

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2010 –NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

I hope your child has enjoyed their first full week back at school. The children look very smart and are quickly getting back into the swing of things! It is lovely to see so many of you at the gate in the morning and afternoon.

We have enjoyed a busy first full week:

Mr Calvert

Mr Calvert (the new Headteacher at Marchwood Infants) came to visit on Tuesday. He was impressed with our caring, well behaved children and wonderful school site. Mr Calvert and myself are both looking forward to the two schools working in close partnership.

Positively Mad

This was a very successful day which enthused children and staff alike with learning and memory skills. Hopefully, the skills they have retained from this exciting day will help them with their future learning – do ask your child how many different ways they have of remembering things!

PTA Meeting

Our PTA meeting was held on Monday the 13th September. The attendees were enthusiastic and very welcoming to new members. The PTA raises funds for lots of extras that we could not otherwise afford. Many hands make light work, so do come along to meetings or reply to requests for help at events.

Julie Godley has very kindly offered to continue as Chair until we can find her replacement. Julie is willing to support a new Chair through the whole of this year before she leaves the PTA next September. Please consider whether you would be willing to work in partnership for the good of our children.

Applemore Maths Challenge

Four pupils went to Applemore on Wednesday afternoon to participate in the Maths Challenge. Maureen Kuyser was kind enough to accompany them. The children returned proud of their achievement of coming a very respectable 4th out of 6 teams.

Music lessons (peripatetic)

Mrs Shepherd kindly organises all the additional musical tuition in school. These lessons have begun this week. Marchwood has been alive with the sound of trumpets trumpeting and all manner of beautiful music making. We hope you are enjoying their efforts during practice time at home!

School Ties

Several parents have asked me if ties are compulsory. I wanted to confirm they are not (although they do look very smart!). Polo neck shirts are acceptable uniform all through the year. We encourage children to tuck all shirts in smartly.

And just a few reminders:

- Every child should bring a named, transparent water bottle to school to aid concentration. Replacement bottles can be purchased from the office for £1.20 and caps for 30p.
- Please could your children bring in healthy snacks for breaktime (fresh fruit or veg only please)
- Our healthy 'Snack Shack' operates every day and provides;
Orange/apple juice 50p
Raisins 20p
Fruit 30p
- School lunches cost £2. If money could be sent inside an envelope marked with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and for which days –

in exact money if possible (cheques made payable to Marchwood Junior School).

- If your child is unwell, could you please phone on the first day of absence?

Please do follow this up with a letter if your child is absent from school for more than one day.

Can you please help?

During the initial two INSET days I spent time with staff asking what they perceived the strengths of our school to be and what they would like to see improved. I have also asked the children to think about their ideas.

If you could spare 10 minutes to complete the slip below to give me an initial idea of parental views, I would find it very helpful. (A more detailed questionnaire will be sent home at a later date.) By using comments from everybody involved in Marchwood Junior School, we can work together to build on our successes and develop into an outstanding school.

If the slips below could be returned by **Friday 1st October (two weeks today)** I would be most grateful. I will provide feedback!

Yours sincerely

Laurie Anderson
Headteacher

My child is in year _____

What do you consider to be the strengths of Marchwood Junior School?	What would you like to see improved at Marchwood Junior school?

If you would like to, please complete the details below so I can contact you for further information if necessary.

Name of child _____ Class _____

Name of parent _____

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Dates:



Wednesday 22 nd September	Meeting for Year 6 parents re Normandy trip in October 2010 – 6.30 pm
Thursday 23 rd September	Meeting for Parents of Year 6 children – 6.00 pm re: the year ahead, National Tests and Secondary School transfer
Thursday 30 th September	Meeting for parents of Lower School pupils – 6.30 pm
Monday 4 th & Tues 5 th Oct	‘Meet the Teacher’ evenings – letter to follow
Wednesday 6 th October	Individual Photographs
Thursday 7 th October	Harvest Festival – 2.15 pm – Year 3 Parents welcome
Friday 8 th October	Sleepover in School for Year 4 children
Monday 11 th October	Week of CAT tests for Year 4 children
Tuesday 12 th October	Gamelan Workshop for Upper School children
Thursday 14 th October	Travelling Book Fair arrives for one week
Thursday 14 th October	Yr 5/6 ACE time (Adult & Child Evaluation Time) – more details to follow – 2.30 pm
Friday 15 th October	Yr 3/4 ACE time (Adult & Child Evaluation Time) – more details to follow – 2.30 pm
18 th – 22 nd October	Year 6 residential visit to Normandy
25th – 29th October	Half Term Holiday
Friday 5 th November	Firework Evening – gates open 6 pm for 6.45 pm start

FUTURE INSET DAYS **Tuesday 4th January, Tuesday 26th April, Wednesday 27th July**

Please note Year 6 National Tests will take place during the week of 9th May 2011

School term/holiday dates for 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.