

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
14th January 2011

Dear Parents,

Fire Safety Day

Y5 and 6 enjoyed a useful fire safety day on Monday. A team of Firefighters came into school and provided practical and informative lessons for the children on how to keep safe. The team, from Hants Fire & Rescue Service, complimented our pupils on their excellent behaviour and attitude.

Thank you

Thank you to all the new parent volunteers we have coming into school. It is wonderful to see so many of you helping the children. The teachers really appreciate an extra pair of hands whether for a morning or an hour of week. Please do leave a message at reception if you are interested in volunteering to help out in school.

ARCTIC Values

During Wednesday's assembly we launched our ARCTIC values with the children – hopefully they should be able to remember some of them! Mr Chappell was very creative and created the acronym of ARCTIC as it sits well with the motto 'Be Cool at School'. These are the values that staff agreed were important to promote for the development of our school ethos.

ARCTIC stands for:

Achievement

Respect

Co-operation

Trust

Independence

Care

Each week in assembly we will be looking a little more closely at one of

these values to develop understanding of ourselves and others. Each class is involved in making the front entrance display that celebrates our values.

School funding

You may have heard in the news about the Pupil Premium Payment. This is an amount of money that will be given to schools in April, depending on the number of pupils that are eligible for free school meals.

If you receive one or more of the following support payments, your child is entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income that does not exceed **£16,190**
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.

If your child is **entitled** to free school meals, even if your child prefers to have sandwiches, please let us know before 20th January, our school census day. It makes a big difference to how we are funded. Please contact the office to complete the short form.

PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday **18th** January starting at 6.30pm. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming so do please come along!

Plea for help

Do you have some time free in the middle of the day? Would you be able to support or run a club for us? If you

have an interest in gardening, music, craft or in fact anything, we would love to hear from you. If you were able to run a club (for example, Recorders) for just 6 weeks, it would really help us out. We are continually looking to offer as broad a range of clubs as possible to increase opportunities for our children to try something new. Can you help? Or could someone you know be encouraged to help? All offers will be warmly welcomed.

Residential trips

We have had quite a limited response to the Normandy visit in Oct 2011 for current Y5 children who will be Y6 in September. Please find below a brief questionnaire asking all parents your

thoughts on the residential trips we do run. Depending on responses, we may well make changes to the trips we offer.

Please take the time to complete and return the questionnaire – many thanks.

Next week

Weds 19th – Upper School trip to Intech – don't forget to send in consent slips and voluntary contributions asap.

Have a lovely weekend!

Laurie Anderson

Residential Trip Questionnaire

We currently organise:

Y3 children: a sleepover in school

Y4 children: a two night stay at Minstead in the New Forest (costing approx £110).

Y5 children: a 4 night stay on the Isle of Wight at Little Canada. The focus of this trip is Field Studies/onsite adventure activities (costing £220).

Y6 children: a 4 night stay in Normandy, France. The focus of this trip is French Language activities/onsite adventure activities (costing £315).

1. Which of the following year group trips do you think you and your child **would not** be interested in?

Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 **(please circle)**

2. If you are not interested in a particular residential, is it because:

- * Your child is not interested in the residential
- * The cost is too expensive
- * You would be concerned about your child being abroad without you (Normandy trip only)
- * Another reason (please explain)

Your feedback will help us plan all residential visits in the future so thank you for taking the time to respond.

