

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
12th November 2010

Dear Parents,

Fireworks - The Firework night last Friday was fantastic! A huge thank you to the PTAs of both the Infant and Junior school. Mr Calvert and I, while standing at the gate, could not believe the numbers of people coming through the gate. Parental support for helping on the evening was great. A special mention must go to Julie Godley and Alan Hussey who both spent many hours preparing for the evening. I was also delighted that we had several volunteers from 17th Port and Maritime regiment who patrolled the grounds to help keep everyone safe. Finally, a thank you to you if you simply came and enjoyed being part of our Marchwood Family for the evening. Over £900 was raised for each school. This will go directly to benefit the children.

Donation day – A huge thank you to parents for sending in items for donation day on Wednesday. The PTA were overwhelmed with the response as this is a huge fundraiser at the Christmas Fayre. Class winners will be announced in assembly on Monday.

Christmas programme – Thank you to all the children who entered this competition organised by the PTA. Rev. Roger (who is the Army Chaplain) came to help judge the winners and present prizes in assembly. First prize was won by Freya, second by James and third by Hollie. Well done to everyone who entered and look out for posters and programmes advertising the event.

Competition winners with Mrs Anderson and Rev Roger Edwards



DT session at Applemore College – last Friday, fifteen Year 3 & 4 pupils took the afternoon off to go to Applemore college for a Design Technology session, accompanied by Mrs Kuyser. Mr Mainstone, from the College, kindly drove them down in the College minibus where they were greeted by Miss O'Connor, Mr Wheatley and some Year 11 student helpers. During the afternoon, the children cut out and decorated card baskets with a bonfire night theme. They were also able to use the sewing machine to complete a small drawstring pouch. Prizes were given to one of our boys and one of our girls for the best design and decoration. The children made MJS proud with their exemplary behaviour and effort. A big thank you to Mrs Kuyser for overseeing the visit and writing this piece for the newsletter!

School Uniform – we now have a local branch of Skoolkit, based at 1 Commercial Road, Totton. In future, all items of new school uniform can be purchased there rather than in school. Please note that we do have a small

number of second-hand items that you can still purchase via the school office.

School Christmas Dinner – takes place on Tuesday 14th December. The lunch is open to all pupils – please return flyer with payment by Fri 26th November so that our Cook can place the necessary food order.

Normandy visit October 2011 – there will be an information meeting for parents of Year 5 pupils interested in finding out more about the proposed trip next year (when their children are in Year 6). A letter has gone home today about this.

Ford Workers – If any parent works for the Ford Company, would you mind contacting me through the office. I have been made aware of community funding I can access if I have parental contact – many thanks!

Book Donation Day - On Monday 29th November we are holding a 'book donation day' which is when children may wear non-school uniform for the day in exchange for a donation of a children's book. The books will be sold at the Christmas Fayre and the idea is that you bring in a used book from home in decent condition rather than buying a new one. I will be at the gate in the morning to collect book donations from children – thank you!

Next Week Diary Dates

Monday 15th Nov – last day for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Tuesday 16th Nov – Puzzle Day – please return slip with £1.50 donation as soon as possible.

Thursday 18th Nov – 6 pm Information Evening on Normandy trip for Yr 5 parents.

Friday 19th Nov – Children in Need Day – children can come dressed up in an outfit that depicts what they would like to be doing in 'the future'. 'Pudsey'

biscuits will be on sale at break time for 20 pence each, cooked by our Kitchen Staff.

Thanks for your support.

Have a relaxing weekend!

Best wishes

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Headteacher