

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2008 -NEWSLETTER

Start of term update - The new school year has settled down very well indeed with the vast majority of children working hard to achieve personal targets and improve in as many ways as they possibly can. The Headteacher's Certificate is seen as the ultimate award by many children and so they are really trying hard to be considered worthy of it.

It would be a good idea if children were encouraged to keep all their certificates in a special folder at home. This will enable them to look back and see what they have achieved over the years.

Inset Days – We have so far had two Staff Training Days and the next one is on **Friday 16th January**. Please note the date in your diaries. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope the advance notice will enable parents to make alternative arrangements. We have two more days to come. Dates will be advised when known.

Harvest Festival - Thank you for all the food donations that have been given to SCRATCH Basics Bank in Totton.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal – leaflets have been sent out via the pupil post. Please note that the deadline for receipt in school is **Monday 10th November**.

CAF Forms – A reminder to all those parents of year 6 children who have

not returned their Secondary School Admission form to the school office. Closing date for return of forms is midday on 24th October 2008.

Dinner Money – The amount due for next half term if your child has daily dinners is **£66.50**. Please take into account any dinners which may be carried over from this half term due to absence. Thank you.

Advance Notice – On the last day of term, Friday 19th December, the school will be closing at 1.30 pm. to allow our *whole* staff and Governors to have lunch together before going their separate ways at Christmas. I hope that by giving this much notice this should not cause inconvenience, but if any parent has a particular problem, please speak to Mr Bassett personally. A further reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

Clubs – Various clubs are now up and running. As a school, we don't usually notify parents of when a new club is starting; it is announced in several school assemblies and children are asked to express an interest in the club if they wish by signing up for it or taking a letter from the teacher in charge. In this way, children join clubs in which they are interested and this is clearly seen to be the case as the drop-out rate from clubs is actually very low. It also encourages children to become independent in their choice of activity and to take responsibility for their own decisions. If any parents are

interested in helping out with any of the sports clubs which will be running during the year, please contact Mrs Lane (PE Manager) via the school office to express an interest and she'll return your call.

Water Bottles – children are encouraged to bring water bottles into school as regular sipping of water throughout the day has been shown to aid concentration. Please ensure all bottles are clear and have sports' tops, are named and only contain water (not squash or fizzy drinks). Don't forget that we can supply new tops if necessary.

Morrisons Vouchers – You may be aware that Morrisons are now issuing 'Let's Grow' Vouchers – one voucher for every £10 spent. The scheme runs from 15th September to 6th November. These vouchers can be redeemed for gardening equipment for the school. It would be very helpful if you could ask your child to count the vouchers before sending them in and writing the total

on a slip of paper before placing them in the collection box in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

Nestle Box Tops for Books – once again we are participating in this scheme. It takes as little as 10 tokens to get one book, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Lost Property – We have a number of jumpers/cardigans handed in every week without names. **Please remember to name all uniform** so that it can be returned to its rightful owner.

S BASSETT
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher



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Dates:

27th – 31st October	School Closed – Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Friday 7 th November	PTA Fireworks Evening. Gates open 6.00 p.m., display starts 6.45 p.m.
16 – 23 November	Travelling Book Fayre
Friday 28 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre 5 – 8pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	1.30 pm Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd December	7pm Christmas Concert – details to follow
Thursday 4 th December	7pm Christmas Concert – details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Carol Service in Church – 6.00 p.m.-to be confirmed
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term
Monday 5th Jan 2009	Children return to school
Wednesday 14 th January 09	Meeting for Parents of Yr 5 children who will be going to Little Canada – 7 pm
Friday 16th January 2009	INSET DAY