

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term Newsletter 1 – Friday 15th January 2021

Key dates (please note that these may change.)

January 2021	
Friday 15 th January	Remote learning packs posted online for use from Monday 18 th January
Monday 18 th January	FSM Foodpacks to be collected. Any food left over will be shared outside the school from Tuesday 19 th for those not entitled to FSM to use or pay it forward to those who may appreciate it.



2021-2022 Term Dates

This week we have set the Term Dates for the 2021-2022 academic term. Please see the school website or the final page of this newsletter for the dates that have been set for the next school year.

Remote learning

We were as surprised as all parents to hear the statement from the Prime Minister at 8:00pm on Monday 4th January about all schools in England moving to remote learning. We had worked hard in the Autumn Term to prepare for this and develop the remote learning offer that we provided for our children during the first lockdown. As you will remember we surveyed parents at the start of the Autumn Term and believe that our offer meets the expectations and needs of the parents. However, we will continue to refine this offer to make it the best that it can be for our children and their parents.

Please continue to share with us the work that your children are completing at home through the year group email addresses. We all take delight in seeing what they are doing at home with you and cannot wait for them to be back in school.



Zoom and Telephone calls

Mr Talmage has asked that all parents of children who are not in school are telephoned at least once a week by a member of staff. This is to 'simply check in' with those children and families who are not attending school on site at the moment. We realised in the first lockdown that some children struggled towards the end with motivation to start their work each day, please do encourage your child to join the Zoom meetings with a teacher from their year group on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Laptops

After a year of badgering by Mr Clode we have finally received our full allocation of 37 laptops from the Government to support remote learning. These will be lent to those families that we know will appreciate them the most and once lockdown is over we will collect them, wipe them clean and have another class set of laptops for all of the children to use.



Lockdown challenges (version 2)

We have decided to add a twist to our initial idea of the Manor Court Lockdown Challenges. Each week a member of staff will post a video setting a challenge for those children working remotely on Monday. These will often intentionally be a little wacky to provide much needed light relief and entertainment for the children and parents at home working remotely. Monsieur Talmage will without doubt be making another appearance soon in a different outfit so do look out for him!

Self isolation

We are working extremely hard to keep all of the children in our school safe and well at the moment. It is important that if you are sending your child into school as a critical worker or that they are coming into school as a child that is classed as vulnerable, that you do not mix with any other households during the evenings or at weekends. Please also do inform us if you or your child have developed any symptoms as this will allow us to make arrangements if necessary. This will also ensure that those children and staff in school and their families remain safe, healthy and well.

Manor Court EYC

Our excellent Nursery provision continues to be open to all of the little people that attend it and it will remain open until and if the Government decides that it should shut. Please do contact Laura on (01460) 510919 or through your Eylog account if you'd like to book a visit when it is safe to so or if you have any concerns about your children who attend the early years centre.



FSM

If your child is entitled to FSM please do remember to come and collect your food parcel on Monday at the allocated time. Any food parcels that are not collected will continue to be offered to families who may be 'struggling' but not entitled to FSM. We take pride in the fact that Manor Court is a fully inclusive community, and we want the best for each child and their family. When collecting your parcel, please remember to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

EAL Support

During this lockdown, Sra Gomes is continuing her excellent work with each of our EAL children. The keyworker EAL children who are in school are completing small group work and she is video calling those at home to help the children and their parents with their remote learning work.



Something to look forward to ...

Mr Talmage has booked another pantomime performance from M&M productions to visit the school in February to perform their version of the Wizard of Oz. We are extremely hopeful that all children may be back in school at this point to enjoy it with their friends in their class bubbles. More news to follow about this.



School applications for September 2021

For all parents with children starting school in September 2021, you can now apply for your child's school place by following the link below. If you or any of your friends would like to visit the school, please contact the school office and we can arrange a socially distant school visit. Please follow the link below to complete your application for a school place.

If you need financial help

We appreciate that for some of our families, life is tough at the moment with financial constraints and especially with the recent news about Oscar Mayer. If you do need help, please contact the school and we can sign post you to organisations that can help you during this time.

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium is additional funding that the Government provides for each child who is believed to be disadvantaged in achieving their best in education. At Manor Court Primary School, we provide high quality education and enrichment opportunities for all our pupils regardless of ability or background. However, it is useful to receive this funding for all children entitled to it. If your children are entitled to free school meals or a member of the household is currently in receipt, or has been in the last six years, of Universal credit then please do apply through this hyperlink https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?fm_formalias=freeschoolmeal

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please "Don't think "What if I'm wrong" Think... "What if I am right" If you have any concerns about a pupil you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Team immediately. Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Clode and Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads: Miss Gregory and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor is Mrs Jo Boyland.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher

Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader

Manor Court Community Primary School 2021-2022 Term Dates



September 2021					October 2021					November 2021									
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	
Tu			7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30
W	1		8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	
Th	2		9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25	
F	3		10	17	24	F	1		8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26	
Sa		4	11	18	25	Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27	
Su		5	12	19	26	Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28	
December 2021					January 2022					February 2022									
M		6	13	20	27	M	3		10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu	4		11	18	25	Tu		1	8	15	22		
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Sa		4	11	18	25	Sa	1		8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		5	12	19	26	Su	2		9	16	23	30	Su		6	13	20	27	
March 2022					April 2022					May 2022									
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M	2		9	16	23	30	
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
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June 2022					July 2022					August 2022									
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Key:

	School holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term time
	Inset day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 22 October 2021 (35 days)
 Term 2: 01 November – 17 December 2021 (35 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 18 February 2022 (34 days)
 Term 4: 28 February – 08 April 2022 (30 days)
 Term 5: 25 April – 27 May 2022 (24 days)
 Term 6: 06 June – 26 July 2022 (37 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2021/22

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2021*	Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2021*	May Day Bank Holiday	02 May 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2022*	Spring Bank Holiday	30 May 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend.