Marchwood C of E Infant School

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Message from Mrs Atkins

Welcome back from the half term break. I hope everyone managed to get a rest and a bit of a break. The children have been brilliant at returning to school and settling back into their routines and I have already seen some amazing work.

I was delighted to give out two more Agents of Change badges this week; one to Henry who has been helping out rangers and gardeners at Mottisfont by raking and moving leaves to make mulch/compost, and one for Tamunolobo who showed God's love through looking after the workmen in his house. It is so important that children understand that they have the power to make an impact in this increasingly divided world and we are really proud that they are showing our Christian values in the community.

We are so lucky at Marchwood CofE Infant School to include a wide range of ethnicities and cultures in our school – at this time we have 13 different languages spoken! By understanding and respecting our differences and similarities we are showing that we love and care for everyone in our world. We would love to learn about some of the different cultures at our school, so if you would like to come in and talk to the children or share some of your culture then please let us know – you are all important to us and help make up the blend of our community.

We have been talking about Spirituality in our worship and discussed the awe and wonder of our world. If your child would like to share any pictures of anything they have seen that has made them think or say 'WOW', then please send them in.

Don't forget we will be holding our minutes silence for Remembrance day on Wed and it's Children in Need on Friday so come spotty!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Atkins

New Menus

After half term we change to our new Autum/Winter lunch menu which will run until Easter. Menus can be viewed on our website.

https://www.marchwood-inf.hants.sch.uk/lunch-menus

A paper copy can be requested from the school office.

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Diary Dates

November

- **THURSDAY 12TH**
  RHSE OPEN FORUM MEETING 9.15AM
- **FRIDAY 13TH**
  CHILDREN IN NEED – SPOTTY DAY
- **FRIDAY 13TH**
  YR FIRST CLASS PHOTO IN THE DAILY ECHO
- **MONDAY 16 TH**
  ANTI BULLYING WEEK-ODD SOCKS DAY
- **MONDAY 16 TH**
  FINAL GARDENING **CLUB OF THIS TERM**
- **WEDNESDAY 25TH**
  Christmas donation day
- **THURSDAY 26TH**
  CHRISTMAS ART MORNING – PARENTS WELCOME (NO SIBLINGS)
- **FRIDAY 27TH**
  INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

December

- **MONDAY 7TH**
  FINAL GYM CLUB OF THIS TERM
- **TUESDAY 8TH**
  FINAL MULTI-SPORTS CLUB OF THIS TERM
- **THURSDAY 10TH**
  YR NATIVITY – ST JOHNS CHURSH 2PM
- **FRIDAY 11TH**
  CHRISTINGLE, ST JOHNS CHURCH 2PM
- **TUESDAY 15TH**
  Y1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 9.45AM
- **TUESDAY 15TH**
  Y2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 1.45PM
- **TUESDAY 15TH**
  FINAL KWB CLUB OF THIS TERM
- **WEDNESDAY 16TH**
  Y2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 9.45AM
- **WEDNESDAY 16TH**
  Y1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 1.45PM
- **THURSDAY 17TH**
  CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- **FRIDAY 18TH**
  CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – SCHOOL CHARITY
  LAST DAY OF TERM

Meet Your PTA Chairperson and Find Out About Our Next Meeting!

Hi everyone,

I'm the PTA Chairperson and a proud mum of two, both of whom have been part of our school, with one currently in Reception.

I'm a Registered Manager of a children's home and have worked with children in a variety of roles for the past 22 years. Supporting children and helping them thrive has always been a big part of my life, both personally and professionally.

I joined the PTA because I wanted to make a difference to the children's school experience and give something back to our school community. I believe that by working together, we can create exciting opportunities for the children, make lasting memories and help make school life even more special.

As a PTA, our aim is to bring families and the wider community together. We want to encourage children to feel part of their community, build connections, have fun and create opportunities for everyone to get involved, while also raising money to support the children and their school experience.

Our next PTA meeting – 11th November at 7:30pm

We would love to welcome new faces and encourage anyone who would like to get involved to come along. The venue will be confirmed on our Facebook page: *Marchwood Infant School PTA*.

You don't need to commit to lots of time or attend every event. Whether you can volunteer regularly, help at an occasional event, donate something towards fundraising or simply share ideas, every bit of support makes a difference.

Having a PTA brings real benefits to the children. It helps us provide things such as book bags for children starting Reception at no cost to parents, support towards school trips and additional opportunities and experiences for the children.

If you have grandparents, family members or friends who might have a little spare time and would like to get involved, please encourage them to come along too. We welcome everyone!

As a full-time working mum, I know how easy it is to feel that you miss out on some of the school experiences. Being involved in the PTA is also a lovely way to spend time supporting your children's school, getting involved in events and making memories with them.

A big thank you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who supported the recent school disco. The children had a fantastic time!

A big thank you also goes to the teachers who stayed to support the event and help make sure the children had such a great evening. We want to build on this collaborative approach and continue creating exciting opportunities for the children.

I'm really looking forward to working with everyone, sharing ideas and helping make a positive difference for all our children.

We would love to see you on the 11th November!

Vikki Mills

Bible Verse for the Week

John 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Gardening Club

In our fourth session this term, we finished planting some spring bulbs. This time in the tyres on the lawn at the front of the school, and some around the edge of the grass too! Keep an eye out for some signs the children have made to encourage people not to walk on these as they start to grow over the coming months. We also planted up our last vegetable bed full to the brim with onions! It is also lovely to see our winter bedding plants doing so well in the flower garden and brightening the school up as autumn continues.

Mr Warren






Kids With Bricks

The theme for this half term is **From Pole to Pole.**

This week's build was a model of a penguin. The models were fantastic!
The children learnt that male penguins look after the egg when it is laid and keep it safe and warm. We also discovered that penguins huddle together in big groups to keep themselves safe form the cold.

When everyone had finished their model, the best one was voted for and a photo was uploaded to the competition page of the Kids With Bricks website. At the end of the term the results from the leader board are looked at. For the school that has gained the most points that term, prizes are sent to all the children in the club!

Anyone can vote online for the best model, so have a look. **Votes are now made on their Facebook page.** From Sunday each week, after all schools have uploaded their photos, there is a 'competition post' and all you have to do is give our school's build a like. The school with the most likes wins.

Please use the link below which will take you to the website, click on VOTE NOW
https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page

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Christmas Donation Day

Wednesday 25th November

This day is a non-school uniform day. In exchange, we are asking that children bring in something from home that could be used to make up hampers for the Christmas raffle. Have a look at home to see if you can find anything to donate from the list below:



- Sweets and chocolates
- Alcohol
- Unwanted Gifts
- Festive Food items (in date)
- Good Quality Games (without missing pieces)
- Toiletries/Bath/Spa Items (unused)

Any other items that might make good raffle prizes.

The items will be grouped together in 'colour themes' and made into hampers. Look out for the raffle tickets going on sale from Tuesday 1st December!



All money raised will go towards enriching the learning for the children in school.

Thank you for your support!



Join us this Friday 13th November and cover yourself in SPOTS to raise money for Children in Need. Children can come dressed in as many spots as they like and donations can be given via the QR code below

Attendance



Thank you to everyone who is supporting good attendance and punctuality. Each week we will be celebrating the class with the highest level of attendance and they will win Stella, our attendance star in their class for the following week.

Attendance for 2nd November – 6th November					
Holly	**Oak**	**Elm**	**Rowan**	**Maple**	**Sycamore**
95.1%	98.5%	96.1%	97.4%	96.1%	94.3%



In collective worship this week we have been thinking about love and how to make a difference to God's world.

Year R: Ask me about my first star job? Clue: green squares

Year 1: Ask me about The Gunpowder Plot and how we remember it every year?

Year 2: Ask me about how to keep my body healthy!





Autumn-Winter 2026/2027

WEEK 1

Commencing:
2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec, 18th Jan, 8th Feb, 1st Mar, 22nd Mar

Monday
Crunchy Vegetable Fingers with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (Vg)
Pea & Mince Keema with Rice (Vg)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Cookie (V)

Tuesday
Sweet & Sour Chicken
Tex-Mex Vegetable Enchilada (V)
Served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Banana Traybake with Custard (V)

Wednesday
Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Quorn Fillet (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Jelly with Mandarins (Vg)

Thursday
Sausages and Baked Bean Hotpot
Margherita Pizza (Vg)
Served with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)

Friday
Fish Fingers
Crunchy Vegetable Fingers (V)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans
Fruity Friday

WEEK 2

Commencing:
9th Nov, 30th Nov, 4th Jan, 25th Jan, 15th Feb, 8th Mar

Monday
Flaky Sausage Roll with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (Vg)
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Lemon Sponge (V)

Tuesday
Chicken Fajita
Rainbow Sweet & Sour Vegetables (Vg)
Served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Shortbread (V)

Wednesday
Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Quorn Fillet (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Cheese and Crackers (V)

Thursday
Chicken & Bacon Pasta Carbonara
Margherita Pizza with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges (V)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Apple Crumble with Custard (V)

Friday
Battered Fish Fillet
Vegan Quorn Sausage (Vg)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans (Vg)
Fruity Friday

WEEK 3

Commencing
16th Nov, 7th Dec, 11th Jan, 1st Feb, 22nd Feb, 15th Mar

Monday
Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel (V) with Herby Diced Potatoes (Vg)
Chinese-Style Egg Rice (V)
Served with Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Shortbread (Vg)

Tuesday
Beef Burger in a Bun
Served with Dry Roasted Potato Wedges
Veggie Mince Taco with Cheese (V)
Served with Fluffy Rice (V)
Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Chocolate Brownie (V)

Wednesday
Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding
Roast Quorn Fillet (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables (Vg)
Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)

Thursday
Chicken Tikka Masala served with Fluffy Rice and Seasonal Vegetables
Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes (v)
Dutch Apple Pie with Custard (V)

Friday
Fish Fingers or Salmon
Vegan Quorn Sausage (Vg)
Served with Oven Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans (Vg)





AVAILABLE DAILY:

Either Pasta with Tomato & Basil or Pesto Sauce or Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Choice of Sandwiches
Cheese, Ham, Tuna Mayonnaise, or Egg Mayonnaise.
Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt, Jelly and Water.