



MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

Carol Service – St. John's Church, Wednesday 17th December at 6.00 p.m. As last year we will be holding a joint carol service for the children and parents of both Marchwood Junior and Marchwood Infant Schools. The service tells the Christmas story in more traditional form and the lessons will be read by children. Please do come along and enjoy this service – it should last about 40 mins.

Christmas Performance – once again, many thanks to all those who were involved in making “Time Travellers” so successful – staff, children and parents. As ever, the children rose to the challenge of the occasion and did us all proud. Donations made after the performances amounted to £225 and will be divided between our Rwanda fund, Leukaemia Busters and Open Sight charity. Thank you.

A big thank you - to the PTA Committee, and all the many helpers who helped to make this year's Fayre such a success. Initial estimate is that a profit of over £2,500 has been made after expenses – a fantastic achievement!

Year 6 Parents' Evenings – these will be held on **Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February**. Please put these dates in your diary.

School Dinners – you will receive a note home if you have a credit balance to carry forward to next term. The cost of dinners remains at £1.90 per dinner and the total cost for next half term,

taking into account the Inset day on 16th Jan, will be **£55.10**.

Volunteer parent helpers – help is required on a regular basis to give support to small groups of pupils in Maths and English (mornings only). If you are interested please see Mr Bassett or Mrs Denison. All volunteer helpers are required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check.

Car parking – this continues to be a problem for local residents, especially those living in Vicarage Mews. **Please** do not park in private parking spaces, even if only for 10 minutes when dropping off/picking up your child.

School Website – This is being continually updated. Please add a message to the Christmas Message Board:

www.marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk

Last day of term – Friday 19th December will be a ‘Mufti day’ when pupils do not need to wear school uniform but in return will be asked for a 20p contribution to charity. **Don't forget to collect your child at 1.30 pm on Friday.**

Thank you very much to all those who have helped us in so many ways this year. It is much appreciated. Have a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

S BASSETT
Headteacher

E DENISON
Deputy Headteacher



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Dates:

Wednesday 17 th December	Carol Service in Church – 6.00 pm
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term - early closure – children to be collected at 1.30 pm please – thank you.
Monday 5th January 2009	Children return to school
Tues 6 th & Weds 7 th January	Lower School visits to the Living Rainforest
Wednesday 14 th January	Meeting for Parents of Yr. 5 children who will be going to Little Canada – 6.30 pm
Friday 16 th January	INSET day – school closed
12 th – 16 th January	NFER Tests in Maths and English for Upper School pupils
19 th – 23 rd January	NFER Tests in Maths and English for Lower School pupils
21 st January	Upper School visit to Intech (letter to follow)
26 th Jan – 6 th February	Mrs Bateman/Mrs Lane in Rwanda
2 nd – 6 th February	Little Canada Week
9 th & 10 th February	Year 6 Parents' Evenings
16 th – 20 th February	Half Term Holiday

NB For parents wishing to book summer holidays, the last day of term will be Wednesday 22nd July and the first 2 days of the autumn term will be INSET days – children will return to school on Monday 7th September

School term/holiday dates for current year and 2009/10: These can be found by looking at www.hants.gov.uk/education. If you would like a paper copy please ask at School Office.