



# Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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## Dear Parents

We had really good attendance at our parent evenings – thank you. During the parent meetings I was involved in, a number of parents reported what a positive difference it has made to their child's understanding and vocabulary development over the last two weeks when they have regularly read with their child. This was brilliant to hear 😊

## Spring 2019 School Priorities

For your information, our whole school spring priorities are:

<b>Effectiveness of leadership and management</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Safeguarding is effective and the school reviews its systems using guidance from Hampshire and other local authorities.</li><li>2. Governors maintain their outstanding impact and raise the profile of their impact of their actions through increased communication with parents.</li><li>3. The foundation assessment system is further developed to improve children's learning.</li><li>4. SEN funding delivers good outcomes for pupils.</li></ol>
<b>Quality of teaching, learning and assessment</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The progress of disadvantaged and orange/light blue children is accelerated by coaching and targeted interventions in all year groups leading to a greater proportion achieving ARE/ GD by the end of the year.</li><li>2. Specific vulnerable groups are targeted through coaching and interventions to accelerate progress.</li><li>3. Inspire a love of reading by children in all year groups.</li><li>4. Ensure children present their work (including handwriting) at a consistently high standard.</li></ol>
<b>Personal development, behaviour and welfare</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Maintain attendance above 96.8% and further reduce the gap between FSM and non FSM children.</li><li>2. Promote emotional and mental well-being with all year groups and staff.</li></ol>
<b>Outcomes for pupils</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure the proportion of children (and almost all groups of pupils) is broadly in line with national averages and matches or betters baseline achievement.</li><li>2. Continue to increase the proportion of children in year 3, 4 &amp; 5 achieving ARE/GD in reading, writing, maths and combined.</li><li>3. To increase the proportion of disadvantaged children across the school achieving ARE/GD in reading, writing, maths and combined so that it is at least in line with national or has diminished the difference between disadvantaged</li></ol>

## JLT Reading Challenges

This week the Junior Leadership Team launched the new inter-house challenge: For the Love of Reading whereby children are awarded one point for every read they complete. Please see your child's study log for more information. Next week's challenge set by the JLT is to complete a new book cover for their favourite book. Please ask your child to ask their teacher for a template if they do not have one. We look forward to seeing and displaying your entries!

### **PTA fundraising page**

The PTA have established a fundraising page which aims to raise additional funds for our school with very little effort. It is effectively a shopping link which if you use before online shopping, the PTA get a percentage of anything spent. Thank you in advance for your support!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/marchwoodjuniorspta/>

### **Disco**

The PTA are running a disco on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 5.30 – 7pm. It costs £3 entry and drinks will be provided. Your child may bring additional change for sweets and glow toys. All children need to be collected at 7pm please.

### **New Forest Basketball**

Yesterday Marchwood Junior School took three teams to the New Forest Basketball competition at Noadswood School. It was a highly contested event and played in the right spirit by all schools involved. After an amazing experience for our children we manage to WIN the competition and qualify for the Hampshire games. To be able to take three teams and for all teams progress to the knockout stages in an incredible achievement. Thank you again to the parents who came to support our school.



### **Choir**

A new choir club (open to everyone) has started on Wednesday lunchtimes run by Mr Bell who is an incredible musician very well known within Marchwood. He is working with our children for the next eight weeks to prepare for a springtime concert on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March with a 60 piece orchestra! We had 35 children attend the first session but other children are warmly welcome to attend future sessions and enjoy singing in a group. We will share further information closer to the time about the concert so parents can get tickets if they wish to come along.

### **Wildlife and Gardening club**

This Spring term, Wildlife and Gardening club are planning on creating a bug hotel! We would all be very grateful of any donations of the following:

- Bamboo canes
- Old or broken terracotta/plastic pots
- Twigs or logs (rotten or not!)
- Pine cones
- Straw or hay
- Bricks (broken or not!)
- Old drain pipes
- Turf
- Loo/kitchen rolls

If you do have any of these freely available, drop off dates will be:

Monday 28th and Thursday 31st January from **3:30**

Wednesday 30th January and Friday 1st February from **3:15**

## New Forest Sportshall Athletics

This Tuesday the sportshall athletics team went to Testwood College to attend the second New Forest League meeting. They all performed brilliantly and worked hard to achieve their own personal targets. They managed to win an incredible 12 of the 18 events and Ben achieved an incredible 63 in the speed bounce – equaling the school record.



## Plastic Waste Audit for all families

Following our assembly about plastic waste at home, the Green Team has been set a challenge that involves ALL our families. Your child will bring home a survey sheet to monitor how much plastic is thrown away in your household.

During Week 1 (beginning 28th January) you are asked to make a tally for all the plastic item that has gone into your waste bin. Maybe have the tally attached to the wall nearby? In the newsletter of that week, we will give you some tips on how to reduce the plastic waste. Try and follow some of those tips in the following week.

In Week 2 (beginning 4th February) you are again asked to make a tally. Please send the tally chart into school on Monday, 11th February.

The Green team will need to scan all charts and send to the Minstead Study Centre by the end of the week. If we are the school with the most returned slips, we will win a visit to the Study Centre for our Green Team - how exciting would that be!!! So please support our effort and join in!

## Teacher Advisory Service

We have been advised that a public consultation about the review of the Specialist Teacher Advisory Service is open between Tuesday 22 January 2019 and Saturday 9 March 2019. Further information can be found here: <http://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/stas>

### Family Inspiration...

#### Take better Photos on your camera/phone/iPad

Hythe Library.

1<sup>st</sup> February. 10:00 a.m.

Everyone loves taking photos but some people's photos just look better than others. Find out why and learn some simple techniques to improve your family and holiday photos.

Learning Goals (by the end of the course you will be able to)

- \* Identify what makes a good photo
- \* Identify good positions to take photos from
- \* Use light to improve your photos and avoid common mistakes

No previous knowledge or experience is necessary. The course will look at what makes a good photo and point out some common mistakes to avoid. We will be going out to take photos as part of the course so please dress suitably and bring along your camera/phone camera/iPad.



Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins  
Headteacher and Deputy Head

### **Diary Dates including Inset Days**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Minstead Meeting at 5.00 p.m.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – PTA Disco

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Year 5 Tudor House Museum Visit

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – PTA Film Club

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Year 4 Minstead week

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 WW11 Day & Ace Time at 2.15 p.m.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Ace Time & SATS Information at 2.00 p.m.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Half Term week

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Year 3 Ace Time at 2.15 p.m.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Year 4 Ace Time at 2.15 p.m.

### **Inset days**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

School:

Year Group:

### Plastic Waste Audit

See how much you can help Hampshire reduce the amount of plastic waste we create. Please could you monitor how many plastic items you dispose of in the first week, compared to the second week where you have tried to make a difference?

Type of product	Week 1 Tally	Week 1 Total	Week 2 Tally	Week 2 Total
Yoghurt pot				
Fish/Meat tray				
Biscuit Tray				
Margarine Tub				
Ready Made Meal				
Fruit/Vegetable Tray				
Plastic Straws				
Shampoo/Soap bottle				
Cling Film				
Water Bottle				
Other Bottle				
Other				

Please return your audit to your school who will report the final numbers to Minstead Study Centre: [Jayne.godden2@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Jayne.godden2@hants.gov.uk)

Thank you for your support

