



Manor Primary School

'Learning Together, Achieving Our Best'

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Well done and a big thank you to our children in Year 6 who took their SATs this week. They were focused, calm and enthusiastic throughout, and determined to apply themselves and do their very best. We could not be more proud of them—well done to all!

Our exciting news this week is that we have 6 blue tit chicks which have hatched in our bird box! Many of the children have been able to watch their progress via the video camera inside the box. The box and camera were given as a gift by Mrs Parker when she left last year, and she was thrilled to come in this week to see the evidence of its success!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd May 2.30: Dormice & Robins assembly.

Monday 28th—Friday 1st June: Half Term break

Monday 4th June: Back to school

First fortnight of half term: Big Blue Planet project

Monday 11th June: Class Photos

Friday 22nd June: Sports Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm)
(Reserve date Friday 29th June)

Thursday 28th June: Year 2 Camp Night

Monday 2nd-Friday 6th July: Y5 Bikeability

Thursday 5th July: Y1/2 trip to Buckland Abbey

Friday 6th July: Y3/4 Family Barbecue at Bigbury,
from 4.30 onwards

Monday 2nd-Friday 6th July: Y5 Bikeability

Friday 20th July: Final day of the Summer term

Please note that dates have yet to be confirmed for the Year 6 camp night and the Woodlands trip but we will let parents know these dates as soon as possible.

Swimming pool contributions

Thank you so much to all the families who were able to contribute towards this year's swimming pool

appeal. We have raised a fantastic £805 which will go towards both the upkeep of the pool and new equipment. Thank you!

Reporting Absences

We are tightening up our procedure for responding to pupil absence, in order to ensure that all appropriate safeguarding measures are being taken. We need parents to please work with us on this in order to avoid the office staff having to chase up absences. Please could all parents note, therefore, that:

- ✦ If your child is off sick you need to phone or call into the office **by 9am on the day of absence**, with an indication of when your child is likely to be back. (Outside school hours, there is an answer machine in operation).
- ✦ If we do not receive notification **by 9am**, our staff will try to contact you by phone. *Please note this does take up valuable time when they have many other jobs to do.*
- ✦ If we are unable to make contact **by 9.30am** we will make a decision whether to follow this up further. We may be concerned that a child should have arrived at school and hasn't done so, particularly with older children who walk to school unaccompanied. This may involve us actually having to visit the home, which, when unnecessary, is clearly best avoided.

Thank you very much for your co-operation with this.

Please can we ask parents of younger, pre-school children to keep them away, as much as possible, from the end classroom at the end of the day, and not to allow them to knock on the windows or bang on the panels underneath. This disturbs the children who are still working inside. Thank you!

Well done to Foxes who have won the attendance shield with an attendance rate of 99.6%



Congratulations to Willow for winning the House Points Cup this week with 139 house points.

