

Marchwood Junior School Newsletter

9th March 2018



Dear Parents

Reading Aloud Competition

During the week, the children have started to prepare for our annual Reading Aloud Competition. This year the theme is poetry and all children will be choosing a poem to read aloud to the class over the next few weeks. This can be a silly poem, a sad poem, a funny poem or any type of poem that they think will entertain the class. The winners will go through the rounds until we crown our Reading Aloud Champion in the Grand Final on 29th March. If you could support your child with choosing or practicing a poem, that would be great. Thank you - this has been a really successful and distinctive part of the reading curriculum we offer and is also great fun.

Hampshire Cross Country

This Tuesday six of our children went to Basingstoke to represent the New Forest in the Hampshire Schools Cross Country Finals. The children all did incredibly well helping the New Forest team to 1st in the boys and 2nd in the girls. We are really proud of their achievement and pleased all their hard work helped them to such an amazing achievement.



Rev. Simon visits Year 4

Last week Rev. Simon visited all Year 4 children to tell us more about the special Easter Candle (Paschal Candle) and how it is used in church. We learnt about the symbolism on the candle and how Christians are using this candle during their Easter Service. We had time to ask lots of questions and Rev. Simon also allowed some children to light the candle. We listened to the special Easter prayer and thought about why Easter is such an important festival in the Christian church. We will use our knowledge now to design our own Paschal candles.

Thank you to Rev. Simon for giving us his time.

Y4 New Forest Netball

On Wednesday Marchwood Junior School took part in the year 3/4 New Forest Netball Festival. The event was played in good spirit and the standard of Netball was very high. All seven children involved played incredibly well and improved their knowledge as the event



continued. It was brilliant to see all children show an interest in a sport they wouldn't consider as a favourite. Thank you to all parents who came to support our children.

Mothers Day Sale

The PTA would like to thank everybody for supporting their Mothers Day Sale over the last couple of days. We are sure that you will be really pleased with the presents that your children have chosen for you.

Music Lessons

If any child is interested in taking up keyboard or recorder lessons, please collect a letter from the school office.

Singing @ MJS

Tuesday assembly time is singing time with Mrs Towersey! We usually begin our singing assembly with some warm up songs – using the words 'there once was a guy with a ping pong ball' to the tune of the William Tell Overture (ask your child to sing it to you!) along with other actions. The children enjoy singing a range of different songs including the jazzy 'Hey, Mr Miller', the upbeat 'Can't stop the feeling', the soulful 'Sing' and the thoughtful 'Count on me' and many others. Coming together as a school to enjoy singing is a special part of the week, allowing children to express their emotions and feelings through music. The quality of the children's singing has improved and their enjoyment and enthusiasm is catching! Why not ask your child what we have sung this week?



SEND Information Day 2018

The SEND Information Day is a free information and fun event for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs, their families, and practitioners who support them. This year's event takes place on Saturday 24 March 2018 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Noadswood School.

This popular annual event enables visitors to browse stands and chat to over 40 exhibitors from the Local Authority, NHS, charitable and commercial organisations who are on hand to offer specialised information and advice. A wide range of workshops and talks will also be on offer. Topics include: Autism (and Autism & Girls); careers and learning on the internet; developing social skills; dyslexia; dyspraxia; supporting the bullied child; transition from early years to school; understanding Education, Health & Care Plans, and; speaking up for yourself and your child with additional needs. Activities for children are also provided.

No pre-booking is required, parents and carers can just turn up on the day and choose their sessions (subject to availability).

Easter Holiday Club

Mr Smart will be running an Easter Sports Camp on Tuesday 3rd April to Thursday 5th April and then again on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th April 2018. These sessions will run from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and cost £15.00 per day. Your child should have already brought home a form, but if you require another form please call into the office to collect another one, or alternatively ask your child to pick up another form from the office.

Easter Egg Competition

Your child will have been told in assembly about the Easter Egg Competition being held in school. There is a competition entry form attached with the newsletter, all entries are to be placed in the tray outside Mrs Anderson's office and the closing date for entries is Tuesday 27th March. Good Luck!

ACE time

Monday 26th March 2pm for Y5/6.

Tuesday 27th March 2pm for Y3/4.

The first half hour of both ACE times will be online safety training for parents on how to keep their child safe online. The training will be the same on both days so if you plan to come to both ACE times as you have a child in lower school and upper school then please just choose which online training session you would like to attend.

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins
Headteacher and Deputy Head

Diary Dates

Monday 12th March – Year 6 Mock Sats week

Monday 19th March – Reports home to parents

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd March – Sports Relief Week – Details to follow

Wednesday 21st March – Year 5 'Orchestra Unwrapped' visit to Basingstoke

Friday 23rd March – Travelling Book Fair in school for the week

Monday 26th March – US Ace Time at 2.00 p.m

Tuesday 27th March – LS Ace Time at 2.00 p.m

Thursday 29th March – Last Day of Term

Monday 16th April – First day of Summer Term