

# **Newsletter March 2021**

#### **Times Table Rock Stars**

Back by popular demand, we have used some of our catch up funding to support the maths learning. Children in Y1-6 have been issued with personal log in details for them to access this learning from home. I know from talking to a number of parents this is a great programme to support children learning their times tables. I appreciate many parents understandably limit the amount of time children spend on tablets / computers, but I want to reassure you this is set as a homework activity and it hugely benefits children's recall of table facts

### **Bible Society Easter Story**

The Church have kindly purchased a copy of 'All About Easter' for each child in the school. These will be distributed by the class teacher before the end of term. The centre of the book has a range of Easter activities for the children to enjoy.

#### **PE Kits**

Please remember that whilst we are asking the children to attend school in their PE kit on the PE days, they must still be the school uniform – coloured T shirt according to house, navy / black track suit bottoms and a school jumper. Please do not send your child in other sports wear.

# **National Testing**

As I am sure you have seen in the press, the DfE are not asking schools to complete formal assessments for children due to the impact on education of the pandemic. Teachers will be assessing the children during the summer term, and school reports will follow in July.

#### Hot dinners for next term

Please ensure all orders for the first week back after the Easter Holidays are placed via parent pay by <u>midnight on</u> Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **End of Term**

April 1<sup>st</sup> is a TD day for the school, so lessons finish for the children on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at normal time. We return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **SENCO**

If anyone wishes to talk to Gill Brindley – SENCO, regarding their child please note that an appointment can be made through reception by calling 01225 782223 or by emailing Mrs. Brindley direct on senco@themanor.wilts.sch.uk

# Message from Mrs. Orchard

Although term 4 has been rather short, I am sure you have enjoyed having the children back in school learning and playing with their friends. We have certainly enjoyed having a full school again. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Easter break and we look forward to an uninterrupted summer term.

# **Poetry Day**

The children enjoyed World Poetry Day last week and they are looking forward to performing the poems to each other next Wednesday – weather permitting.

