

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
17th June 2011

Dear Parents,

The weather this week has been very mixed so please ensure your child has a coat at school both for use at breaktimes and also on the journey to and from school. Some children are arriving at school very wet!

Music Evening

A terrific well done to our talented children from all year groups who performed at the Music Evening on Tuesday. It was a tremendous success and I was very impressed with our children's singing and musical talents and their confidence in performing in front of a hall of adults – they were marvellous! We have started planning next year's event already and are hoping for good weather so we can perform in the amphitheatre in the sunshine. Many thanks to Mrs Allies for organising the evening and to Mrs Richardson and Mrs Lane for their musical contributions

Superschools

The total raised for the sponsored superschools event was £1,865! This is a fantastic amount. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored our children. Some of the money raised will go towards supporting talented young athletes and the rest is helping to fund new ICT equipment in each classroom. Each classroom now has a fantastic new projector to help children see the interactive whiteboards much more clearly. Thank you for your contributions towards this! The children have great memories of this afternoon – thank you to Mr Bessant for organising such a successful event! (Please do send in any additional sponsorship money you may still have at home – all amounts are most welcome.)

Marchwood Family Evening

Please remember that next Wednesday (the 22nd June) we are holding a Marchwood Family evening at our school.

The Headteachers from Applemore College, Mr Marsh, and Marchwood Infant School, Mr Calvert, will join me in sharing what makes our respective schools special and to explain how we are working in partnership together. Please send in the reply slip from the letters sent out previously if you would like to book a place.

Tuesday 21st June – Donation Day

On this day your child may come in non school uniform in exchange for a donation towards the PTA's hamper for the Marchwood Fair. You should have received a letter yesterday about this but potential items include a jar of jam, a packet of crackers, jar of pickles, chutneys or a bottle of wine. Anything that would fit into a country fair hamper is most welcome! Many thanks for your support.

Fathers' Day Sales

Today or yesterday your child had the opportunity to buy a little something for Fathers' Day on Sunday. Many thanks to the PTA and other helpers who came in to help the children choose gifts and then wrapped the gifts beautifully for them. We are very lucky to have such a brilliant PTA!

Monday 27th June 2011 – Parent Forum

If you are interested in helping improve our school, Mr Bessant and I are holding a 'Parent Forum' between 9 – 10 am on this date. We are interested in gathering parental views on a range of issues ranging from behaviour to curriculum. You do not need to be an expert in education – just an interested parent or carer! If you have a specific concern you wish to discuss, you should always speak with your child's class teacher. If you can spare us an hour, please complete the slip below. If you have small children you may need to bring, please speak to me. If you cannot attend the Parent Forum on this date, please indicate this on the slip and

indicate a better time for you to attend.
Thank you!

Children's thoughts...

In Monday's assembly I shared with the children the range of ways we keep them safe at school. I also explored what bullying was and made it clear that children should always talk to a grown-up if they ever feel they are being bullied. In the front entrance this week, the children have been answering a Headteacher question I posed:

"If you have a problem at school, which adult would you tell and why would you choose them?"

Many, many children have answered the question for us and below I have copied some answers for you to share:

"I would go to Mrs Wilton because I know her and she knows me" – Hollie

"Mr Bessant because he is really nice, generous and helps everyone" – Isobel

"I would choose Miss Suter because she is trustworthy and the way she sorts out problems is calm and soft" – Jacob

"I think Mrs Richardson because she sorts out all my problems" – Isobel

"Mr Chappell because he is helpful and always around"

"Miss Gill because she is lovely!" – Jess

Class and Year 6 photos

Please send in any remaining orders by Tuesday 21st June.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Laurie Anderson

Dates for diary:

Wednesday 22nd June 'Meeting with a Difference'- 6 – 7.30 pm

Weds 22nd and Fri 24th US 'Rivers' trip – don't forget to send in permission slips

Monday 27th June Parents' Forum meeting 9 – 10 am

Tues 28th June Year 5 cycle training starts

Weds 29th June Year 6 cycle training starts

Thursday 30th June Induction evening for Year 2 parents – 6 pm

Wednesday 6th July Year 6 Presentation Evening – **6 pm (pse note time change)**

Friday 8th July New classes' morning

Tuesday 12th July Lower School Sports' morning

Wednesday 13th July Upper School Sports' morning

Thursday 14th July Year 3 sleepover in school (letter to follow)

Wednesday 20th July Lower School ACE – 2 pm

Friday 22nd July Upper School ACE – 9 am

Tuesday 26th July Last day of term – children go home at 1.30 pm

INSET days for 2011-12 Monday 5th September, Monday 31st October, Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 16th April, Monday 23rd July

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Parents' Forum – Monday 27th June 9 – 10 am

I/We would be interested in attending this meeting Yes No

I cannot attend on this day but would be interested in attending on the following days/times:
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