

MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday 11th December 1882

We are very excited to be able to announce that there are plans for a new classroom to be built at Marcham CE Primary School for the start of the new academic year 2009-10. Many of you will remember the difficult situation we found ourselves in last year, when there were more children desiring places than were available. We were extremely fortunate to have an extension built on to the existing Duffield class, which meant that we could accommodate all the children that wanted to come. We have, again, had many parents declare an interest in sending their children to our school and influenced by these numbers, the Local Authority have agreed to fund the building of an additional classroom. Final plans are being drawn up and we anticipate that we will have the full details in the very near future.

We would like to say a very big 'Thank you' to all those parents who responded to our request for a statement of interest in sending their children to Marcham School. Having this information really helped us to argue our case before the Local Authority and, consequently, move forward in addressing the needs of the village and the education of our children.

If you have not yet expressed an interest in your child or children attending our school and you would like to do so, please contact the school as soon as possible on 391448. This will help us to plan strategically for the future.

We are delighted to be having this expansion to our school and will keep you posted as the project develops.

VIV HUTCHINSON.

"It's A Party" Anson's & Morland's Christmas play. 11 Dec

The school play was a really good start to Christmas when Jesus was born on Christmas day, the 25th December. It was so funny when the sheep said "Even counting shepherds doesn't help". The school play was exciting. We did a nice job to know all the words off by heart and know all the songs off by heart as well. The costumes were so good and fantastic. The acting was brilliant and fabulous. We were so confident doing that play for our parents. I don't know how we knew what to do because it felt strange with all the parents looking at the children when we were doing it all. We had a really good time.

By Molly Cotterell (Year 3)

The play produced by Anson and Morland class on 11/12/08 was very funny, especially when Jessica Hawkins said, "I'm afraid this calls for a special talent. Call Foghorn Fred. And then Nicole Perris said, "That's a good idea. She could even wake up Mrs Hutchinson!" One more example of a funny scene was when Ashleigh Preston appeared on stage with a megaphone. The songs were funny too. Everybody remembered their words really well. The acting was great too. Everyone remembered the words to the songs really well. All the songs were not Christmas carols but the songs were ones that had been made up by the company that made "It's a Party - the nativity play." My favourite song was "It's a Party".

By Ashley Withers and Johnathon Hurford (Year 3)

VICTORIAN DAY AT SCHOOL

Report on Victorian Day

Yesterday, we had a Victorian Day and in the morning all the classes did different things and Mrs Hutchinson was walking around the school all day. Before break time all of the classes did a drill at different times and it was really cold. We did reaching and touching toes, arm thrusts and star jumps. In assembly Mrs Hutchinson made us recite lines from the Bible. We enjoyed it but we wouldn't like school to be like that every day.

By Luke Swain and Grace Hardy

Dear Diary,

Yesterday, I went to school and I was worried what was going to happen next. First Mrs Rook took the register, I had sandwiches, then Mrs Hutchinson came down to our classroom, and we had a hand and nail inspection, I bite my nails but I didn't get told off. After, the class said the Lord's Prayer. No one knew really knew it so we had to learn it off by heart. Then we did some handwriting, we started in pencil and wrote two sentences these were "keep not what is not yours", and "live peaceably with all men". Once we had finished, we used a pen with a nib and dipped it in some ink, we copied out the Lord's Prayer. After break we did some maths. We learnt about pounds, shillings and pence. There are twelve pennies in one shilling, and two hundred and forty pennies in one pound, also there are twenty shillings in one pound. Then we had a hair inspection, Mrs Hutchinson ran a pencil through our hair, mine wasn't checked because she didn't check everyone. I'm a bit worried about tomorrow though, because I might get a question wrong and get the cane.

By Briony Thomas

Dear Diary,

Yesterday I went to school and I really enjoyed it although it was very scary. First we did handwriting. It felt difficult and I felt scared because I thought I wasn't going to get it done, but I did. Secondly we did drill. It was very scary because the teacher would not let us smile, or stand off the line. The Headteacher taught the drill and we did star jumps, hopping and all that kind of exercise. Next we had arithmetic which was very complicated, but I did learn something, 12 pence = 1 shilling and 240 pence = £1, 0s, 0d. it was a fun morning but a challenging one. In the afternoon we copied bible verses. It was very hard because they were so interesting and I didn't get to finish mine. Then we did the Lords Prayer. I didn't know it at first but now I do.

By Thomas Mawdesley

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

December has been a very busy month with all our Christmas preparations, however, they were all worth while as the parents and grandparents watched the children in our Pre-school Nativity Play and a festive musical showcase!



At the beginning of December Adam Sanford and John Plant arranged a sponsored swim to raise money for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance after John's brother Matthew was knocked over by a car and was air lifted to hospital. Both boys aged 8 did extremely well, Adam swam 21 lengths and John a staggering 30 lengths in just over an hour, raising in excess of £450. Matthew is recovering well, Adam and John have got their breath back ready for the next challenge... We would like to thank everyone who supported the boys.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!!

MARION, NICKY & KATHARINE

TAG (TALK ABOUT GOD)

The TAG Group meets after school every Tuesday during term time. This term started with outdoor fun, and a team Chariot-making Challenge (see photo). The winning team got to choose our next outing and decided on a visit to G & D's Ice Cream Parlour in Oxford, which was delicious. We have also baked and iced Christmas cakes which we then sold at Church to raise money for the Agape Charity in Moldova. If you are in Year 7 or 8 at school and want to find out more, call Jill Rowe on 07811 165351.