



# Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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Dear Parent

Coming up soon are our first round of ACE times - a great opportunity to find out about your child's learning. We have an Adult and Child Evaluation (ACE) time each term for every year group and it allows parents to listen and see what the class have been doing and look through their child's books.

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is our Y6 ACE time, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October is our Y5 ACE time and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October is our Y3 ACE time. I know all three year groups are excited about sharing their new knowledge (Y4 will have their first ACE time in December).

Doors will open at 2.10 for a 2.15 start for each year group.

## What's on next week?

Monday	Y3 Marchwood Walk
Tuesday	Parent Forum discussing school reports (2pm)

## Parent Forum

During our September parent survey, we received a few comments regarding communicating children's progress, with 2% of parents feeling they did not receive valuable information from the school about their child's progress.

At 2.00pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, we will be hosting a Parent Forum to take on board the viewpoints of parents with regard to school reports. If you are able to attend, can you please email Mr Hoskins directly ([dhoskins@marchwoodjun.co.uk](mailto:dhoskins@marchwoodjun.co.uk)) so that we can ensure that we find an appropriate space in school to talk.

## Parent Governor

I thought I would take this opportunity to canvas all our parents and carers of the Marchwood Family children directly, to offer you an opportunity to join the MJS Governing Board. As a governor, you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the future of the school.

Marchwood Junior School has always aimed for a partnership with its community which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a governor.

## Why join us?

- By becoming a governor, you can help influence the direction that the school is taking
- Not only will your efforts as a governor benefit your child and their school, but they can also benefit your own personal and professional development. Being a governor is a valuable addition to your CV

- Having your child's best interests at heart means that you'll also have the school's best interests at heart, which makes you committed to the school's continuous improvement for the benefit of your child

### **Who do we need?**

Currently our board is made up of parents and staff of MJS, in addition to co-opted members. We currently have openings for parent governors, especially if you have experience or expertise in education or finance.

### **What does a Governing Board ACTUALLY do?**

In short, the governing body's main tasks are:

- To ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction
- To hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and it's pupils
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

More information is available on the following Hampshire Council website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors>

For those that may be a little cautious about applying, training and support will be available to help you develop into the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training.

If you are keen to make a difference, email me directly at [chair@marchwoodjun.co.uk](mailto:chair@marchwoodjun.co.uk) Additionally, you are most welcome to meet with me for coffee for more informal introduction.

I look forward to hearing from individuals who have a desire for an active role in our school family, want to make a positive difference to the children at MJS and help maintain our outstanding status within the community.

Stephen Maguire  
Chair of the Governing Board

### **Family Lives**

Families are facing many struggles and it may feel like it is coming in at every angle. Trying to manage this and parenting children can be really difficult. Family Lives' trained family support workers can give you the space to talk, helping you to explore your situation and identify the way forward.

Call on 0808 800 2222, email at [askus@familylives.org.uk](mailto:askus@familylives.org.uk) or visit their website to use the live chat service.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

### **Harvest Donations**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our Harvest Assembly. As part of this, we ask that you donate long life food items to Southampton City Mission's Basics Bank project. All of the food you give us goes to ordinary families and individuals in need in Southampton. Anyone can have a sudden crisis that leaves them in need of a helping hand to get back on their feet.

All we ask is that children bring their food items into school between Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and place them on the tables in reception. Thank you for your support.

### Secondary School Placement

Please can we remind Y6 parents to make an application for KS3 placement before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October as the local authority will not consider any late applications until all on-time ones are allocated. This could significantly reduce your chances of gaining a place at any of your preferred schools.



**Are you feeling creative?**



**Are you inspired by beautiful things around you?**



**Firework Night** is coming soon, could you be inspired by the beauty of fireworks to create a piece of artwork?



It could be a painting, a drawing or even a model! You could use paints, collage, pastels,  clay, natural items – in fact anything you like as long as it is inspired by the beauty of fireworks!

Please bring in your masterpieces on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – not before. We will display your artwork around the school. Have fun!



### Lunchtime Enrichment

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Chalking
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Card Games
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Loom Bands
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Just Dance
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Colouring

Best wishes.

Mr Hoskins  
Headteacher

## Dates for the Diary

Year/Whole School	Date	Event
Year 3	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y3 Marchwood Walk
Whole School	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Forum: Reports (2.00pm)
Year 6	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Y6 ACE (2:15pm)
Year 5	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y5 ACE (2:15pm)
Year 3	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y3 ACE (2:15pm)
	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	October: Half term
Whole School	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y2 parent open morning
Whole School	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTFA Fireworks evening
Whole School	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day
Whole School	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
Whole School	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cuppa and Chat morning
Whole School	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Donation Day
Whole School	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTFA Disco
Whole School	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSET Day
Year 3&4	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Performance
Year 5&6	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Performance
Whole School	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Film Club
Whole School	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Love of Christmas
Year 3&4	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
Whole School	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop
Year 5&6	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
Whole School	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Santa Dash
Whole School	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term

### INSET Days 2025

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025