

**NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL
MARCHAM SCHOOL COUNCILLORS TAKE
ON THE PUDSEY CHALLENGE**

The newly elected school councillors at Marcham Primary again proved themselves equal to the task as they took to organising fund-raising for Children in Need. They had already opened the new Foundation Stage classroom with great style and enthusiasm within a couple of weeks of being elected and were fabulous hosts to our guests. As a group, they had agreed to do something to raise money for Children In Need and on the day they shook buckets outside school first thing in the morning to persuade adults to contribute. Children came in non-school uniform in various shades of red, yellow and white, as requested. There was also an Art Gallery, where pupils were encouraged to draw Pudsey engaged in a range of activities. We were privileged to see contributions featuring Pudsey with friends and family, Disco Pudsey, Pudsey at the beach and Pudsey the Jedi. These pictures were then sold to parents at the end of the day – some going for a sizeable fee. The cake stall taking place at the same time attracted a great deal of attention and every cake was sold.

We believe that we have raised approximately £240 for Children In Need and it was all due to the hard work of the School Council who worked well together to set up and run the activities. They did so with minimal adult intervention or interference and, no doubt, were extremely pleased with the result.

Well done to Marcham School Councillors.

They should be very proud of themselves.

Marcham School councillors are:

Luke Brown, Eva Macatemy, Edward Porter, Mia Pullen, Teegan Robinson, Ethan Davie, Maisie Eveson-Roberts, Thomas Pinches, Jasmine Ricketts (Secretary), Briony Thomas (Treasurer), George Sharrock (Joint Chair), Lawrence Mizen (Joint Chair).



Marcham School Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2 – 4PM
Refreshments, Tombola and Raffle
Prizes include a Waitrose hamper and
£25 Cumbers meat voucher
Lots of stalls including Cakes, Gifts, Craft activities
and WI homemade goodies.
For more details contact Sarah at
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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) at School on 391448 or Chair of Governors (Sarah Leese) on 391137 and they will help you to take the next steps.

MARCHAM SCHOOL PTA

Thank you to all who came and supported the ladies pampering evening at Marcham School in October. Everyone enjoyed their treatments which included massage, manicures, pedicures and lots more. It was a good excuse to chill out with friends and at the same time the PTA raised much needed funds. Thank you also to all of the therapists and stall holders who gave up their time to help.

In addition, if anyone would like to help at the Christmas Fayre on Sat 12th Dec 2 – 4pm or would like to be involved in any way please contact me. We would love to hear from you.

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MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you have young children and would like to register an interest in your child attending Marcham School in the future, please fill in and return this form to school by **29th January 2010**. This form is not an application to school and does not guarantee a place, but will allow us to plan the future of the school and help with our discussions with the Admissions Team at Oxfordshire County Council.

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:		
ADDRESS:		
NAME OF CHILD	DATE OF BIRTH	MALE/FEMALE