

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
7th January 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a special Christmas and are feeling ready and organised for the start of a new year.

New start!

The children returned to school yesterday to their new classes, new timetable and in some cases new teachers. I am delighted to welcome Miss Izod and Mrs Allies to the teaching team. They are both teaching in Y5 and Miss Izod will be leading provision for children with special educational needs. Mr Robinson is our new sports coach and is working in school every afternoon and will teach all the children throughout the week. He will be running extra clubs to help Mrs Lane encourage as many children as possible to enjoy a sporting activity out of school hours.

Building works

Over the Christmas holiday, we have had some building works finished in school. Mr Hussey has finished building some 'learning pods' in school. These are small areas made especially for small group work to value the learning that children do outside the classroom. The learning pods look brilliant! We are just waiting for some lovely new furniture and the children can begin working in these special areas. We have also had automatic lighting installed in the children's toilets so children can no longer be left in the dark when lights are accidentally switched off. This was installed at the request of a number of parents and children and I am pleased

this has been resolved. In addition, this month we will shortly be refurbishing the upper school toilets. Pupil Voice representatives were very excited to be responsible for choosing the colour for the new cubicles!

Diary Dates

We have a busy term ahead – please see the date list overleaf.

Any budding gardening volunteers?

Are you or someone you know knowledgeable (or even just keen!) about gardening? We have a thriving 'bugs and grubs' club which is held on a Monday lunchtime (12.30 – 1pm). We have one enthusiastic volunteer who comes in to support the children with all sorts of gardening activities including planting, pruning, fruit collecting and garden crafts. However, we really need another volunteer to help keep this club going. Maybe you know of a grandma or granddad who could spare us this time each week? Please get in touch through reception if you can help.

Normandy trip for Year 6 in Oct 2011

Don't forget to let us know if you would like your child to be included in this trip – please phone or call into the office for more information. The deadline for receipt of deposits is **Fri 28th January**. We will refund all deposits if the trip does not go ahead due to low numbers.

Best wishes,

Laurie Anderson

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Diary Dates:

Monday 10 th Jan	Upper School Fire Safety Day
Wednesday 12 th Jan	Meeting for parents of Year 5 children re Little Canada trip 6.30 pm
Wednesday 19 th Jan	Upper School visit to INTECH & Planetarium – letter went home this week
Monday 24 th January & Tuesday 25 th January	Year 6 Parents' evenings
7 th – 11 th February	Little Canada Residential Trip for Year 5
Monday 14 th February Tuesday 15 th February	Upper School ACE time – 2.30 pm Lower School ACE time – 2.30 pm
21st – 25th February	Half term holiday
Monday 28 th February	Children return to school Puppeteers' visit to school – pm – letter to follow
Wednesday 2 nd March	Meeting for parent 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
Tuesday 26 th April	INSET Day – school closed
Wednesday 27 th April	Children return to school
Friday 29 th April Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday! Bank Holiday!
9 th – 13 th May	SATs & QCA Tests' week

NB For parents wishing to book summer holidays, the last day of the summer term will be:

Tuesday 26th July 2011

School term/holiday dates for current year and 2011-12: These can be found by looking at www.hants.gov.uk/education. If you would like a paper copy please ask at School Office.