



# Marchwood Junior School

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Dear Parents

## Coronavirus Update

Following the government's update yesterday, we urge anyone with either of the following symptoms to self-isolate for 7 days:

- **new continuous cough and/or**
- **high temperature**

We have children (and staff) in school with complex medical conditions and so this advice is especially important. In school, we will continue to use the range of strategies we already have in place to promote good hand washing and good respiratory hygiene. These include:

- *Numerous hand sanitisers*
- *Soap and hand towels in toilets*
- *Children reminded to wash hands regularly and to use good respiratory hygiene.*

If children present in school with either a new cough and/or a high temperature, we will ask you to collect your child and to keep them at home for the following seven days. Please support us with this to help keep other people safe in the local community.

There are some things parents can do to really help us in the coming weeks:

1. *Please follow the official guidance to self-isolate so that we do not have children arriving at school that are unwell that we then have to send home.*
2. *Please let us know if your child is not coming into school by leaving a message on our answer phone or by emailing [jjones@marchwoodjun.co.uk](mailto:jjones@marchwoodjun.co.uk)*
3. *Ensure your contact details are up to date so we can contact you quickly*
4. *Ensure your child has everything they need for the day (PE kits/ water bottle) so we do not need to make additional phone calls home during a busy period.*
5. *Please ensure your child knows what their after school arrangements are e.g. who is picking them up or which club they are attending. This will also reduce the need for unnecessary phone calls.*
6. *Please can I request that you do not ask any member of staff about specific cases regarding other families within the community as this is confidential and they are unable to provide this information. If you wish to discuss any matter further please contact the school office and they will forward this to the appropriate member of staff who will contact you.*

Thank you so much for your support. This is a fast changing situation and we are in daily contact with Public Health England about different cases. As soon as we have any new school wide updates, we will share them with you.

Although the government response at the moment is that schools will remain open, we are making plans for when this changes and are carefully considering how we will provide work for the children during an extended closure.

If you have any questions, please see me on the gate or email me and I will be very happy to help.

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The key official messages from yesterday were:

- if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- this action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- sleep alone, if that is possible.
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- you do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk/111). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Please use this link to read more about the stay at home guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Film Club**

The PTA Film club tonight is cancelled as there are not enough helpers to make the event safe. This will be postponed to a later date.

### **Rev. Simon visit Y4**

Rev. Simon came to school to talk to all children in Year 4 about Holy Week. This is the week leading up to Easter Sunday. He told us about what happened on each day during that most important week and how Christians celebrate Holy Week. We learned about many rituals that are held in churches all over the world.

Rev. Simon also explained to us the importance of the Paschal Candle and what each part of its decoration symbolises.



### **Hampshire Cross Country**

This week saw 5 of our children go to Down Grange in Basingstoke to represent the New Forest at the Hampshire Cross Country Championships. All the children should be so proud of such a fantastic achievement. Across a very wet and boggy course, with a gusty wind, the children demonstrated superb determination competing at such a high level. A special well done to Molly who finished in 41<sup>st</sup> and Jack who finished in 46<sup>th</sup>.

### **Hampshire Badminton**




On Tuesday the Marchwood badminton players had to step up their game to compete against the best in Hampshire for the county finals. We were pleased to take a truly mixed team of three boys and three girls. The format of the competition allowed opportunity for mixing ability pairings in doubles and enabled most children to compete in a singles game. The team enjoyed the afternoon and were able to pick up hints and tips from more experienced players. Well done to our district squad, who were a credit to the school and acquitted themselves well in a county competition. The racket sports club will shift emphasis once again for the summer term, when we will be transferring our skills to the game of volleyball. New members are always welcome.

## New Forest Hockey

15 hockey players embarked on the New Forest Hockey competition on Wednesday; for most this would be their first competitive hockey match. Both teams represented Marchwood brilliantly. The afternoon started in groups and Marchwood Red finished top of their group with three wins and Marchwood blue finished second in their group with 2 wins and a draw. Neither team conceded a goal in this round. This excellent play meant that they qualified in the top tier competition. Marchwood red won one of their games and Marchwood blue drew one, won one and lost one (in this game, the opposition scored with the last touch of the game). This meant that the Marchwood teams finished joint 5th and joint 7th; a fantastic achievement. Both Mr Pepin and I were very pleased with the children's behaviour and their spirit throughout the day.



## Lunchtime Enrichment wb 16<sup>th</sup> March

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Library	Library Open 	X	JLT Read 	Mother's Day Cards 	Just Dance
Club	Scratch Club	Pilates	Origami Aeroplanes	Construction Club	
Field	5/6 Wide Games	3/4 Wide Games	5/6 Tag Rugby	3/4 Tag Rugby	Football

## No Snack Shack

Due to the Y6 Mocks next week, there will be no Snack Shack running Monday to Thursday. Please ensure children pack a suitable additional snack for break times.

## Reading Plus

There will be no Reading Plus before school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March due to Y6 Mock.

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins  
Headteacher and Deputy Head

## Diary Dates

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Mock Sats week  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> march – Reports home to parents  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Years 3,4 & 5 Assessment week  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Bags 2 School collected  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – PTA Egg Hunt p.m.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Back to school

**Inset days**

26th June

**Job Vacancy – Cleaning Supervisor**

10 hours per week, Monday to Friday 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Closing Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12:00

We are looking to recruit a Cleaning Supervisor to join our support staff team. We are looking for an efficient, friendly, self-motivated and flexible person who will join our site team. The role will include security and key holding duties, cleaning and health and safety.

Our successful candidate must have good communication skills and have the ability to work independently as well as part of a team. Working with three other staff members and external contractors, you will be responsible for helping to ensure that our learning environment is cleaned and maintained to the highest standards, whilst meeting health & safety requirements.

The contract is for 52 weeks a year. During the school holidays there is flexibility in how hours can be worked. For further information or to request an application pack, please either telephone the school on 02380 863105 or email [admin@marchwoodjun.co.uk](mailto:admin@marchwoodjun.co.uk)