

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6th May 2011

Dear Parents,
Welcome back after a long Easter break and extended bank holiday weekend. I do hope you have enjoyed the lovely weather.

New Deputy Head

A warm welcome to Mr Bessant, our new Deputy Head, who joined our team last week. He has been spending lots of time with the children trying to learn names and has written a short piece to introduce himself:

I have had a lovely first week at Marchwood and have been made to feel very welcome by children, parents and staff in our school. Thank you. I have spent a lot of time in classrooms and outside at break and lunchtimes, getting to know as many children as possible and learning about what makes Marchwood such a special place to work and learn. I am really impressed by the caring attitudes and the enthusiasm the children demonstrate in all aspects of school life. Our wedding last Thursday was an incredible event that everyone involved in should be very proud of. It was lovely to see so many members of the local community working together to make the day special. I am looking forward to coaching the football and netball teams with Mrs Lane this weekend at Poulner.

Over Easter

Over the Easter break, Mr Hussey was hard at work building us a new front entrance. Security is much improved and it is also certainly more welcoming to parents and visitors. We are waiting for the sofa to be delivered so parents will have somewhere to wait in comfort! If you come into the school to volunteer, you will notice we have an improved system for signing in.

Last week

We had an exciting return to school last week. On Tuesday we had our interhouse

football and netball competition. The children played with enthusiasm, passion and skill! Luckily the weather was beautiful and shone down upon us, making it a wonderful afternoon to be on the field as a whole school.

On Thursday we enjoyed our Marchwood Family wedding. The children had learnt about aspects of the marriage service beforehand in school so enjoyed the first hand experience of the actual service. St. John's church was packed full – there was standing room only. The children's behaviour was very good – especially the year 2 children who joined us for the service. Many of the year 6 children put themselves forward for the key roles which made the whole event very special. In particular the bride and groom, Freya and Robbie, were stunning and displayed confidence and maturity all day. The musicians and choir in the church added a special something to a beautiful service. The bridesmaids and flower girls carried out their role very successfully (and looked beautiful) and the page boys looked very handsome. A special mention must go to Ronan who smiled all day and did a terrific job in keeping the groom calm. His speech at the reception was marvellous!

There are so many people to thank for supporting this whole school event:

Mrs Keith for the wonderful wedding cake she made (which Mrs Varty successfully cut so that every child had a slice);

Mrs Paget who made the beautiful bouquets for the bride, bridesmaids and flower girls;

Mrs Rees who made the beautiful tiara for the bride – thank you so much;

Rev. Roger for his support and planning before the service;

Ian Hayes-Anderson who kindly stepped into the vicar's role at short notice;

Mrs Kitson and her family for driving the wedding party to the church in very smart cars!

Mrs Varty for her lovely name plates for the top table;

Mrs Curtis for the very beautiful fresh button holes and corsages she made for so many people;

Mrs Wilton for all her last minute support and table decoration skills!

Mrs Johnstone and Godley for decorating the reception room beautifully – thank you.

Last but not least, thanks to Mr Hussey for coming into the school while everyone else went to the church!

And finally thank you to the parents for encouraging the children to dress so smartly for a special Marchwood family day. They looked fantastic and enjoyed a good day together!

There will shortly be a colourful display of photos from the day in our new front entrance. Please watch out for information coming home on how to order copies of photos.

This week

This week, year 3 and 4 children participated in a cross country event against a number of other schools. They ran their socks off and thoroughly enjoyed representing the school. It was a pleasure to be told their behaviour at the event was super and that they were a credit to the school. Many thanks to Mrs Goulding and Mrs Knight.

On Tuesday, four children, Ronan Atkinson, Jessica Barclay, Charley Dollman and Thomas Price represented Marchwood Juniors in a general knowledge quiz. They worked well together and enjoyed the experience, eventually achieving a respectable fourth place – well done!

PTA Requests

Are you able to help at the Fathers' Day sales on Thursday 16th or Friday 17th June between 1 – 3pm to help with selling and wrapping the gifts the children can buy? Please contact reception if you could help. The more people that help, the easier it is! Do you have any wicker hampers or baskets at home? The PTA would like to

make special raffle prizes for their stall at the Marchwood Fete but are on the hunt for unwanted wicker hampers or baskets. Can you help?

Lunchtime Raffle

Thanks to the generous donations of various companies, we are well stocked with prizes for our next raffle which will be on Monday:

£30 voucher for Coriander Lounge – Soton

£20 voucher for Petrony's Pizza – Totton

£10 voucher for La Vista – hythe

£5 voucher for Asda

£5 voucher for Waterstone's

Meal for 4 – IKEA

Nando's 2 x Combo meal and soft drink

If your child is in the draw and wins, (we'll draw 3 tickets), they have a free choice of what to take. You might like to speak to them about what they would choose!

Tescos

Do you or anyone in your family work for Tescos? If you do and you think you might be willing to help us, could you please contact me? Many thanks.

Year 6 National Tests

Year 6 will be taking their national tests next week from Monday to Thursday. It is very important that every child has a good breakfast and is here on time. If your child will be late for any reason, please contact the school office as quickly as you can as we will need to make alternative arrangements for your child. Remember, you can order a breakfast for your child next week using the letter that came home yesterday. We are keeping the assessment week as low key as possible but please remember they will require a good sleep so they are coming to school refreshed.

Best wishes

Laurie Anderson

Dates for diary:

Saturday 7 th May	Marchwood Infants' May Fayre
Week commencing 9 th May	SATs for Year 6
Thursday 12 th May	Year 5 trip to Southampton Museums
Friday 13 th May	Year 6 trip to Southampton Museums
Monday 23 rd May	Class & Year 6 photos
Tuesday 24 th May	Lower School ACE time 2.30 pm
Thursday 26 th May	Upper School ACE time 1.45-2.45 pm
Thursday 26 th May	'Decades' Production 5 – 6 pm
Friday 27 th May	Marchwood Mini-Marathon (letter to follow)
Mon 30th-Fri 3rd June	Half term holiday
Monday 6 th June	Children return to school

'Our Marchwood Wedding'



