

Marchwood Junior School Newsletter

1st December 2017



Dear Parents

We have only three weeks of term left before Christmas and so much to pack in! Lower school performances next week, upper school the week after, followed by four days of festive fun. This involves our Love of Christmas day, Christmas lunch for the whole school and a Christmas disco in the evening, our Christmas service and Christmas parties on the final day. What an exciting three weeks! I have been asked by a number of girls if they may wear Christmas hair bows/bands or tinsel from now on – absolutely! We would love as much Christmas sparkle as possible over the next three weeks please! 😊

OSHL @ MJS

This week we have completed a review of our school club provisions. We are really pleased with the number of children opting to extend their school by attending an Out of School Hours Learning (OSHL) club. Children on average attend 1.6 clubs a week, with Y6 completing a staggering 2.6. Furthermore 70% of our children attend at least one OSHL club a week. This is boosted to 84% when you include lunchtime clubs. Thank you to all the dedicated staff who give up their own time to deliver this huge range of opportunities.

	Attend OSHL clubs	Average number of OSHL clubs attended per week	Attend Including clubs	Clubs lunch
Year 3	51%	0.7	68%	
Year 4	74%	1.5	87%	
Year 5	73%	1.9	88%	
Year 6	84%	2.6	92%	
Whole School	70%	1.6	84%	

E- Safety

As part of our continued review of our safeguarding curriculum, Year 6 have been conferenced this week to monitor their understanding of how they can keep themselves safe online. Children demonstrated a secure understanding of the 'Zip it, Block it, Flag it' approach to e-safety and how this can be applied to a range of online scenarios. Can we ask that you continue to discuss this with your children over the coming months? The temptation for our children to interact with the most up to date social media sites and apps grows ever stronger and it's vital that we support them by constantly discussing and monitoring their usage of the internet.



Safeguarding Training for volunteers

We wrote to all our volunteers this week requesting that they complete safeguarding training with us as soon as possible. Any new volunteers will be asked to complete this prior to starting to support in school. If you support with transport for sporting events, you will be asked to read a document called 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' before supporting with any further events.

Attendance

Well done to 4J last week who had the best class attendance with 100%!

Governor Vacancies

We have a parent governor vacancy currently. If you are interested in supporting Marchwood Junior School, please have a look at this website which provides some information about the role of a governor <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>. If you are interested, please contact me for an informal chat and I will be happy to meet with you. l.anderson@marchwood-jun.hants.sch.uk

Parenting sessions

Noadswood are offering parent sessions with Lorraine Lee who provided inspiring sessions at Marchwood for us last year. If you are interested, please follow the links below to book a place:

This is the direct link to the December session:

<https://homework-empoweringchildren.eventbrite.co.uk>

This is the link to the flyer with all the information about December session plus the sessions to come:

<http://www.noadswood.hants.sch.uk/Letters/LLee.pdf>

Thank you PTA!

A huge thanks to our PTA who have been very busy recently. They have made the donations into hampers ready for the raffle at the Traders' evening on Tuesday. Last night, they also decorated the school ready for the children this morning. Our Christmas tree looks beautiful and has a unique angel on top – Mrs Stanton 😊

Christmas Performances

Lower school have their performance next week with Upper school the week after. Please can we ask that even if parents watch the afternoon performances that children attend the evening performances too even if they don't have someone watching them. The children all have specific places and parts and it throws them if they have to learn a new part or stand in a different place, especially if we find out just before a performance is due to start that someone is not coming. Thank you!

Life skills at lunch

Our children are incredibly polite and well mannered and every week our dinner ladies choose four children (who have shown super manners) to sit on the top table with a friend on the Friday.

What children have been less good at is scraping their plate after they have had a school dinner. On Monday, I had the joy of modelling how to do this to the whole school. Since then, our children have done this brilliantly – they really do listen! You may wish to use this as an opportunity to encourage this life skill at home too. All children have genuinely made a great effort but some children have needed a little more support to manage this successfully without dropping something! More practice can only help them improve this life skill 😊

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins
Headteacher and Deputy Head

Diary Dates

5th December – LS Dress Rehearsal

5th December – Village Traders Fair

6th December – LS Christmas Performance – 2.00p.m

7th December – LS Christmas Performance – 6.00p.m

12th December – US Dress Rehearsal

13th December – US Christmas Performance – 2.00 p.m

14th December – US Christmas Performance – 6.00 p.m

18th December – Love of Christmas Day (Christmas Jumper Day)

19th December – Christmas Lunch

19th December – PTA Christmas Shopping Day

19th December – PTA Christmas Disco

22nd December – Christmas Break