

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
25th November 2011

Dear Parents,

Christmas has arrived!

Thanks to our super staff and great PTA, our school has been transformed into a Christmas Wonderland. Come in and see the lovely decorations for yourselves!

Christmas Fayre

If you are groaning inwardly at the thought of Christmas, please come along to our Christmas Fayre tomorrow between 11- 3pm to help get you in the festive spirit! Please come along for lots of Christmas fun. There are games to play, performances to enjoy, amazing raffle prizes to win and gorgeous food to enjoy! I feel very lucky to have an active PTA who has been busy working away for weeks to ensure the Christmas fair is a stunning success. See you there!

Egyptian Marchwood! *By Mr Chappell*

The Treehouse Theatre Company really brought our Egyptian learning to life when Ben came to help us conclude our Treasure Topic on Tuesday. Here are some comments from Lower School children:

"First, lots of 3C came in their school uniform, just like every day, then got changed into their exciting wondrous costumes" *Lily Carter/Grace Morgan 3C*

"We learnt that Cleopatra was in love with two men and she killed herself to be in the afterlife with them" *Katie Geary 3F*

"The devourer had the head of a crocodile, the body of a leopard and the bottom of a hippopotamus" *Lauren Cross 4S*

"It was great because everyone was involved in the play at the end. We had

fun getting our costumes together and wearing them" *4G*

Year 3 Walk to the Church *by Mr Chappell*

As a "hook" for our light topic, we took a walk to the church on Thursday, finding out about the stained glass windows and sketching some ideas for when we make our own. It was beautiful to look at how the colours reflected on the walls. Thanks to all the Mums who gave up their afternoons to help us.

Tag rugby tournament *by Mr Hoskins*

Marchwood hosted the Waterside and Totton Tag Rugby Festival on Wednesday which consisted of eight fledgling teams. Both our teams performed very well and showed great determination and were a credit to the school. After hard fought semis between Orchard & Marchwood and Waterside & Wildground, Orchard ran out four two winners against Wildground.

Industrial action

If the industrial action proceeds as expected, we will be closed on Wednesday 30th November.

Change to Christmas performances

Parents have kindly advised us that one of the evening concert dates clashes with a prearranged Brownie trip to the Mayflower that has already been paid for. Therefore, we have changed the dates of our Christmas concert (avoiding the Infant performance dates) to the following:

Friday 9th December 1.30pm - Dress

rehearsal (parents with young children may attend)

Tuesday 13th December 1.30pm afternoon concert

Tuesday 13th December 6pm evening concert

Letter to follow with details of ordering tickets. Tickets will be strictly limited to two per family on a first come, first served basis.

Y6 Sportshall athletics

Sadly the Y6 sportshall athletics event was postponed because of a power cut at Applemore Rec. A new date has been rescheduled for Monday 16th January. More details to follow nearer the time.

Children in Need

Our final fundraising total was a fantastic £380, so thanks to everyone for supporting such a worthwhile cause.

Year 6 residential October 2012

We still have several places available for next year's Yr 6 residential on the Isle of Wight. If you missed the original letter, please ring or call into school office for more details.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow!

Laurie Anderson

DIARY DATES:

Saturday 26 th November	School Christmas Fayre 11 am – 3 pm
Wednesday 30 th November	Industrial Action – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th December	Upper School ACE time – 2 pm Marchwood Village Centre – late night shopping and lots of fun for all the family – 6 – 8 pm
Wednesday 7 th December	PTA Christmas Disco
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal – 1.30 pm
Monday 12 th December	Forest Forge Theatre Company – performance to whole school of “The Phoenix & The Carpet” – 1.30 pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Concert 1 - at 1.30 pm Christmas Concert 2 - at 6 pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 th December	Lower School ACE time – 2.30 pm
Friday 16 th December	End of Term!
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 th January	Pupils return to school