



Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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Dear Parents

We are racing towards half term and each year group has enjoyed a super busy week. Y3 have been enjoying baking, Y4 loved their visit to Rockbourne and Y5 sketched half of Winchester on their visit on Monday!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the parent evening next week on Wednesday and Thursday. We plan to agree a target with you at the meeting based on something you consider your child needs to develop (that both school and home can both support your child to work on) e.g. improving organisation skills or developing a wider friendship circle or completing home learning on time and with a positive attitude. Please contact reception if you have not yet made an appointment to meet your child's teacher as we would love to meet with every parent.

Y5 Winchester trip

This Monday Year 5 visited England's old capital, Winchester. The children visited the cathedral, the Great Hall and the King Alfred statue. Whilst on location the children developed their sketching skills under the bright sunshine and with such striking stimulus. All the children were excited about the history they learnt, with some children dressing up and all being stunned by the stories they heard of yester year. I'm sure all the parents that attend Year 5's ACE time will be wowed by the information the children share, their writing and artwork.



Pupil Voice

Last week in assembly Miss Jones introduced Pupil Voice to the children. The children were told what it meant to be a part of it and what they would be involved with if they became their class representatives. Children who wanted to put themselves forward were asked to write a short speech to present in front of their class last week in circle time. The children then had the opportunity to vote for who they wanted to represent their class. It would be great if you could ask your child who their new pupil voice representatives are.

The first event that Pupil Voice will be organising is Children In Need. Look out for more information on this soon.

Problem Solving Area

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time last Saturday to start work on creating our own outdoor problem solving area. The transformation in a day was amazing and far more than expected was achieved. We are just now waiting on gravel to complete phase one of the project. It will create a unique learning environment in our school that will really support children's development of problem solving and collaboration skills.



Y4 Rockbourne Trip

This week saw Year 4 take to the bus heading to Rockbourne Roman Villa to enrich our learning about Roman Britain. We explored the villa outline and the well, sketched the leftovers of the underfloor heating that was used to keep the Romans warm, explored the lovely museum and hands on displays and dressed up as Romans to listen to a Roman story about Jupiter and the bees. We loved this opportunity to learn outside the classroom and look at real objects.

Thank to to all our parent volunteers who gave up their time to make this trip possible.



Cupcake baking in year 3!



Each class in year 3 morning of cake was to produce a which could be Southampton you for allowing us ground.



have all enjoyed a baking this week! Our aim tasty and attractive cake, served to the football staff as a thank to visit their training

When decorating their cakes, my instruction was 'less is more', but Year 3 preferred 'more is more!' (See



course) and have so much to those adults

photos!)

We then had to taste the products (of completed evaluations.

Great fun was had by all, and thank you who came in to assist!

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school because of illness or other reasons, please contact the school office and leave a message on our answerphone by 8.30am. If your child does not come into school and we have not heard from you, a call will be made home to confirm the reason for your child's absence. If we have not been able to make contact with you we may choose to visit your home to check the safety of our children as many of our pupils make their own way to and from school. Thank you for your support with this.

Harvest donations

Please can Harvest donations be brought to school from Monday 8th October ready for our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 17th October? Thank you very much in advance for your contributions.

Family Inspiration...

Fancy something a bit different? Why not go along and try your hand at Morris Dancing. At the Nuffield Southampton City Theatres this Saturday 6th Oct between 11:30am and 3:00pm there is a free taster session run jointly by Red Stags Morris and King John's Morris Men. Drop in at any time. Open to all. No previous experience necessary

Not sure what to do over half term? What would be better than having a go at a self - guided Bird Aware Migration Trail around Royal Victoria Country Park? Trails, organised in co-operation with Solent Bird Aware, are available from the park shop from 10 am to 3.30 pm. from 20th to 28th October.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/rvcp/whatson/eventdetails?id=378328>

Sunnyfields Farm has gone pumpkin orange again!

They have grown thousands of pumpkins for you to choose from: massive ones, warty ones, white ones, blue ones, little munchkins and of course lots of orange ones. So go on down to the farm where you can choose a pumpkin from a display of 1000s in their Pumpkin Tent or pick your own straight from the field – just like a farmer. Then why not carve your pumpkin in their special carving area (£2.50 to carve).

Open...

- 10am - 5pm...Saturday 13th October - Sunday 14th October 2018
- 10am - 5pm...Saturday 20th October - Wednesday 24th October 2018
- 10am - 9pm...Thursday 25th October - Wednesday 31st October 2018

Photographs Orders

All photographs orders need to be in school by Thursday 11th October as this is the date of collection.

Must Reads

If you have any old 'must reads' that you no longer require, we would be very grateful to receive them in school to share them widely with children in school. Thank you!

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be available to browse and purchase from Thursday 4th Oct - Friday 12th Oct. It will also be open for both parents evenings.

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins
Headteacher and Deputy Head

Diary dates

Tuesday 9th October – Year 6 Ace Time 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 10th October – Parents Evening 4-7 p.m.
Thursday 11th October – Parents Evening 4-6 p.m.
Thursday 11th October – Year 2 Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 a.m.
Thursday 11th October – Travelling Book Fair – In school until 18.10.18
Friday 12th October – Love Day in school
Monday 15th October – Year 6 Kingswood I.O.W visit for the week
Monday 22nd October – Half Term Week
Tuesday 30th October – Mobile Planetarium in school for Year 5
Friday 2nd November – PTA Bags 2 Schools
Friday 2nd November – PTA Fireworks Event – Details to follow
Friday 23rd November – PTA Donations day – Details to follow
Monday 26th November – Assessment weeks for Years 3,4,& 5
Wednesday 5th December – Lower School Performance at 2.00 p.m.
Thursday 6th December – Lower school Performance at 2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 11th December – Flu Immunisations for Years 3,4 & 5 – Details to follow
Wednesday 12th December – Upper School Performance at 2.00 p.m.
Thursday 13th December – Upper School Performance at 2.00 p.m.
Monday 17th December – Love of Christmas Day & Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner day
Friday 21st December – Last day of Term
Monday 7th January 2019 – Back to school

Inset days

Monday 12th November 2018
Monday 14th January 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

<p style="text-align: center;">Dates from the PTA Donation Day for Xmas hampers: 23rd November Disco: 31st Jan and 23rd May Film Club: 8th Feb, 29th March and 10th May</p>
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