

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2010 -NEWSLETTER

We hope you all had a pleasant half term holiday. We have a very busy few weeks ahead, including our Science Day on March 23rd, our Swimming Programme, the Year 4 residential trip to Minstead Study Centre and Year 3, 4 and 5 Parents' Evenings.

Retirement - you should have received a letter sent home on Monday evening advising you of my retirement at the end of the summer term. It was a very difficult decision to make after more than 15 very happy years as Headteacher at this school (they've just flown by!) and I'll be very sorry to say 'goodbye' but whilst I'm fit and healthy enough to go on to do other things, now is a good time to retire. However, as I said in the letter, it will be business as usual for me right up until 3.30pm on 23rd July!

Reward Certificates – you may have heard your children talking about a new reward certificate that acknowledges the total number of certificates given to individual pupils. Certificates are awarded for all subject areas and for displaying 'Marchwood Manners'. We are now giving Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates when 10, 20 or 30 such certificates are earned. We intend to use the School newsletter to inform you of successful recipients, so look out for your child's name and give them the credit they deserve when their name appears. We would hope by the end of the year for every child to earn a Bronze award, well over half to get Silver and our real hard workers to earn a Gold award.

Normandy residential visit Oct 2010 – there are still a few places left for the Year 6 trip in October. The week is spent at a PGL Centre and combines local visits with on-site activities. If you require any

further information about the trip please see Mr Bassett or Mrs Dalton.

Pupils arriving late at school – please will you ensure that you or an accompanying adult sign your child in at Reception if they arrive after 8.50 am.

School Crossing Patrol – please note that there will be no 'Lollipop Lady' from Monday 1st March for a minimum of 3 weeks.

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy – we have a vacancy from March 22nd. Please ask the Office Staff for further details and an application form – closing date will be Weds 10th March.

Packed Lunches – we have a minor but irritating problem of children bringing packed lunch in a grocery bag and then leaving it at school, often half eaten. Being left amongst PE Kit is unhygienic and difficult to spot – so please could packed lunches be sent in a lunch box or other rigid plastic container with your child's name on.

Dinner Money – Total for this next half term will be **£58.00** if your child has dinners every day. Cheques should be made payable to Marchwood Junior School. Please adjust amount to take into consideration school trips or any days carried over from last term.

Swimming Lessons – please ensure that your child's clothing is named to avoid confusion in the changing rooms – one white polo shirt looks very like another!

Thank you for your support.

S BASSETT
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

January Reward Certificates Bronze

*Jade Dymond
Amy Fielding
Dean Kuyser
Jamie Pidgley
Maisie White
Amber Whitmarsh*

*Hannah Green
Hannah Matthews
Natasha Wood
William Holmes
Jade Stickley
William Lickley*

*Olivia Haynes
Jack Spark
Joshua Holmes
Megan Hinton
Ellie Bennett
Zoe Carroll*

Congratulations to you all!



Diary Dates:

Commencing 22 nd Feb	Swimming lessons – letter/timetable has been sent home
8 th – 10 th March	Minstead Study Centre residential visit for year 4
Thurs 11 th /Fri 12 th March	PTA Mothers' Day Sales – for pupils
Tues 23 rd March	Science Day
Mon 29 th /Tues 30 th March	Years 3, 4, 5 Parents' Evenings – details to follow
Thursday 1 st April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 19 th April	Children return to school after Easter Holidays
10 th – 14 th May	SATs & QCA Tests' week
Monday 7th June	INSET DAY - School closed -Children do not attend
Friday 25th 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.