

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
11th February 2011

Dear Parents,

Little Canada

We have missed having most of year 5 in school this week. It has been very quiet! They have enjoyed an action packed week away and their enthusiasm has not been dampened by the soggy weather! Many thanks to the enthusiastic staff who have given up their family time to make this trip a success. Many thanks to Mr Chappell, Miss Suter, Mrs Chainey, Mrs Varty and also Mr Ferrero too! Pictures to follow in next week's newsletter. The remaining year 5 pupils have enjoyed a project week on Canada (the big one). The whole school enjoyed the wonderful aroma of their pancake making on Wednesday!

Reading at home

It makes a real difference to our children when they have regular reading practice at home. We are very aware that children who read regularly at home make more progress in their reading. Children of all ages benefit from reading aloud to somebody for just ten minutes each evening. As a working parent myself, I know how busy family life can be but please try and make time to read with your child at least five times a week. We are very lucky to have an army of parents who support additional reading in school – thank you! If your child is too tired, then you might like to read to them or just share a picture book together. Our library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays before school if you would like to share a book together. Happy reading!

Governors

Welcome to Mr Fred White, our newest

addition to the governing body. He has joined a committed and enthusiastic team of governors who are focused on supporting and challenging Marchwood Junior School to become an outstanding school. In addition, three recent parent governors who have joined the team are Kathryn Moles, Belinda Rhodes and Craig Paget. They have all been warmly welcomed onto the governing body and are currently learning about the school's strengths and what we are working hard to improve.

Upper School Toilets - Mural Competition

A reminder from Mr Chappell that all entries should be on A4 plain paper and designs should be suitable for both the boys' and girls' toilets. Please leave entries in the front office. The closing date is Friday 18th March.

Feb Half term Multi-skills' course

We still have some places available for this holiday club that is offering a range of multi-skills' activities including football, basketball, hockey, dodgeball, tennis and golf. Please ask for a copy of the letter at Reception if you do not have one already. The cost for the 3 days is £36 (10.00 am – 3.00 pm) but individual days can be booked at a cost of £15.00.

Security

Could I politely remind all parents not to encourage their children to climb through the 'spider web' in the front entrance to access school after hours. It is there to prevent unauthorised people coming into school. It is also important we know who is on site at all

times for health and safety reasons. We are currently reviewing security arrangements at the front entrance. Please ensure you encourage your child to follow the agreed school safety arrangements.

Craft Club

Mrs Ferrero has been running a craft club after school on Tuesdays. She is ably helped by Mrs Gosnell-Lee, Mrs Brokas and Mrs Barclay. The children have been making covers for their huff and puff key-rings from felt, ribbon and buttons and practising blanket stitch, back stitch and how to thread a needle. See photos below.

ACE Time

Don't forget that we are holding our half termly ACE time next week (Monday at 2 pm for Upper School, Tuesday at 2.30 pm for Lower School). We look forward to welcoming you on one of those days.

Enjoy your weekend!

Laurie Anderson



Reminder re forthcoming events

Monday 14 th February	Upper School ACE time – 2.00 pm
Tuesday 15 th February	Lower School ACE time – 2.30 pm
Thursday 17 th February	PTA Valentine's Day Disco 6 – 8 pm
21st – 25th February	Half term holiday (holiday club 21st-23rd)
Monday 28th February	Children return to school Puppeteers' visit to school – pm – letter to follow
Wednesday 2 nd March	Meeting for parents of Year 4 children re Minstead trip 6.00 pm – letter to follow
14 th – 18 th March	Minstead Study Centre residential visit for year 4
Mon 28 th /Tues 29 th March	Year 3, 4, 5 Parents' Evenings – details to follow
Friday 8 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
<i>Tuesday 26th April</i>	<i>INSET Day – school closed</i>
Wednesday 27th April	Children return to school
Friday 29 th April	Bank Holiday!
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday!
9 th – 13 th May	SATs & QCA Tests' week