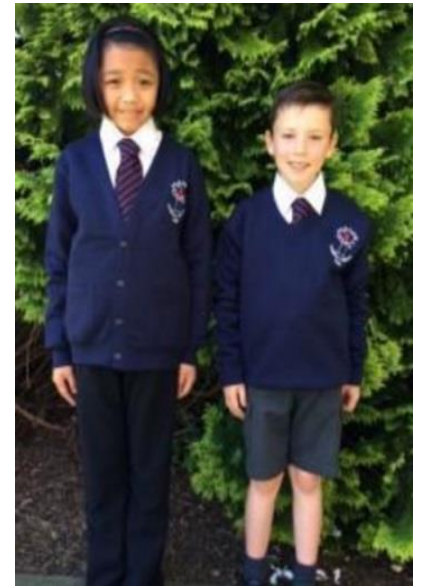
This week twelve of our Year 5 children participated in the Bikeability (cycling proficiency) course. This taught them the key aspects of road safety and awareness of other users when cycling on the road. We are pleased that all of the children passed and gained the certificate. They are now safe road users!

Year 5 residential to the Ultimate adventure centre

This year, our Year 5 children will travel to the 'Ultimate Adventure Centre' in Westward Ho for their three day residential trip. There will be a short meeting to explain the itinerary and kit list etc. on Wednesday 28th February at 3:30pm in the school hall.

School uniform

Our school uniform looks extremely smart when worn correctly. Can we please remind you of our uniform expectations for all children. If you are unsure of anything, then please do come and speak to us or check the school website.



Boys	Girls
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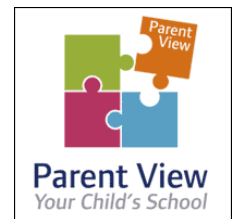


Coffee mornings

Our drop in coffee mornings will start on Monday 19th February at 8.45am-10am. Please do join us for a friendly, informal peer support coffee morning for parents and carers of pupils attending Manor Court. Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be available as well as a friendly face to talk to. This will be located in the Hub.

Ofsted Parent view

Parent view is a way in which Ofsted surveys the parents 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







Manor Court Community Primary School and EYC Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019 Academic Year

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Key:	
	School holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 26 October 2018 (40 days)
 Term 2: 05 November – 21 December 2018 (35 days)
 Term 3: 07 January – 15 February 2019 (30 days)
 Term 4: 25 February – 05 April 2019 (30 days)
 Term 5: 23 April – 24 May 2019 (23 days)
 Term 6: 03 June – 23 July 2019 (37 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2018/2019

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2018	Easter Monday	22 April 2019
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2018	May Day Bank Holiday	06 May 2019
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2019	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2019
Good Friday	19 April 2019	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2019

