

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
2nd December 2011

Dear Parents,
Thank you for your support for our Christmas Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many of you on Saturday. The performances in the hall were fantastic! Our PTA are brilliant and I am very grateful to them for their continued support. A message from Judith and Tracy:

We want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support on Saturday by coming to the Christmas Fayre. We had a very successful and enjoyable day, raising approximately £2,600.

We would particularly like to thank all PTA members, parents and staff who gave up their time on both the Friday and Saturday to set up and run stalls. This event would not have been possible or successful without them.

We would also like to thank the children who helped on the day.

Judith & Tracy

New Forest Indoor Athletics Championships *by Mr Bessant*

On Saturday, Mr Hoskins and I had the pleasure of taking our indoor athletic teams to compete against another sixteen schools from across the Forest. During the last 8 weeks they have shown great dedication to their training, arriving at school at 8am and working through different break and lunch times to improve their personal bests in a range of running, jumping and throwing events. All of the hard work paid off as athlete after athlete competed superbly, ensuring Marchwood was always near the top of leader board. As the final positions were announced everyone was incredibly proud of our B team finishing in 6th place and our A team finishing 2nd just behind Abbotswood. It was fantastic to see the support the team gave to each other and the improvements in their performance since September. I know with such dedication they will be a real force in the summer term athletics!

Art Competition to win us a minibus!

I have shared with the children today an art competition that has a great prize of a new school minibus courtesy of Ford.

Children have been asked to draw a picture on an A3 sheet of what they think personal transport will look like in 100 years time. Your children are so creative I am sure they will have some great ideas! I have to choose one picture to send off as our school entry. Entries to be placed in my red tray (the children know this is outside my office) with name and class on the reverse. The deadline is Thursday 17th December at lunchtime. We won't find out until March if we have won a minibus but imagine the excitement if we did win!

Poppy Appeal

We have received notification that our poppy appeal in November raised £85.36. Thank you!

Second-hand Book Sale

Mrs Seadon, our Librarian, is holding a book sale in the library for children during lunchtime on Friday 9th December. Books will be priced at between 5 pence and 20 pence.

Message re lost sweatshirt

On Wednesday 16th November, Bradley's new school sweatshirt was accidentally taken by another pupil after his PE lesson. Please would you check all of your children's sweatshirts and see if your child has an extra one that is size 30.

Thank you. *Mrs Roberts*

Plea from Class Teachers & Office Staff!

When sending in cash for dinner money, trips, sales etc, please put the money in an envelope (home-made is fine!) or plastic wallet with your child's name on it. This will ensure that the money is attributed to the right child, especially during busy periods. Thank you for your cooperation!

We have a busy last couple of weeks of term:

Y4 concert at 11.15am on Monday 5th December – please return slips asap

US ACE Tuesday 6th December 2pm

Christmas Disco Wednesday 7th December 6 – 8pm (all year groups)

Christmas concert: 9th December 1.30pm (dress rehearsal) and 13th December 1.30pm and 6pm

Please return ticket requests asap. The T-shirts are being delivered on Thursday and the children will look amazing in them for the performance! Singing rehearsals sound great and I know you will leave the concert feeling very Christmassy!

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 14th December – over 200 children have ordered Christmas lunch and we are aiming for all who have ordered a Christmas lunch to eat in the hall at the same time. It will be the biggest Christmas lunch table in the world!

LS ACE Thurs 15th December 2.30 pm

Christmas Service - Friday 16th December 9.15pm

I would like to invite year 4 parents to our service to celebrate this special time of year.

Please complete the slip below to confirm your place. *(I often get asked if I am happy for younger children to attend our services. Can I confirm my standard reply in advance – Yes! All members of our Marchwood family are always welcome)*

Best Christmas wishes,

Laurie Anderson

DIARY DATES:

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 6 – 8 pm
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

Christmas Service

Name of child:

Class:

I would like to attend the Christmas service and **promise** to sing really, really brilliantly.

Signed: _____