

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

Carol Service – St. John's Church, Wednesday 12th December at 6.00 p.m. As last year we will be holding a joint carol service for the children and parents of both Marchwood Junior and Marchwood Infant Schools. The service tells the Christmas story in more traditional form and the lessons will be read by children. Children from the Infant School, we hope, will sit on the carpet at the front – whether they are taking an active part or not. Please do come along and enjoy this service – it should last about 40 mins.

Christmas Lunch – On Tuesday 18th December, we are offering a cooked Christmas Lunch to all children who would **normally** have a school lunch. Parents of children who would normally have a packed lunch may wish to put together a more festive lunch box on that day as all children will be included in the lunchtime celebration. Please do try and send the *exact* dinner money amount into the office, as finding change for everyone proves difficult sometimes. Also please take into account absence days and deduct from the following week's money. Dinners cost £1.80. The cost for next half term will be **£57.60**.

Christmas Performance – once again, many thanks to all those who were involved in making "Button Box" so successful – staff, children and parents. As ever, the children rose to the challenge of the occasion and did us all proud. Donations made after the performance amounted to £255 and have been banked to our Rwanda fund. Thank you.

A big thank you - to the PTA Committee, and all the many helpers who helped to make this year's Fayre such a success, despite the dreadful weather. Initial estimate is that a profit of around £2,000 has been made after expenses and not including money raised by the Silent Auction.

Parent Questionnaires – Reminder to please complete and return to school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 6 Parents' Evenings – these will be held on **Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th January**. Please put these dates in your diary.

NFER Tests – Please note amendment to previously published dates. Upper School Tests will be week commencing 7th January. Lower School tests will be week commencing 21st January.

School Website – This is being continually updated. Please add a message to the Christmas Message Board and look at Glenn Dore's home page. Also watch out for Bertie's Blog in the New Year!

www.marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk

Thank You very much to all those who have helped us in so many ways this year. It is much appreciated.

Have a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

S BASSETT
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher



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Dates:

Wednesday 12 th December	Carol Service in Church – 6.00 pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas lunch for school dinner pupils
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day of Term- early closure – children to be collected at 1.30 pm please – thank you.
Thursday 3rd January 2008	Children return to school
Wednesday 16 th January 08	Meeting for Parents of Yr. 5 children who will be going to Little Canada – 7pm
7 th -11 th January 08	NFER Test in Maths and English for Upper School pupils
21 st – 24 th January 08	NFER Tests in Maths and English for Lower School pupils.
4 th – 8 th February 08	Little Canada Week
18 th – 22 nd February 08	Half Term Holiday
Future Inset Day	10th March 2008 13th June 2008 16th June 2008

NB For parents wishing to book summer holidays, the last day of term will be Wednesday 23rd July 2008

School term/holiday dates for current year and 2008/09: These can be found by looking at www.hants.gov.uk/education. If you would like a paper copy please ask at School Office.

HAMPSHIRE ILLUSTRATED BOOK AWARD

Two ladies came from Hampshire School Library Service to our school to talk about the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award. They explained a little bit about the 6 best books that had been chosen and what we were to look out for because we were going to be some of the judges. There was Traction Man, Wolves, Castles, Baby Brain Super Star, The Wizard, the Ugly and the Book of Shame, and The Incredible Book-Eating Boy. We found the best two were Castles and Traction Man. We were going to look out for picture power, picture pleasure and picture position. Mrs Shepherd showed us all the books then we had to choose the best book with the best illustrations. Soon we are going to find out who won because they had to go to lots of other schools to do the same thing so we didn't find out straight away.

We now know that Castles won because it was very detailed and you had to find these little queens and kings but they weren't all human characters. Baby Brains came second, third was Traction Man, fourth Incredible Book-Eating Boy, fifth Wolves, then the Wizard Book of Shame.

Written by Jessica Bishop and Abigail Dodds

BEST ILLUSTRATION OF THE YEAR FOR HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 2007

We had six books to look at. We had to choose for the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2007. All Year 5's had to vote. The one that Year 5's voted for must have:

1. Picture Power,
2. Picture Position
3. Picture Pleasure

The Books were:

- Baby Brain Superstar by Simon James
- The Incredible Book-Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers
- Wolves by Emily Gravett
- Traction Man Is Here by Mini Grey
- Castles by Colin Thompson
- The Wizard, the Ugly and the Book of Shame by Pablo Bernasconi

Most of the books were great but most of them kept us looking for ages because of all the detail. Most of the books were laid out well and there were lots of feelings about the books. The letters were bold and normal which made some bits stand out more than others. Some illustrations were pencil but most coloured and we liked the pencil pictures because it was very clever how they used the pencil in Wolves.

The winner was Castles illustrated by Colin Thompson with 684 votes in total for his illustrations. It won because of all the detail and objects hidden in the picture.

Written by Connor Leyland and Matthew Edwards