

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

JANUARY 2009 –NEWSLETTER

Firstly, a belated Happy New Year to you all. January seems to have rushed by and it will be half term before we know it! We were very sad to say goodbye to Rev John and Mrs Linda Curtis who have now moved to Diss in Norfolk. We wish them all the best in their retirement.

Rwanda Partnership – as you will probably know, Mrs Bateman and Mrs Lane are now in Rwanda for 2 weeks. They are based in Shyogwe and are training a large group of teachers in a variety of English teaching methods. They will also meet up with Charles and Juliette, the Rwandan teachers who came to Marchwood 2 years ago. Today (Friday 30th), in a whole school assembly, we spoke to Mrs Bateman and Mrs Lane by phone. It was one of those “magical moments”. We heard about their experiences in Rwanda, the food they are eating and the weather! In total, they will be teaching more than 48 teachers from at least 25 schools; their impact will be significant. We are very proud of the work they are doing, and proud of the fact that they are there, helping to change the lives of others, solely as a result of the fundraising and generosity of the children and parents of this school.

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.

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.

Amphitheatre – I’m delighted to be able to tell you that, at last, the amphitheatre is becoming a reality. A final cost has been agreed with a local, H.C.C. approved builder and work has started. The ground has been marked out and the foundation trenches will be dug out in the next couple of days. The project should take about 4 weeks to complete. Once built, we hope that we will be able to use the amphitheatre daily but an official grand opening day will be planned for when the weather is (hopefully) warmer, maybe June. It is very exciting. We’ll keep you informed.

Parents Forum – Thank you to those parents who came along last Wednesday - an interesting evening for all.

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.

PTA Film Night – Wednesday 11th February at 6 pm - featuring Madagascar II. A ticket request form has already been sent home in the pupil post.

Other recent circulars sent home by pupil post: Puppeteers’ visit, Year 6 Parents’ Evening, Keeping Parents Informed-Maths Update. Please call into the office if you need a copy of any circular.

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Dates:

2 nd – 6 th February	Little Canada Residential Trip for yr 5
Monday 9 th February & Tuesday 10 th February	Year 6 Parents' evenings
Wednesday 11 th February	PTA Film Night – Madagascar II – 6 pm
Friday 13 th February	Puppeteers visit to whole school
16th – 20th February	Half term holiday
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
Friday 27 th February	Maths Open Morning for Parents (more info to follow)
Tuesday 3 rd March	Minstead Study Centre information evening for Yr 4 parents - 6.30 pm
Friday 13 th March	Number Day (more info to follow)
23 rd – 27 th March	Minstead Study Centre residential visit for year 4
Mon 30 th /Tues 31 st March	Years 3, 4, 5 Parents' Evenings – details to follow
Friday 3 rd April	Break up for Easter Holidays
20 th April	Children return to school after Easter Holidays

**NB For parents wishing to book summer holidays, the last day of term will be
Wednesday 22nd July 2009**