

# MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 2007 -NEWSLETTER

**S**tart of term update - The new school year has settled down very well indeed with the vast majority of children working hard to achieve personal targets and improve in as many ways as they possibly can. The Headteacher's Certificate is seen as the ultimate award by many children and so they are really trying hard to be considered worthy of it.

It would be a good idea if children were encouraged to keep all their certificates in a special folder at home. This will enable them to look back and see what they have achieved over the years.

**Inset Days** – We have so far planned 3 Staff Training Days. Please note these in your diaries. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope the advance notice will enable parents to make alternative arrangements. See diary dates at the end of newsletter.

**Harvest Festival** - Thank you for all the food and money donations that will be given to Naomi House, the children & young persons' hospice at Sutton Scotney.

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** – leaflets were sent out via the pupil post last week. Please note that the deadline for receipt in school is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**CAF Forms** – A reminder to all those parents of year 6 children who have not returned their Secondary School

Admission form to the school office. Closing date for return of forms is midday on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

**School Shoes** – a number of girls have been wearing soft ballet style shoes that appear to be rather flimsy and inappropriate for school use. We have had several incidents of children tripping up in such shoes and ending up in the First Aid Room. Please ensure that your children's shoes are suitable for indoor and outdoor use, especially as the wet weather is now upon us.

**Dinner Money** – The amount due for next half term if your child has daily dinners is **£66.60**. Please take into account any dinners which may be carried over from this half term due to absence. Thank you.

**Advance Notice** – On the last day of term, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the school will be closing at 1.30 pm. to allow our *whole* staff to have lunch together before going their separate ways at Christmas. I hope that by giving this much notice this should not cause inconvenience, but if any parent has a particular problem, please speak to Mr Bassett personally. This has been synchronised with the Infant School which will be closing at 1.15 pm to enable pick up from both schools. A further reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

**Pupil News Report** – As part of this newsletter for the first time, we have included a report by pupils on one of

their recent activities (cross country). We hope that this will become a regular feature of our newsletters and perhaps eventually to add this to our website.

**Clubs** – Various clubs are now up and running. As a school, we don't usually notify parents of when a new club is starting; it is announced in several school assemblies and children are asked to express an interest in the club if they wish by signing up for it or taking a letter from the teacher in charge. In this way, children join clubs in which they are interested and this is clearly seen to be the case as the drop-out rate from clubs is actually very low. It also encourages children to become independent in their choice of activity and to take responsibility for their own decisions. If any parents are interested in helping out with any of the sports clubs which will be running during the year, please contact Mrs Lane (PE Manager) via the school office to express an interest and she'll return your call.

**Water Bottles** – children are encouraged to bring water bottles into school as regular sipping of water throughout the day has been shown to aid concentration. Please ensure all bottles are clear and have sports' tops, are named and only contain water (not squash or fizzy drinks). Don't forget that we can supply new tops if necessary.

**Tesco Vouchers** – You may be aware that Tesco is now issuing Sports

Vouchers – one voucher for every £10 spent. The scheme runs from 10<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> November. These vouchers can be redeemed for sports equipment for the school. It would be very helpful if you could ask your child to count the vouchers before sending them in and writing the total on a slip of paper before placing them in the collection box in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

**Nestle Box Tops for Books** – once again we are participating in this scheme. It takes as little as 10 tokens to get one book, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Lost Property** – We have a number of jumpers/cardigans handed in every week without names. **Please remember to name all uniform** so that it can be returned to its rightful owner.

**Old teapots** – Mrs Denison would be grateful for donations of old teapots made of different materials, e.g. ceramic, bone china, metal for use in science. Thank you.

S BASSETT  
Headteacher

E DENISON  
Deputy Headteacher

## CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

After only four lunchtime Cross Country sessions, Mr. Chappell asked if 18 of us could take part in a Relay Race at Gang Warily Sports Centre on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. We felt "chuffed" but nervous to be given this responsibility. We returned our forms, offered transport and waited for the big day!

Leaving school after lunch we headed off to Gang Warily. When we arrived we warmed up on the field, searched for the toilets and then warmed up again (!), ready for the relay. We had 3 teams of girls and 3 of boys: each team had 3 members. There were 30 teams from many of the schools in our area. Each team of 3 were numbered 1, 2, 3 and all the number 1's set off for the girls' race first. After number 1 had run 1 km, they tagged number 2 who set off and did their 1 km before tagging number 3 who had the pressure of getting a good place for their team. The boys then did the same in their race.

Out of our boys, we got a 5<sup>th</sup> and an 8<sup>th</sup> place. Our girls got a 5<sup>th</sup> place. Each one of us thought we had done our 'bit' for the school! We enjoyed cheering on our friends.

Showing fantastic team spirit (Mr Chappell's words), we did not give up and kept running over the whole course, sprinting down the slippery hill at the end!

We were all proud to participate in this Cross Country Relay and look forward to entering more events!

Report written by Caitlin Harris, Pearce Andrews and Sam Johnstone.

*(Hope you enjoy reading our report. We wanted to make it interesting and use some wow words! Were we successful?)*





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### Dates:

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School Closed – Half-Term Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	PTA Fireworks Evening. Gates open 6.00 p.m., display starts 6.45 p.m.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Forum – 7pm – details to follow
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET day – School closed</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Fayre – 5 – 8pm</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm Christmas Concert – details to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm Christmas Concert – details to follow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service in Church – 6.00 pm - to be confirmed
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term- early closure 1.30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 08	Meeting for Parents of Yr. 5 children who will be going to Little Canada – 7pm
<b>Future Inset Day</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2008</b>