



MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL



DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Christmas Performance – once again, many thanks to all those who were involved in making “A Christmas Card from us to you” so successful – staff, children and parents. As ever, the children rose to the challenge of the occasion and did us all proud. A special ‘thank you’ to the choir, the Marchwood Christmas Singers for learning all those words and singing so well!

A big thank you - to the PTA Committee, and all the many helpers who helped to make this year’s Fayre such a success. Over £3,000 has been made after expenses – a fantastic achievement!

Year 6 Parents’ Evenings – these will be held on **Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th January**. Please put these dates in your diary.

Science Day for 2010 - at our school we hold this every four years so every child experiences it during their time here. **The date planned is Tuesday 23rd March 2010**. This is the week after national Science Week, so that it does not clash with booking Scientists or organisations. We have already planned a few exciting shows and visitors and will be holding a Fayre during that day when there will be different 'stalls' in the hall for everyone to visit. These will be 'manned' by all of our classes as well as by parents, our PTA, the Governors and other organisations.

You may want to organise a Science Stall or perhaps contact someone who would be interested in running one. You may have a suggestion of

something we could do – anything to do with Science!

If not, you will be able to help on the day, either for an hour or for longer, and will be asked nearer the time. If you cannot do that, you will be welcome to visit – more details nearer the time

So, keep the date free. ***Tuesday 23rd March 2010 for the Marchwood Junior School Science Day!***

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 £2.00 per dinner and the total cost for next half term, taking into account the Inset day on 4th January, will be **£58**.

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

Old trainers – We would be grateful if any parents could send in old trainers (no holes, but possibly grown out of) for use in school for outdoor PE when pupils have forgotten their own.

School Website – Please add a message to the Christmas Message Board:
www.marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk

Last day of term – Friday 18th 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.**

Extra Inset Day – all schools have been allocated a 6th Inset day this year to review planning in the wake of the revised Primary Curriculum. Our day closure will be on 25th June.

SEN drop-in afternoons – 2.30-3.30: to take place on **29th Jan, 26th Feb and 26th March**. If you wish to pop in to discuss any issue or concern regarding special educational needs with Miriam Bateman (SENCO) or Jane Wilton (Emotional Support), please contact the office to make a 15 minute appointment.

Autism Support Group – details to follow shortly.

Election of Parish Councillor – 7th January between 7.00 a.m. and 10 p.m. Please see statement of persons nominated on Parish Council website or noticeboard from 9th December.

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!

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Headteacher Deputy Headteacher

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Dates:

Friday 11 th December	PTA Christmas Disco 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term. School will finish at 1.30 p.m.
Monday 4 th January 2010	INSET DAY. School Closed. Children do not attend.
Tuesday 5 th January 2010	Children return to school
Wednesday 6 th Jan. 2010	Meeting for Parents of Yr 5 children who will be going to Little Canada – 6.30 p.m.
11 th – 15 th January	NFER Tests in Maths and English for Upper School pupils
18 th – 22 nd January	NFER Tests in Maths and English for Lower School pupils
1 st – 5 th February	Little Canada Week
15 th – 19 th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 7 th June	INSET DAY. School closed. Children do not attend.
Friday 25 th June	INSET DAY. School closed. Children do not attend.

NB For parents wishing to book summer holidays, the last day of the summer term will be:
Friday 23rd July 2010

School term/holiday dates for current year and 2010-11: These can be found by looking at www.hants.gov.uk/education. If you would like a paper copy please ask at School Office.