



Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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Dear Parents

Wow, it has been a fantastic two weeks in school with upper and lower school performances. We are so proud of our children's performances with beautiful singing and lovely nativities. Thank you so much for your kind donations at the end of the performances. They totalled £519.33 altogether. This means we can purchase some new lighting ready for our next performances – thank you 😊 After school today our lovely PTA will have a stall outside of school selling suggestions for last minute gifts – come and visit their stall to get some Christmas gifts!

We would also take this opportunity to say thank you from staff for this busy autumn term. Your support for our school has been brilliant. We really appreciate it and value working so positively with you for the benefit of our children. We are looking forward to a fun packed week next week and then a good rest over the holidays before starting again on Monday 7th January 2019!

US Christmas Performance

Y5 and 6 were simply brilliant this week! They sang with enthusiasm and confidence and delighted parents and grandparents. The nativity arranged by Mrs Gregory was breathtaking and the Reindeer Rebellion, supported by Mrs Read was beautifully performed. Thank you to all Y5 and 6 staff for your support with this opportunity for our children. We hope it helped make everyone feel a little more Christmassy than when you arrived.

The last week of term

Next week is the last week before we break up for Christmas and as you can imagine there is a lot going on.

Monday	Love of Christmas Day This is a non -school uniform day and children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers if they have them. Those children who have chosen outside options will need extra layers to keep warm and may want to bring a change of clothes.
Tuesday	Christmas Dinner for all children (Christmas hats or tinsel in hair is encouraged). Y6 ACE time at 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday	Y4 ACE time at 2.30 p.m.
Thursday	Christmas Service
Friday	Christmas Parties and Reward DVDs Children may want to bring party food for class parties. Children may want to bring a small plate or a packet (e.g. pringles) to share with their friends.

School clubs running in the last week are as follows:

Monday	Tues	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Athletics Racket Sports	Boys Cricket	Development Cricket French	No clubs	No clubs

NF Gymnastics

In addition to surviving the sickness bug, completing assessment week and performing in two Christmas performances, the lower school Marchwood Gymnasts trained daily in recent weeks in preparation for the New Forest Gymnastics Competition, held at Noadswood on Monday 10th December. Our gymnasts had learned a body management routine designed to show basic shapes, flexibility and strength. They were asked to perform this first, in order to demonstrate to other schools what was required and all performed with confidence and skill. Their second rotation was a floor sequence, showing the ability to join moves together with fluidity and perform a sequence with precision. Finally, each child performed their vault. Having practiced their take-off from the mats at school, it was a surprise and challenge to be presented with springboard for the competition. Responding well to advice received on only two practice vaults using this equipment, each gymnast recorded secure vaults. Having enjoyed the afternoon and feeling they had performed to the best of their ability come what may, it was an added bonus for the Marchwood A team to be declared the winners after all the points had been collated. Many congratulations to all our squad and we wish our squad every success when they go on to represent the New Forest in the Hants and Isle of Wight Games during the Summer Term 2019.



National Performance Tables published this week

You may be interested to compare Marchwood Junior School's 2018 results with other schools either locally or nationally as the performance tables have been published this week. The tests that children take at the end of Y6 provide a progress measure that can be compared to other schools. This is the link: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk>

Marchwood Junior School's progress figures for 2018 were:

Reading	Writing	Maths
+ 1.1	+ 2.7	+ 2.8

The national average for junior schools in 2017 (2018 figures not published yet) was:

Reading	Writing	Maths
- 0.8	- 0.6	- 0.8

Our attainment figures in 2018 were also strong compared to national.

	% children reaching ARE in reading, writing and maths (age related expectations)	% children reaching GD in reading, writing and maths (greater depth standard)
MJS	79	21
National	64	10

Stranger Danger

Please take the opportunity to talk to your child about stranger danger as we approach the Christmas holidays. There have been recent incidents reported close to local schools. Please remind your child that they should not speak to strangers or get into any cars if they do not know someone. If they are concerned on the way home, they can always return to school and we will be happy to help them.

Family Inspiration...

Dick Whittington  15 December - 6 January
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton

Join the hero Dick Whittington as he seeks fame, fortune and happiness and becomes the Lord Mayor of London. Guided by the magical Fairy Bow Bells on an adventure that sends him from London town to the High Seas headed for Morocco, don't miss the action-packed pantomime full of laughter, music and eye-popping special effects.

Can he outwit the evil King Rat, free London from his team of revolting rodents and win the beautiful Alice's hand in marriage? Find out in the ultimate magical pantomime adventure!

The star cast includes soap legend Steve McFadden, singer, songwriter and actor Joe McElderry, funny man Bobby Davro, American singer, songwriter, actress and author Sheila Ferguson, pop and television star Suzanne Shaw and ultimate pantomime dame Andrew Ryan.



Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins
Headteacher and Deputy Head

Diary Dates

Monday 17th December – Love of Christmas Day & Christmas Jumper Day (non-school uniform)

Tuesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner day

Tuesday 18th December – Year 6 Ace Time at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 19th December – Year 4 Ace Time 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.

Friday 21st December – Last day of Term

Monday 7th January 2019 – Back to school

Inset days

Monday 14th January 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Dates from the PTA

Disco: 31st Jan and 23rd May

Film Club: 8th Feb, 29th March and 10th May