

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

JANUARY 2010 –NEWSLETTER

Firstly, a belated Happy New Year to you all. January seems to be rushing by and it will be half term before we know it! We were sorry to have to close during the snow and ice but we took the difficult decision in the best interests of the safety of all staff and pupils. In the case of future bad weather, remember to look at the school website for updates on whether the school is closed or not. www.marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk

A warm welcome to our two new teachers, Miss Hogbourne, who is covering Mrs Hallinan's maternity leave and Mrs Morrell, who is job sharing with Mrs Shepherd.

Name change – please note that Mrs Bateman is now Ms Walker.

Science & Engineering Week – you will have received a letter about our Science Day on 23rd March this year. The week before this (12-21 March) is National Science & Engineering Week and Southampton University are holding two family days; a Science & Engineering Day on 13th March and an Ocean & Earth Day on 20th March. For more info, please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/scienceweek or ask your child to look at the poster and leaflets in their classroom.

Science resources – if anyone has *small* offcuts of lino or similar flexible flooring, please send in to Mrs Denison.

Free computers for low income families – the Government has just announced a scheme to enable all low income families who have a child in Key Stage 2 or 3 to get access to a

computer and the internet at home. For an application form please phone the following no: 03332001004. For more info please follow the link to <http://www.homeaccess.org.uk>

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 Walker (SENCO), formerly Bateman, or Jane Wilton (Emotional Support), please contact the office to make a 15 minute appointment.

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.

Packed Lunches – could parents please supply, as necessary, a spoon, knife or fork for your child to use (for eating pasta, yogurts etc), as we are not able to supply these.

PTA Film Night – Wednesday 27th January at 6 pm - featuring 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. 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, Science Day letter. Please call into the office if you need a copy of any circular.

Thanks for your continued support.

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Headteacher Deputy Headteacher

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Dates:

Monday 25 th January & Tuesday 26 th January	Year 6 Parents' evenings
Wednesday 27 th January	PTA Film Night – Fantastic Mr Fox – 6 pm
Thursday 28 th January	Puppeteers' visit to whole school
1 st – 5 th February	Little Canada Residential Trip for yr 5
Thursday 11 th February	Year 4 Minstead trip meeting for parents – 6.30 pm
Friday 12 th February	PTA Disco – letter to follow
15th – 19th February	Half term holiday
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Commencing 22 nd Feb	Swimming lessons – more details to follow
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.