

Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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Dear Parents

We hope you all have a superb long weekend full of family adventures. Children have been applying themselves superbly recently: working hard in lessons and joining in with activities such as choir, sports clubs and craft activities.

This Monday's wellbeing assembly discussed International Dance Day and the positive impact of being active as part of the 5 Ways of Wellbeing. This weekend we encourage the children to find opportunities to 'be active' in a variety of new and exciting ways.

What's on next week?		
Monday – Bank Holiday (school closed)		
Tuesday – Y3 Rivers Trip		
Wednesday – Y5 Paultons Trip		
Thursday – Cuppa and Chat		
- Y3 Sleepover		

New Forest Y3-4 Cross Country

This week 31 excited Y3 and Y4 children went to Gang Warily to compete in the New Forest Cross Country Championships. With over 450 runners and 21 schools in attendance, our young athletes were incredible. Our Y3 Girls, Y3 Boys and Y4 Girls teams all returned with gold medals and Flo and Freddie both received individual medals. Their efforts and dedication across the year supported their superb achievement and they should all be very proud of themselves.



Cuppa and Chat - dealing with conflict

Next Thursday, 9th May is Cuppa and Chat! Please come to our 'children's gate' and we will let you in! 9 - 10.30am.

This time we will be showing a video taken of Lorraine Lee who held a session for parents at school a couple of years ago. It was attended by nearly 90 parents who all commented what a valuable, interesting and informative session it was. Lorraine kindly allowed us to film the session and provided us with copies of her slides for those who watched the presentation.

Lorraine has a background in Child Psychology, Positive Parenting Training and Child Development. The session shares her expertise on 'Dealing with Conflict'. She addresses conflict children may be involved in eg when conflict arises between friends and within families, as well as conflict in families where children may feel caught in the middle. She delves into how children feel and deal with situations, how we can help them and how we can manage situations where there may be conflict in order to minimise the impact / turn the situation around. Lorraine is knowledgeable, engaging and passionate about supporting, informing and equipping those who have a role with children, to help give our young people the very best chances possible. Come and watch the film and see what what we mean! You will definitely take away some great strategies which will help with family life! :-)

As ever, there will be refreshments provided.

You are very welcome to just drop in on the day, but if you are able to let us know if you intend to come, it certainly helps us to plan and organise the space. Just drop Mrs Gregory an email: <u>tgregory@marchwoodjun.co.uk</u> Thank you - we look forward to seeing you!

Nut awareness - packed lunches and snacks from home.

We have noticed a small increase in the amount of snacks and lunch box content, brought from home, that have products that contain nuts. We understand that it is sometimes difficult to remember what products have nuts, especially if your own children are not allergic. As a general rule, all Nutella products and nearly all Kinder products have nuts. Nearly all chocolate spreads have a nut content (supermarket own brands particularly) though this is not usually clear on the main label but is listed in the ingredients small print. We are a nut-free school and we do have pupils at school who have severe allergies to nuts, to the extent that particles that are airborne could cause a severe reaction.

We ask that there are no nut products brought to school to ensure the safety of all our pupils.

Cycling to School

During our Environment Assembly this week we spoke about benefits of cycling and how to keep safe while on the road. All children at MJS are welcome to cycle to school and use the cycle racks on the playground to keep their bikes safe. We discussed the MJS Cycling Code of Conduct that all parents have to sign before their child cycles to school. Children must wear a helmet while cycling and must also push their bike through the precinct and in front of school.

We are looking forward to seeing more children arrive by bike now that the days are longer and the weather (hopefully) improves.

Cycling Code of Conduct sheets can be found attached to this newsletter, on our website or in reception. Please return them to the office or class teacher.



Payments on Arbor

Firstly, a massive thank you to all that have registered, engaged and sometimes persevered with Arbor. Please can we ask that payments for items such as recorders, club attendance, breakfast club and trips are not added to the meals payment option. Any payment made on the meals payment option will be added to your meals account so trips etc. will show as outstanding. Trips, breakfast club etc. all have their own payment options and these must be selected so that admin staff can record your payment correctly.

If you are having issues with a payment option, please contact the school office: <u>office@marchwoodjun.co.uk</u>

Consent for Trips and Activities.

Consent must be provided for trips and activities. If you tick the box on Arbor, to provide consent, you must still return the trip letter consent form and, if required, a medical history update. Your child will not be able to attend the trip if the school does not have the signed trip permission form. This is regardless of if they have paid.

Lunchtime Enrichment

- o Mon 6th Bank Holiday
- Tue 7th VE Flag making
- Wed 8th No club (Yr 5 School trip)
- Thurs 9th Hula Hoops
- Fri 10th Loom Bands

Payment for Trips.

For each trip the school asks for a contribution toward the cost of the trip. The cost of living crisis has created a situation where prices for admission and particularly transport have increased whereas available household funds have decreased. We understand that this puts a pressure on families to pay for trips and all of our trips do operate at a slight loss; however, over the last year this margin has increased and we are now at a point where trips may have to be cancelled as payments are not made on time or not paid in full.

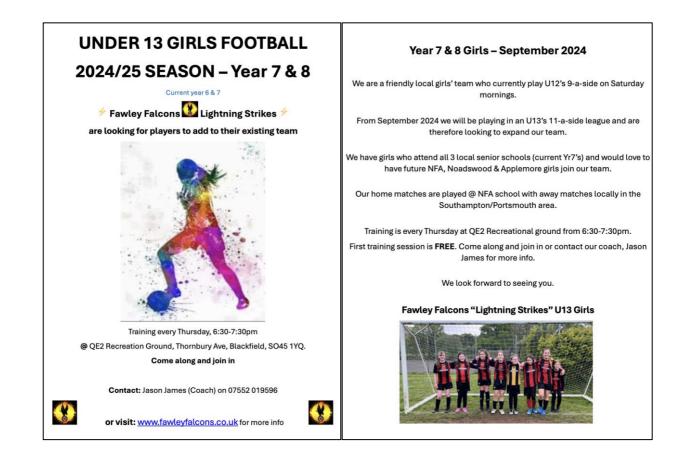
We ask that a full contribution is made wherever possible and that if you are experiencing hardship, even temporarily, please contact the school office in confidence, to discuss the situation.

Best wishes

Mr Hoskins Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

Year/Whole	Date	Event
School		
Year 3	Tuesday 7 th May	Y3 Rivers Trip
PTFA	Tuesday 7 th May	Bags to School deadline
Year 5	Wednesday 8 th May	Y5 Paultons Park Trip
Whole School	Thursday 9 th May	Cuppa and Chat morning
Year 3	Thursday 9 th May	Y3 Sleepover
Year 6	Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATs week
PTFA	Wednesday 15 th May	PTFA Krispy Kreme order deadline
Whole School	Friday 17 th May	PTFA Film Club
Whole School	Monday 20 th May	Class Photos
Year 3	Wednesday 22 nd May	Y3 ACE time (2.15pm)
Year 5 and 6	Thursday 23 rd May	Y5/6 SRE evening (4.00pm)
Whole School	Friday 24 th May	Love Day and PTFA donation day
PTFA	Friday 24 th May	PTFA Krispy Kreme collection
Whole School	Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May	Summer Half term
PTFA	Friday 31 st May	PTFA Legoland order deadline (letter soon)
Year 4	Wednesday 12 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Whole School	Friday 14 th June	PTFA Father's Day Shop
Year 2	Thursday 20 th June	Y2 Induction evening
Whole School	Fri 21 st June 2024	INSET Day
Year 4	Tuesday 25 th June	Y4 Changes Evening (4.30pm)
Whole School	Thursday 27 th June	Cuppa and Chat (Transition focus)
Whole School	Thursday 27 th June	PTFA Disco
Year 2 and 5	Friday 28 th June	Buddy Afternoon
Whole School	Friday 5 th July	Transition Day
Year 3 and 4	Tuesday 9 th July	Y3/4 Sports Morning
Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 10 th July	Y5/6 Sports Morning
Year 6	Thursday 11 th July	Y6 Survival Day
Whole School	Friday 12 th July	Love Day
Year 6	Thursday 18 th July	Y6 Performance (1.00pm)
Year 6	Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers Festival
Whole School	Wednesday 24 th July	Summer Holidays





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Marchwood Junior School Cycling Code of Conduct

If your child cycles to school, they agree to the following Cycling Code of Conduct.

While we take every effort to keep bikes safe, please be advised that bikes are left at school at your own risk.

Children's Cycling Code

I agree to the following rules to make sure I keep myself and others safe whilst cycling:

- Always wear a helmet.
- Always cycle with respect for others: whether other cyclists, pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or drivers.
- Get off your bike on all pedestrianised areas (including the precinct area).
- Give way to pedestrians, wheelchair users, parents with small children and prams leaving them plenty of room.
- Be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary.
- Make sure your bike is well maintained before riding.
- Don't expect to cycle at high speeds.
- Be careful at junctions, bends and entrances.
- Walk your bike on the school site at all times and on any pedestrianised areas.
- If possible, label your bike clearly with your name and class.
- Store your bike only in the allocated storage area.
- If it is dark, wear reflective gear and have lights if cycling in the dark or dusk.

I understand that if I do not follow the rules and put myself and others in danger I may be asked to leave my bike at home.

Marchwood Junior School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child arrives and returns safely.

Role of the school:

- 1. To promote safe cycling to school.
- 2. To provide bike storage areas.
- 3. Marchwood Junior School is not responsible for bikes brought on to or left on school premises and is therefore not liable for pupil's bikes being stolen or damaged by a third party.
- 4. We will notify parents if children do not adhere to the cycling code of conduct and permission to ride will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.

Please turn over.

Role of the parent:

- 1. Children remain parents' responsibility until they enter the school gates with their bike. They are also parents' responsibility after they leave the school gates.
- 2. Although the school does provide appropriate bike storage, parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bikes.
- 3. If a child intends to use the school premises for storage of their bike, we require them to have returned a completed Bike Code of Conduct signed by parent and child (please note that we do not have any space at school to store the bikes of anyone other than the children).
- 4. To take responsibility for checking that their bike is safe and regularly maintained.
- 5. To ensure that their child is able to comply with all points in the children's code of conduct.

Signature of child cycling to school

Signature of parent

