

# MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER**  
**18<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**D**ear Parents,

## **Comic Relief**

The children looked fantastic today. The range of 'entertainers' we had was fantastic. They included clowns, magicians, dancers, musicians and sportsmen and women - thank you for your support. Our Mrs Baker and Mrs Bigwood made some Red Nose day biscuits which our children iced and then we sold at breaktime. Altogether we have raised over £200 which will be sent to Comic Relief.

## **Deputy Head**

Our new Deputy Headteacher will be visiting us next week. Mr Dave Bessant, from Abbotswood Junior School, will be joining us on Thursday afternoon to begin to get to know our children and our school. I expect he will join me at the gate on Thursday afternoon so do come and say hello.

## **Year 4 visit to Minstead**

Half of year 4 enjoyed a lovely three day residential in Minstead. They learnt a great deal about sustainability and eco issues. I joined them for tea on Tuesday evening and then for the campfire afterwards. They had a wonderful time and I was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and behaviour. The boys promised me they had all had showers so I hope they all returned home sparkling clean! Many, many thanks to Miss Suter, Miss Janson and Mrs Wilton for giving up their time to take year 4 on such a fantastic residential.

## **Superstar children!**

Five of our children had a trial for the New Forest athletics team on Wednesday evening. Three of them have made it through to the team; Jack Spark, Elliott Perkis and Chloe Johnstone. They are participating in county finals on Tuesday – good luck to them!

Elliott Perkis also plays football for Eastleigh Whites and they have made it through to the Tyro Cup Final. This will be played on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April – good luck Elliott!

## **Can you help our wonderful PTA?**

They have organised a lovely Mothers' Day Sale on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. However, they really need help during the sales to help wrap the gifts for the children. In an earlier newsletter I made a plea for dads, grandads or uncles to help. We have had no response at all so we are now asking if there are any mums, grandmas or aunties who could spare some time on these dates in the afternoon. Please leave your details at reception and the PTA will gladly get in touch. Please help if you can – thank you!

## **Solent University**

Year 6 have enjoyed morning visits to Solent University this week to further develop their scientific using and applying skills. They have enjoyed a fantastic time and year 5 are due for their visits next week.

## **English and Maths Parent meeting**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 5pm we are holding an English and Maths parent session. We have had a good response – thank you. If you are interested in coming, please don't forget to book your place either by letter or by dropping into reception.

## **Easter Service – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

We will be holding our Easter service on this date. Year 4 and Year 5 parents will be invited – please watch out for an invitation soon.

## **Reports**

Your child's report should have come home with them today. There is a reply slip at the bottom of the report. We would find it most useful to receive any

comments on the report by Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>  
– thank you!

### **Y3, 4 and 5 Parent Meetings**

A letter will be coming home on Monday inviting you to a parents' meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March or Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to meet with your child's class teacher.

### **Pop Mime!**

Pop mime 2011 is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. I am not quite sure what to expect! The PTA have been amazing rehearsing the children. We have a talented bunch of children at Marchwood Juniors! Don't forget to buy your tickets!

### **ACE Time**

US Ace time – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm.

LS ACE time – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15 pm.

### **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

### **Dates coming up:**

- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Parental questionnaire will be coming home
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 5pm - Maths and English information evening for parents – please send in your reply slips asap
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Y3, 4 and 5 parent evenings
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Upper School ACE time – 2.30 pm
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March &  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Mothers' Day Sales – more information to follow
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Service Y4 & 5 parents invited – invitation to follow
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Roast dinner
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Lower School ACE time – 2.15 pm  
Last day of term!

please email:

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'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.

### **Pupil Voice**

We recently held a meeting to choose the murals for the girls and boys toilets. We narrowed it down to two from so many entries – it was a hard decision, they all deserved to win. The designs were announced to the school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The winners were: Gail Bateman (US girls) and Freya Bowen (US boys). Anyway, Happy Red Nose Day.

*Written by Gabriel Beale*

Enjoy the weekend!

Best wishes,

Laurie Anderson