

**MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS  
1 MILLION TAKEOVER DAY**

*What you do when you're the Headteacher.*

**CLUNY:** We had to write a letter to Mrs Hutchinson and it began with 'I want to be Headteacher for the day because..' and then you could write what ever you want.

*What we did on the day*

First of all we took assembly, I was really nervous because there are 124 children and only 1 of me so I was pretty nervous. After assembly we did a survey to see who would like to cycle to school and it was about 56 children who wanted to. This is because we are going to have a cycle rack.

*Teaching*

We also taught art to a couple of children from each class except Denman class. At quarter to three we read a couple of stories to Duffield Class. I was sad to reach the end of the day because I wanted to carry on being Headteacher.

**JASMINE R:** If we wanted to be Headteacher for the day we had to write a letter to Mrs Hutchinson and she would read and choose which three letters would be selected for the day.

We had to go to two schools and look at bike sheds, but first we did a survey on who would like to bike to school and then park it in the bike shed. We also emailed a man for some advice on which catalogues to look at for some bike sheds. Cluny, me and Flynn also ran an assembly which was quite scary.

We also started to teach a little bit of art to a couple of children from each class. They had to do a portrait of their friend. At quarter to three we read stories to Duffield Class. Then it was the end of the day.

**FLYNN:** We wrote a letter to Mrs Hutchinson, she read them all and ours was chosen. Cluny was Headteacher, me and Jasmine were Deputy Heads. My letter was to have a card club where you can bring your own in and design new ones.

We did lots of jobs like going to other schools and taking assembly, we also taught two classes. I enjoyed teaching Duffield class most because I met children I didn't already know.

**COMMUNITY GOVERNOR**

Marcham CE Primary School currently has a **vacancy** for a **Community Governor**. We are looking for someone who has the desire to make a difference to the lives of the children of Marcham School. This position is available to anyone aged 18 or over who lives or works in the Marcham, Frilford or Garford community and is enthusiastic and committed to the good governance and continued success of the school.

The main role of the governing body is to help raise the standards and performance of the school by supporting the work of the headteacher and the staff. Governors will support and, at the same time, challenge headteachers by gathering views, asking questions and deciding what is best for the school. Governors make important decisions on policies and strategies and have to stand by their decisions. The governing body is answerable to parents and the wider community. Governors are required to play an active part in the decision making process of the school, getting involved in real issues. The role of Governor is tremendously rewarding with the satisfaction of making a significant contribution to the promotion of high quality teaching, a love of learning and knowing that children will benefit from your efforts.

We are ideally looking for someone who has no parental responsibility for a child/children presently at the school, in order to broaden our outlook and effectiveness. There are no pre-requisite skills to becoming a governor; you do not even have to have previous experience or knowledge of

the school. However, the ability to work as part of a team, a readiness to accept responsibility and the confidence to ask questions, listen and learn all form part of the role. There are a range of skills that members of the governing body may be able to bring with them from their experiences at home and in work such as financial planning and personnel issues, which will enhance the effectiveness of the governing body. If you are interested in becoming a governor and have what it takes to make a difference, then getting involved and finding out more is easy:

- ▶ talk to someone who is a governor ;
- ▶ find out more by visiting the following websites
  - <http://www.direct.gov.uk/>
  - <http://www.governornet.co.uk/>
  - <http://www.sgoss.org.uk/home/individuals.htm>

Contact the Headteacher (Viv Hutchinson) or Chair of Governors (Ruth Atkins) at school on 391448 and they will help you to take the next steps.

**Marcham School  
Parents & Teachers Association (PTA)**

Last month, Marcham School PTA arranged an evening of pampering for the ladies of Marcham. The combination of manicures and massages with a fashion show and stalls resulted in a fantastic night, which was not only enjoyable but also raised over £400. The Marcham PTA would like to say a big thank you to all that contributed to this successful evening.

The PTA aims to arrange events that not only raise funds for the school but that are also fun. We are always open to ideas and welcome input from the community. Our next event will be a school disco, which will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the school, and I'm sure the children will thoroughly enjoy this opportunity to let their hair down.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December the PTA will be hosting a Victorian Christmas Fayre and we would welcome you to join us. Dressing up is encouraged, and even rewarded as there will be a fancy dress competition, so dust off your Victorian outfits and head down to the school at 2pm for what we hope will be an enjoyable time for all the family. There will be a variety of stalls where you can buy, win or make things and Father Christmas has taken some time out of his busy schedule so that he can see the good boys and girls of Marcham.

The PTA welcomes any help from the community when arranging events, so if you would like to help further with the Christmas Fayre by donating time or a raffle prize, please contact Shaena on 07969 236721 or by email [shae@monkeynose.com](mailto:shae@monkeynose.com).

**MARCHAM SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 4pm

Adults entrance fee is £2, which will include a warm glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

Children come for free!

- Tombola
- Face painting
- Santa's Grotto
- Gifts to buy
- Raffle
- Nail painting
- Jewellery making
- Fancy dress parade
- ..... and much, much more!

