



The Manor CE Primary School

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Newsletter 12

3 December 2021

Dates for the Diary

- 3 December – FOMS Christmas Fair (5-7pm)
- 8 December – Y6 weighing & measuring
- 9 December – KS1 Christmas Production (2pm and 5pm)
- 10 December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 10 December – FOMS Children's Christmas Sale (9-12pm)
- 14 December – whole school to Pantomime at Hippodrome
- 15 December – Christmas Dinner in school (**book on ParentPay by 8 December**)
- 16 December – EYFS Nativity, 2pm
- 16 December – Class Christmas parties
- 17 December – 10.00 Christmas Service in Church
- 17 December – Term 2 ends
- 4 January Inset Day 3 (school closed)
- 5 January Term 3 starts

INSET Days this academic year

Thursday 2 September 2021

Monday 1 November 2021

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Friday 29 April 2022

Monday 4 July 2022

Christmas has arrived in school and it has been lovely seeing the children start to enjoy the festivities. I am so proud of them as even though they are excited they have been so focussed on their work and I have seen some amazing examples of learning throughout the school this week.

Looking forward to seeing lots of families at the fair tonight.

Best wishes

Mrs Flanagan

Guidance for those parents and carers attending plays/ carol concert in the next few weeks:

Following the latest guidance from the local authority we ask that anyone watching any of our productions in the next couple of weeks to **please wear a face covering**.

The LA have also asked us to remind you:

You should take a rapid lateral flow test if you're going to be coming into contact people you don't normally meet. You can order tests [online](#) or visit a pharmacy. If your test is positive you should isolate immediately and [get a PCR test](#).

Staffing Update

As you know, Miss Beech our SENCO will be leaving us at the end of this term for her promotion to Assistant Headteacher. Mr Israel will be taking over her role of SENCO from January– they are currently working closely together to ensure a smooth handover. I am also delighted to announce that Miss Coult has been promoted to the Senior Leadership Team and will be responsible for leading English across the school.

Antarctica Class



The children in Reception have been very excited this week! We have been learning the months of the year off by heart and know that December is the last month of the year, the most magical month of all! Every day we explore the weather, check the temperature and relate this to the season we are in. When we discovered the temperature had been dropping below 0 on some days, we had some very excited children! We have also been exploring dark, reflective materials and how these help us to be seen during the dark Winter months and have been busy learning the last few letters of the alphabet. A huge well done to the children for remembering all of the sounds so confidently this week! We have had some lovely moments playing with our friends this week and have been trialling some 'play dates'. We have challenged ourselves to play with other friends in class and have had fun getting to know them. This photograph says it all!

Australia Class

Christmas craziness has arrived in Australia Class this week. We have been visited by Nigel the Naughty Elf, who has come to learn how to use his gem powers just like Year One do. We have started to look at poetry this week, we will be writing list poems through the final fortnight. All children have amazed me this week with their ruby power when practicing the nativity. Tickets have now been sent home so please check book bags if you have not yet received them. **Please ensure costumes are brought in on Monday in a named bag ready for performances later in the week.** They are all so excited for you to come and watch them perform next week. Thank you for all of your support! Take care, Miss Hawkins

Africa Class



This week in Year 2, we have been scientists! We have learnt all about the 6 animal groups and thought carefully about the different features of each of them. We created some beautiful animal prints as well! In English, we have been writing persuasive letters all about sustainability and have even voted for sustainability monitors within Year 2. We are now much more conscientious about using lights and paper sensibly. **On Monday, please can all Year 2 children bring in their black tops and bottoms ready for dress rehearsals and the real performance.** Thank you so much for supporting your child in learning their lines- it makes all the difference! 😊

Asia Class

Year 4 have had a really busy week and we have really enjoyed our DT project making our shadufs and learning how to use a variety of tools correctly. We cannot wait to share our final models with you!

South America Class

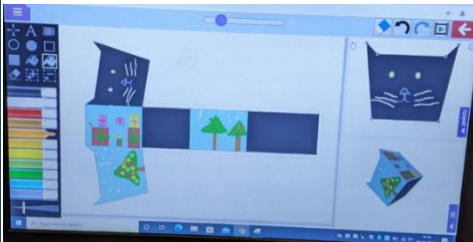
It's been a busy first week of December in Year 6. English this week, we have started a new unit on poetry. Using a poem called 'Thinker's Rap' as inspiration, over the next couple of weeks, we will be writing our own rap. In topic, we have completed our own investigation and presented our results in charts or graphs and written conclusions. We also began our DT project. We have begun to design a moving shop front with the design brief to engage and persuade passers-by to come into the shop. We have begun to create the wooden frame in preparation for adding the moving parts, which will include a cam mechanism.

Europe Class



Year 3 have been extremely busy this week creating their shadufs in DT. They researched and designed their shadufs and then started to build them. They have used various tools to create the different parts of the mechanism. They have also been working hard adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers in maths. They also started their independent writing this week. They are using a very unusual short film for inspiration involving a whale floating through the sky!

North America Class



In Year 5 this week, we have been using the 2design and make programme on purple mash to fulfil a design brief and design Christmas boxes. In Maths, we have begun to look at area of regular and irregular shapes and challenged ourselves to work out missing lengths when given the area of the shape.

On Thursday, we worked together to make the longest paper chain which is now up in our room and the classroom is beginning to feel festive.

Next week, PE day will be on Wednesday. **Therefore, please wear PE Kits on Wednesday, not Tuesday next week. Swimming is still on for the final two weeks of term, so make sure swimming kits are in school on Wednesday too.**

Christmas Celebrations Reminders (Updated)



Friday 3 December	FOMS Christmas Fair 5.00-7.00	Please can all adults wear a mask to this event.
Wednesday 8 December	Please book you child's Christmas dinner (for Wed 15 December) by today to allow the kitchen to place their food order for this.	Last day to order Christmas dinner. Please use ParentPay to book your child's Christmas dinner
Thursday 9 December	KS1 Christmas Production to parents - The Big Little Nativity 2.00 and 5.00	Tickets were sent home Thursday 2 December. Can all adults wear a mask to these events and take a LFT before attending.
Friday 10 December	Christmas jumper day	Children can wear a Christmas jumper in school today with the rest of their normal school uniform (no donation needed)

	FOMS Christmas Children's Sale in school	FOMS to send further details
Tuesday 14 December	Whole school trip to Bristol Hippodrome to watch Snow White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see letter sent home regarding this • Packed lunch to be brought in/ ordered from the kitchen NO HOT MEALS ON THIS DATE
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school today along with the rest of their normal school uniform if they wish (no donation needed). • Please ensure you have booked your children's Christmas dinner on ParentPay by Wednesday 8 December
Thursday 16 December	EYFS Nativity - 2.00	<p>Tickets were sent home for this event.</p> <p>Can all adults wear a mask to this and take a LFT before attending.</p>
	Class Christmas Parties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1-Y6 will have their Christmas parties in the afternoon • Reception class will have their Christmas party in the morning 	Children can wear their party clothes to school on this day. Children will be going out to play at break and lunchtime so please ensure they wear suitable clothes and footwear for this.
Friday 17 December	KS2 Christmas Church Service 10.00	<p>Each KS2 class will present a short Christmas presentation in church as part of our traditional Christmas Church service.</p> <p>All children (EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will attend, but only KS2 children will be presenting (as EYFS and KS1 have had their Christmas productions).</p> <p>All parents, carers and friends welcome to attend this service in Church – this is likely to be a very popular event and the church will be crowded – we ask that all adults attending wear a mask and take a LFT before attending.</p>

***FREE Course:**

Intro to Children’s Online World



This course is designed for any parent or guardian who wants to learn how to keep their children safe online. You will learn about the different types of online dangers that exist and the online places where they can occur.

Where:	Yate YMCA, Station Rd (near Tesco Express)
How long:	2 weeks
Starts:	Thursday 9 th December 2021, 9.30 – 1.30pm
Contact to book your place	Sam – email: samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk / Tel: 07768 293842

*For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications. ESOL and accredited employability courses MAY be subject to fees unless you are on low income and/or means-tested benefits. Please ring for further information

FREE Family Winter Crafts Workshop



Calling Yate primary-aged children – bring your parent/grandparent/carer along to help you make a sock snowman!

Parents/grandparents/carers – this course will give you an opportunity to explore ways to create crafts with children, whilst allowing them to develop creativity and confidence in their own abilities. No need to bring anything except yourselves (and a drink/snack if you like) but get in touch to book your place

Where:	Poole Court - Yate Town Council (behind Morrison’s)
How long:	1 session
When:	Monday 20 th December 2021, 10 – 12pm
Contact to book:	Sam – email: samantha.jones1@southglos.gov.uk / Tel: 07768 293842
Other info:	Most suitable for children aged 4 – 10 yrs. Covid restrictions will be followed according to Govt guidelines at the time of the workshop



Yate Town Council is seeking a permanent part-time

Service Support Assistant

Full Time Salary - £20,092 - £21,748

(Hay 10 SCP 7-11)

30-33 hours per week negotiable (working hours also negotiable other than 8.30am- 4.30pm Friday). Starting Salary SCP 7

Would you like to work in the local community?

Are you a confident, motivated person looking to expand your skills in a busy and varied administrative role?

You will work with our small friendly team to support the work of the Town Council which will include preparing all aspects of meeting documentation, minute writing, communicating externally with partner organisations, members of the public and Councillors.

You will also work closely with other departments to seamlessly provide a professional, approachable and accountable service to the community.

Closing date: Noon on 13th January 2022.

Interviews will be held in late January with a view for the successful candidate to start as soon as possible.

For an application form and a job description please visit [Work With Us - Yate Town Council](#) or contact: 01454 866506



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