

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2009 -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 – Wednesday 4th November, Monday 4th January and Monday 7th June are Inset days. Please note the dates in your diaries. There is also likely to be an extra Inset Day in the Summer Term 2010 for a curriculum review.

Harvest Festival - Thank you for all your food donations. These have been passed to the Waterside Foodbank and a fantastic 132.20 kg was collected in total. Thanks to all those who came along; I hope you enjoyed it.

School Photographs – Please note the deadline for receipt of your photograph orders in school is **8.30 a.m. on Thursday 22nd October.**

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal – leaflets have been sent out via the pupil post. Please note that the deadline for

receipt in school is **Friday 13th November.**

Secondary Transfer 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 **Friday 23rd October 2009.**

Dinner Money – The amount due for next half term if your child has daily dinners is **£68.** Please take into account any dinners which may be carried over from this half term due to absence. Thank you.
(Please note we have been advised by the kitchen that the price of raisins will go up to 20p after half term.)

Advance Notice – On the last day of term, Friday 18th 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.

SEN drop-in afternoons – 2.30-3.30: to take place on **23rd Oct, 27th Nov and 11th Dec**. If you wish to pop in to discuss any issue or concern regarding special educational needs, there will be one session each month to see either Miriam Bateman (SENCO) or Jane Wilton (Emotional Support). Please contact the office to make an appointment. If the above dates are not convenient, please ring to make an appointment at another time.

Bookable Behaviour and Learning Consultation Sessions – If you have any concerns about your child's behaviour or how you can support your child's learning at home, or wish to discuss issues to do with relationships and emotions Hampshire Educational Psychology Service are running bookable consultation sessions

at various local venues. See our noticeboard outside for further details.

Morrisons Vouchers – You may be aware that Morrisons are now issuing 'Let's Grow' Vouchers – one voucher for every £10 spent. The scheme runs until 1st 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:

15 th – 22 nd October	Travelling Book Fair in school
26th Oct – 30th October	School Closed – Half-Term Holiday
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school
Wednesday 4th November	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Friday 6 th November	PTA Fireworks evening. Gates open 6.00 p.m., display starts 6.45 p.m.
Wednesday 11 th November	PTA Film Night. 6.00 – 7.45 p.m.
Friday 27 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre 5.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Tuesday 8 th December	1.30 p.m. Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 9 th December	7 p.m. Christmas Performance – details to follow
Thursday 10 th December	7 p.m. Christmas Performance – details to follow
Friday 11 th December	PTA Christmas Disco
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term. School will finish at 1.30 p.m.
Monday 4th Jan. 2010	INSET DAY. School Closed. Children do not attend.
Tuesday 5th January 2010	Children return to school
Wednesday 6th Jan. 2010	Meeting for Parents of Yr 5 children who will be going to Little Canada – 6.30 p.m.