

# Marchwood Junior School Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school after the summer holidays and a special welcome if you are a new parent. It has been a busy first week with Y3 settling in and learning our systems and routines, Y4 making a Roman discovery, Y5 starting an exciting DT biscuit project and Y6 have been enjoying being role models for all other other year groups and learning about Y6 expectations.

We are really pleased with how Y3 and other new children have settled. They are a credit you their parents and to Marchwood Infant School and Mr Calvert! He has popped up to visit them this morning to say hello.

## New staff

A special welcome to the new staff who have joined our Marchwood Family this week!

			
<b>Mr Pepin</b> Y3 teacher	<b>Miss Turner</b> Y4 teacher	<b>Mrs Hoskins</b> Y4 teacher	<b>Miss Taplin</b> LSA in 6S

## Roman Discovery at Marchwood Junior School!

The children in Year 4 were left in shock yesterday after a Roman Discovery was made. Mr Feltham called the children of Year 4 outside after he had discovered some coins when digging in the school grounds. The children rushed out to see what had been found and discovered 3 Roman coins. This raised lots of questions, with one child saying 'How did they get there?'. This was a fantastic hook into our new Year 4 topic on Romans.



## **Sports Clubs**

It has been great to see the number of children engaging in sports clubs this week. Across the last two lunch times we have already seen an amazing 84 children participate in exciting handball games . Again this morning the hall was jam packed with young athletes developing their sprint technique. Last year was an amazing year for MJS with 11 teams qualifying for county finals. However, we are all excited to see what we can achieve this year.

## **Entering and leaving school**

From Monday, all year groups will be entering and leaving school through the children's gate. Please could you make sure you stand well away from the gate next week to ensure we can safely supervise the children leaving school? Thank you for your support.

## **Uniform**

A huge thank you for ensuring your children are dressed to the standard we expect at MJS. Nearly all of the children look super smart with appropriate footwear and perfect uniform. If you could check everything is named that would be brilliant and will help us return items to you when your child loses anything. We have reminded the children this week that nail varnish should be removed prior to attending school and have a bottle of nail varnish remover if this is a problem. If your child wears earring and is unable to remove them, we ask that you supply your own tape please as part of their PE kits.

## **Equipment**

The items your child needs to bring into school:

- Lunchbox or dinner money
- PE kit (and plastic carrier bag when it gets wetter to carry muddy shoes in)
- Waterbottle
- Coat when required



They do not need an additional bag to as this makes it difficult for your child to get everything into their locker. Neither does your child need another pencil case as we provide all stationary. The only items your child may wish to bring in is additional colouring pencils if they choose. We ask that toys/ cuddlies are not brought into school as they are easily lost. If your child needs to bring a phone into school, this should be handed into reception upon arrival at school.

## **Absence from school**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please phone the school office and let us know before 8.30am. This will remove the need for the office staff to call you to check your child is safe – thank you for your support. School office – 023 80 863105

## **Gate opening**

The gate will be open between 8.35am and each morning and either Mr Hoskins or Mrs Anderson will be there ready to welcome every child into school. If children could aim to be in school by 8.45am that would be helpful as we start morning interventions as soon as children get into school and also so children have time to drop their belongs before getting to their class lines at 8.50 am. Thank you!



## **Twitter**

We enjoy using our school Twitter account to celebrate daily the achievements of our children. Search for **@MJunSchool** to follow us!

## **Dinners**

The cost for school dinners is £2.15 per day and is due to be paid on the day or in advance. payment can be made to the school office, sent in with your child in a named envelope with their class on, or alternatively online using our scopay system. If payment is not made we will contact you to advise you accordingly and then if payment is still not received we be unable to provide your child with a hot school dinner but they will be given a roll and a piece of fruit from the kitchen.

## **Nuts**

Please can I advise you that Marchwood School is a nut free zone, so please do not send your child into school with any lunch or snack that may contain nuts. We have children that have nut allergies so your support in this matter would be appreciated.

## **Parking**

Please can I ask you to be cautious if you are parking close to the school, or surrounding roads, for the safety of all children and parents and to be respectful for the surrounding neighbours.

## **Road Crossing**

There will be NO lollypop lady from 15.09.17 to 05.10.17

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins

Headteacher and Deputy Head