

# MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

## FEBRUARY 2008 -NEWSLETTER

**F**irstly, a very warm welcome to Alan Hussey – our new school caretaker who started with us at the beginning of this term.

**School Clubs** – A reminder to parents to **please** advise your child's teacher if your child will not be attending a club for whatever reason. This avoids time being wasted checking on the whereabouts of children who do not attend.

**School Uniform** – a gentle reminder that all children should be in the correct uniform and shoes should be worn rather than trainers. Please send a note in if this causes a problem on a particular day.

**Rwanda** – Lower School are studying Rwanda this term and have been fortunate in having a visit from Noah Messomo, an African Musician and Storyteller. In addition, after the half term holidays Lower School will take part in drumming workshops as we will have our very own 'drummer' in residence for 6 weeks on loan from Hampshire Music Service. This musical experience and Noah's visit have been made possible by a subsidy from the PTA to whom we are very grateful.

**Ink Cartridges/mobile phones** – Thank you to everyone who has sent in ink cartridges and mobile phones for recycling. These are being exchanged for cash for our Rwanda partnership. A list of acceptable brands and item numbers is on display on the Reception

notice board if you wish to donate them to this cause.

**Dinner Money** – Total for the next half term will be **£50.40** if your child has dinners every day. Cheques should be made payable to Marchwood Junior School. Please adjust amount to take into consideration school trips or any days carried over from last term. A plea from the office - please send in the money on a Monday in a sealed envelope, stating on which days dinners are required. Please note, if odd days are taken, then the whole of the term should be paid for in advance and dinners should be taken on the same days each week. Advance warning of a small price increase in school meals from **21<sup>st</sup> April 2008** – price will be **£1.90** per meal.

**PTA Film Night** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February featuring The Bee Movie. Doors open 5.40 p.m. Film starts at 6.00 p.m. and will finish approx. 7.45 p.m. Pre-sales tickets cost £3.00 for adults, £2.00 for children, entry on the night will be £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.

**Lost Property** – Each week the office collects many items of lost property which are never claimed. Would you **please** ensure that your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name.

**Tokens** – Thank you to all those who have sent in Box Tops tokens; these will be exchanged for free books for the school. Last date for receiving tokens is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**Parent Questionnaire** – thank you to all who returned the questionnaire and gave some thought to comments about the school. Responses are being collated and then governors and staff will analyse and consider the points made. Two things which I've noticed immediately: - almost half of the respondents had not yet visited our website. Please do as it's brilliant! Log onto [www.marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk](http://www.marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk) - secondly, quite a large number of respondents did not know about our 'Green Team' and others felt they did not know enough about our Governing Body. To address both of these issues we'll be sending out some specific information within the next couple of weeks.

Since the last Newsletter the following letters have been sent home. If you have not received any that are relevant to your child please call into the Office for a copy:

Healthy Passports, New Literacy Manager, Upper & Lower School Science Updates, LS & US Newsletters, Maths & Literacy group letters, Confident Parent Confident Kids Programme, PTA Unwanted gifts, Chess Club, Dance Club, Think.com, Puppeteers visit.

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**Headteacher     Deputy Headteacher**

### Diary Dates:

4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Little Canada Residential Trip – Year 5
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Soweto Gospel Choir-7.30 pm-Mayflower Theatre (links to Lower School studies of African music) – tickets from Mayflower
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Meeting for parents of children going to Fairthorne Manor – 7 pm
13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Film Night - 6.00 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Puppeteers Company visit school 2.15 p.m.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Fairthorne Manor Residential Trip – Year 4
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Sponsored mini-marathon in School
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> March, Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April, Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Years 3, 4, 5      Parents' Evenings – details to follow
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holidays
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Children return to school after Easter Holidays
12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week for year 6 / QCA tests for rest of school
<b>Future Inset Days</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> March 2008</b>
	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2008</b>
	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June 2008</b>

**NB For parents wishing to book summer holidays, the last day of term will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008**