

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
23rd September 2011

Dear Parents,

The children are making a terrific effort with their appearance this week. They really do look very smart! Smart appearance really encourages a super attitude in other areas of school life too. I have asked the children to be aware that when they are in school uniform on their way to and from school that they are ambassadors for our school. Climbing on the high walls near the precinct does not create the positive image we are striving for. I am sure you will support this too in the interests of health and safety.

Bishop Stephen

We were very lucky on Tuesday afternoon to enjoy a visit from Bishop Stephen Venner who is Bishop to the Armed Forces and The Falkland Islands. He loved meeting our children in classrooms and finding out what they were learning. He was then quizzed by a panel of children who asked him some challenging questions like *Who is your inspiration?* *Who has authority over you?* and *Do you believe in god?* Following this Q & A session, Bishop Stephen then led our assembly. Although not a church school, we have ARCTIC values which are very important to our school family. He shared stories which directly related to our ARCTIC values. We then performed our school song, 'Magic', for him.

I was delighted to receive an email from him saying that it was a treat to visit our school and that our children are confident, charming and engaged.

Year 4 music lessons

Year 4 will be enjoying specialist music tuition for the whole of this year. Children in 4G and 4S will enjoy learning how to use their voice or samba drums this term. Watch out for details of a special concert at the end of this term to celebrate their musical accomplishments!

Upper school information evening

Thank you to those parents who came to the information evening on Tuesday. I hope you found it useful to learn about the topic your child will be learning over the coming months. Thank you to Mr Hoskins and his team for leading the evening.

Parent Governors

We have two vacancies for parent governors at our school. An information letter went home yesterday – please consider whether you would be able to contribute to the life of the school in this very important way. You can obtain an application form from the front office.

Are you an army family?

We have the opportunity to bid for a grant from a three million pound fund specifically for service children and families. I am interested to hear from service families about ideas you might have that would help make a difference for you. I may not bid for building works (so a new sports hall is sadly not a possibility!). If mobility or deployment are an issue for you and you have a suggestion for what might help make life easier for you and your family, please complete the slip below. **Be as creative as you can!** (Suggestions in by next Wednesday 28th please.) Many thanks in advance.

Have a great weekend.

Laurie Anderson

Service grant suggestion

Child's name:

Class:

Suggestion for how to use funding to support service children and families:

DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 4th & Weds 5th October

Meet the Teacher Evenings (letter home this week)

Thursday 6th October

Individual photos (please let us know if you would also like a photo of siblings)

Wednesday 12th October

Harvest Festival – 2.15 pm – in school (parents of Yr 3 and new pupils welcome to attend)

Tuesday 18th October

Upper School ACE time – 2.30 pm

Friday 21st October

Lower School ACE time – 2 pm

Week commencing 24th October

Half Term holiday

Monday 31st October

INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Friday 4th November

Firework Display

Future INSET Days

3rd January, 16th April, 23rd July 2012

Mr Scallan



OUR TWO 'NEW' TEACHERS!

Mr Hoskins

