



Manor Primary School

'Learning Together, Achieving Our Best'

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Welcome back to school and the Summer Term, we hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

We have had lots of outdoor work carried out at school over the holidays, mainly as part of our Tesco 'Bags of Help' project. The KS1 playground has been enlarged by moving back the fence; benching has been installed around the fire pit and on the new pond decking; and new raised beds have been installed in our garden area. We have a greenhouse and potting shed on order which should soon be in place, and will start planning and planting some summer crops.

We would be very grateful for any contributions to our outdoor environment, focusing on natural and / or recycled materials. Below is a list of suggested resources — if you have any of these things and are able to contribute them, or if you know of anyone locally who does, we would love to hear from you.

- ✦ Bamboo or any other long sticks
- ✦ Wood for construction, planks etc
- ✦ Bark chippings
- ✦ Straw / straw bales
- ✦ Logs, including larger log stumps
- ✦ Pallets
- ✦ Pine cones
- ✦ Gravel / pebbles / large stones
- ✦ Large coil reels
- ✦ Tyres
- ✦ Pieces of drainpipe
- ✦ We are open to suggestions if you have anything else that you think we could use!

Easter Tea

Thank you to those who came along to the Friends Easter Tea at the end of term. It was a lovely occasion and over £200 was raised. This will go towards valuable new resources for the children across the school. Well done to all the children who made beautiful Easter bonnets, and congratulations to the winners.



Diary Dates for this Half Term

Tuesday 25th April

- Year 1/2 trip to Dartmoor Zoo
- 2.30pm, Year 5 Assembly
- 4-5.30pm, Tag Rugby Tournament (children involved have been notified separately)

Thursday 4th May, 4-5.30pm —Y5/6 Quadkids Athletics (children involved will be notified separately)

Monday 8th—Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATs

Monday 15th—Friday 19th May—Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 16th May, 2.30pm—Foundation Classes assembly

Thursday 25th May—Y6 to Plymouth University for Raising Aspirations event.

Monday 29th—Friday 2nd May—Half Term.

Monday 5th June—Back to school

Please look out for further dates in the Curriculum letters coming home today, and for further dates that may arise throughout the half term and will be detailed in the newsletter each week.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please make sure you have seen the clubs letter that was sent home with the children yesterday. The slips need to be returned by next Monday 24th April We have tried to include a wider range of clubs, in response to feedback in the recent parent questionnaire; we hope you will find that there is something for everyone. Please note the dates that clubs will run, and information regarding the procedure if there's a week that your child isn't attending—following this would help a lot for those volunteering to run the clubs.

Well done to Dormice who have won the attendance shield with an attendance rate of 99%

Congratulations to Oak for winning the House Points Cup this week with 124 house points.



Forthcoming 'Theme for the Week'

Going for Goals—the importance of ambition, and ways to achieve your goals in life.

