



# Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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## Dear Parents

We are racing towards Christmas already and have lots of lovely events planned in school to celebrate this. Please ensure you have the diary dates at the end of this newsletter in your diary so you know what is coming up.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is 'donations day'. This is a day when in exchange for wearing non school uniform, children are invited to bring in a donation suitable for a Christmas Hamper. Our PTA then raffle off the Hampers at the Village evening on 4th December. All funds raised through raffling the Christmas Hampers will go to purchasing additional resources for our children. Thank you so much in advance of your support.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2018

Children across the school are currently working on different aspects of bullying in their PSHE lessons, looking at peer pressure, prejudice, diversity and the impact of bullying. We regularly return to the 'High Five' strategy in class and assemblies as a way of dealing with bullying, and talk to the children about the feelings of the victim but also about how bystanders can bring positive action to a situation. This week is Anti-Bullying week, and we have been reflecting on this year's theme, 'Choose Respect' in circle time. We have reminded the children that bullying is something which doesn't only happen amongst children or just at school, and that choosing to respect people is something which we should all do. After all, we all choose how we behave. Let's choose to be kind.

## New Forest Girls 3G Football

Yesterday saw 12 of our girls go to Applemore to take part in the Girls 3G Football. All the girls played with a great spirit and represented the school with a smile on their face. They experienced a range of results however their enjoyment and team spirit never altered and they demonstrated a true love of the game. It was a privilege to take the girls to the tournament, for which many it was their first, and we look forward to seeing them develop over the coming months.



## **New Forest Sportshall Athletics League**

Well done to the eight young athletes who represented the school on Tuesday evening at Testwood in the first sportshall athletic league meeting of the year. It was and incredibly close competition with the children from all schools performing superbly. Some notable performances from MJS have to be Jessica and Jerry in the standing jump jumping 5.92m and 6.24m respectively (try measuring it out with a tape – it's huge). Result from the evening are now in and Marchwood are presently in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 148.5 points, just three points ahead of Abbotswood in second. It promises to be a very exciting league again this year.

## **Children in Need**

The children have had a fun filled day today some wearing super hero outfits and others in their pudsey regalia. Break time this morning was a hive of activity as the children brought in their money to purchase the generously donated cakes. A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes for this great cause. This afternoon saw members of staff take part in several activities, such as doughnut eating, leg waxing, chubby bunny (how many marshmallows can you keep in your mouth in one go)!! The children were so excited to see the members of staff either in pain, covered in flour, or eating ample amounts of food. With all your generosity the school raised a fantastic amount of £553.09 for Children in Need.

### **Family Inspiration...**

#### **Winchester Cathedral's Christmas Market**

**Saturday 17 November – Thursday 20 December 2018**

**Open from 10.30am – 6.30pm Sunday – Wednesday  
and 10.30am – 8.00pm Thursday – Saturday**

Winchester Cathedral's Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best Christmas Markets in Europe because of its unique location, high quality exhibitors and bustling atmosphere. Wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festive foods can be found in abundance, with a delightful Food Court, British Crafts Village, and over 100 chalets to explore.

The Christmas Market is inspired by traditional German Christmas markets. The pretty wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic Close surrounding an open-air real ice rink. All our exhibitors have been hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products many of which can't be bought on the high street.

There's plenty of choice when it comes to food and drink at the Christmas Market. You'll find chalets selling festive favourites such as, mulled wine, bratwurst, mince pies and stollen.

Many British craftspeople take part in the Christmas Market. If you're looking for that special something make sure you visit the jewellers, painters, glass makers and textile artists selling unique gifts and decorations.



Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins  
Headteacher and Deputy Head

**Diary Dates**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – PTA Donations day – Details to follow  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Assessment weeks for Years 3,4,& 5  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Lower School Performance at 2.00 p.m.  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Lower school Performance at 2.00 p.m.  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Immunisations for Years 3,4 & 5 – Details to follow  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Upper School Performance at 2.00 p.m.  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Upper School Performance at 2.00 p.m.  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Love of Christmas Day & Christmas Jumper Day  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner day  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Ace Time 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of Term  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Back to school

**Inset days**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

**Dates from the PTA**

Donation Day for Xmas hampers: 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Disco: 31<sup>st</sup> Jan and 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Film Club: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 29<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> May