

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
6th January 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you have enjoyed a lovely family time over the Christmas holiday. The first week back has been busy and the children have settled back into their normal routines.

Curriculum

You will have received year group newsletters giving details of what your child will be learning this half term. We are updating our curriculum this year and children (and staff) are enjoying learning about exciting new topics and making links with their learning between subjects. Y3 have just started a topic on Colour, Y4 will soon begin their topic on Victorians after finishing their Illuminations topic, Y5 are starting their Time Team Topic and Y6 have started learning about the Tudors.

Each year group has a trip this term (Y6 has two) and Y4 also have a residential to Minstead which I am looking forward to accompanying them on. We also have swimming at Applemore Recreation Centre planned after half term for Yrs 3 & 4 and non-swimmers in Upper School. So we have a lot to pack in this term!

As part of their PE curriculum this term, all children will be doing cross-country. Every child will need to bring in a carrier bag as part of their PE kit for their trainers so we avoid bringing mud into school.

October 2012 Year 6 residential trip

We still have a few places left on the trip to the Isle of Wight next October. If you would like your child to participate, please let the school office know by Tuesday 10th January as we have to confirm final numbers next week. Mr Bessant and I will be happy to give you more details about the trip.

School Dinners – change of menu

Please note that on Tuesdays of Week 3 the menu will permanently change from Turkey Pie to Roast Beef.

Parents in school

There are plenty of opportunities for parents to come into school this term:

- Parents' evenings: Y6 (Mon 23rd/ Tues 24th Jan) and Y3, 4 & 5 (Mon 26th/ Tues 27th March)
- ACE time LS: Tues 7th Feb 2pm and US 9 - 9.30 Thurs 9th Feb
- Assemblies – watch out for invites in year group newsletters
- Parent Forum: 9am Friday 10th February

We will also be sending out mid year reports this term to give you more information on your child's progress.

If you have any spare time and would like to come in and help for an hour a week, please get in touch through reception. We welcome all offers of help!

Happy New Year!

Laurie Anderson

PTO for diary dates



Diary Dates (this half term):

Tuesday 10 th January	Year 6 trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
Monday 23 rd & Tues 24 th Jan	Year 6 Parents' Evenings
Thursday 26 th January	Year 5 trip to Southampton – letter to follow
Tuesday 31 st January	Year 3 trip to Living Rainforest-Newbury – letter to follow
Tuesday 7 th February	Lower School ACE – 2 pm
Thursday 9 th February	Upper School ACE – 9.00 – 9.30 pm
Friday 10 th February	Parents' Forum – 9 am
Monday 13th – Fri 17th Feb	Half term holiday

Future INSET days

Monday 16th April & Monday 23rd July