

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
11th March 2011

Dear Parents

The weeks feel like they are racing by! We have so much to pack in before the Easter break too! With the weather improving and sun shining a little more, the children are keen to get onto the field to play. We are just waiting for it to dry out a little more otherwise they will be coming home covered in mud everyday.

Do you have an email address?

We are currently collecting email addresses from parents. This is because we would like to be able to send reminders and important information by email. We will be very careful not to bombard your inboxes with unwanted junk mail! If you are interested in receiving key information and reminders about school events please email:

elaine.thomas@marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk 'parent e-mail' in the address line and your child's name and class in the actual email.

We will trial sending information by email and review after a term. Not all information will be emailed – you will still (instead) receive paper copies for some letters.

Solent University

This week, year 5 and 6 have enjoyed an eventful week with Solent University tutors working with them in school. The children have been learning about forensic science. This has been a fantastic entry point for our 'Looking at the Evidence' topic, more details of which will be in a forthcoming letter. Over the next two weeks, the children will be visiting Solent University to further develop this learning. The

project is all free and is part of a drive to help raise childrens' aspirations and interest both in science and interest in attending university. The children (and staff) have been enthralled!

Tag Rugby 4th March

It was lovely to see the children standing proudly with their medals in assembly on Monday. (Mrs Lane was delighted with the flowers presented to her from James Gosling) The team were very grateful to Mrs Lane for coaching them so successfully!

Upper School Toilet Mural

Pupil Voice has been very active this week and have chosen the winning entries in the mural competition to decorate the children's fabulous new toilets. They are announcing the winning entries in Monday's assemblies – watch this space!

Parent support for clubs

I have been delighted with the response from parents in offering to support with or run clubs in school. We now have an additional four clubs for children with more being offered. Do you think you could help with a 6 week club? A cross stitch club would be simple to organise and run! Are there any grandparents who could spare an hour a week for 6 weeks?

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March (bring 50p donation)

We will all be dressing up as an entertainer on Friday. We are hoping to see lots of dancers, singers, actors, jugglers, diablo or devil stick performers, magicians, acrobats (Mrs Hallinan?!), ventriloquists etc. Have fun finding an outfit! (6C will be asked to wear school uniform to school as they

are off to the Solent University for the morning. They will get changed for the afternoon when they return to school.) Mrs Baker and her team have kindly offered to make Red Nose Day biscuits for us to sell on Friday so we can raise more funds. These will be available to buy at breaktime for 20p each.

Minstead Residential

We wish those Y4 children who are off next week a special time at Minstead Study Centre. I will be visiting them on Tuesday evening and joining them for tea! They will have a wonderful time and return home full of exciting stories (and maybe needing a good bath!)

Y3 and Y4 Minstead Assembly – Friday 18th March at 1.15pm

Mrs Richardson was so excited to share her Red Nose Day outfit with lots of people she has invited all the parents into the assembly on the day when we are all dressed up! This assembly will be focused on the Minstead residential but parents of all Y3 and Y4 children are most welcome to come in and share in this celebration assembly

Enjoy the weekend!

Best wishes,

Laurie Anderson

Dates coming up:

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| Friday 18 th March: | Red Nose Day and reports home |
| Monday 21 st March: | Parental questionnaire will be coming home |
| Tuesday 22 nd March: | 5pm - Maths and English information evening for parents – please send in your reply slips asap |
| Monday 28 th and Tuesday 29 th March: | Y3, 4 and 5 parent evenings |
| Thursday 31 st March and Friday 1 st April: | Mothers' Day Sales – more information to follow |
| Tuesday 5 th April: | Easter Service Y4 & 5 parents invited – invitation to follow |
| Wednesday 6 th April: | Easter Roast dinner |
| Friday 8 th April: | Final day of term |