

SCHOOL NEWS

We are brimming with energy and enthusiasm for new ways of working together at Marcham School. The children are justly proud of occasions when they are nominated to be on our **Terrific Treasure Tree**. Two children from each class are recognised each week for being particularly thoughtful, kind or responsible in some way. They then put their name on our beautifully embroidered tree that is proudly displayed in our entrance hall.

'It made me feel good' said Briony.

'I liked my reward and it made me happy,' added Tervel (both from Duffield Class).

'I was surprised to be on the tree and it made me feel happy' commented Robert Gresham.

'I felt proud....and my Mum was happy for me,' reflected Natalie Ward. (Both from Anson Class)

'When I was given my leaf I felt very pleased and proud!' Kathleen; 'I was so happy and proud.' Jamie (both from Denman Class).

We will soon be extending this idea so that children and all staff might be included in voting for and celebrating positive behaviour.

We are also pleased to announce the start of a School Council that gives the children opportunities to prioritise issues of concern and to plan for change. It is for the children to work out what is practical, possible and of greatest benefit to the whole school. I am looking forward to working with them. School Council will meet for the first time after half term. Each class has nominated and voted for their representatives.

'I feel proud to be on our School Council. I am looking forward to the first meeting.' (Louis Jackson, one of four representatives for Anson Class.)

We were delighted to welcome Parish Councillors to an assembly to explain what they do, how they got involved and why. Gill Rowe made the experience great fun and a practical way of demonstrating how a council works. We look forward to sharing some of the initiatives developed by our School Council with you in the future.

LESLEY CLARK

FRILFORD ST PETER'S WI

Important: please note that the March meeting will take place on 4th Friday of the month ie Friday 26th March at 2 pm NOT as shown on your membership card programme. This will be Frilford's AGM, so do please come and register your votes and learn about future plans etc.

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MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMENS CLUB

Forthcoming Entertainment

March 6th - Music by Gus

March 27th - Family Disco (In the hall)

April 17th - Music by Danni

May 22nd - Race Night

June 19th - Charity Dance (In the hall)

All start at 8.30pm – all are welcome, please come along.

MARCHAM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Before any news, apologies for the cancelled January meeting, we tried to contact all members but have heard that one or two made the unnecessary journey which must have been rather hazardous, apologies once again to those who braved the weather.

Not a lot of news but hope to see you all at the Feb meeting (AGM) which will have taken place before you read this. A lunch outing in March has been arranged at the Windmill, times to be announced later.

Dolly's mum (Mrs Carter) is going along nicely, is walking around again, which is good news. We hope she continues to make good progress. Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and managed to stay well, Edna (Cadle) has not been very well this last few days but says she is feeling better this morning (19th Feb).

Next meetings 2.30pm: 25th March, 29th April and 27th May

BETTY REED

MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

2003 proved a very successful year all round for the Club. A newly formed second eleven had a fantastic inaugural season, winning Division Nine B at the first attempt, whilst the first eleven, following on from last year's promotion, ran away with the Division Four title, losing only 3 games all season. Both sides will be facing new challenges in a higher Division next season and visiting some new grounds we haven't played at before!

The Club is currently holding pre-season nets at John Mason School, Abingdon on a Friday night, 6.30pm – 8.30pm. All new players of any age or ability are welcome. For more information contact Tristan Barratt on (01865) 391251. We are also seeking anyone that may be interested in umpiring on behalf of the team.

Coaching is available.

SIMON DAVIE

SUNSHINE CLUB

February: Social afternoon, our table was anything – and lots we had too – thanks to those who gave and brought. This was followed by readings which were read by the secretary causing a few laughs, we then had a buffet tea followed by the raffle. We had just one member with a special birthday and biscuits from the club were given, hope she enjoyed her day. Not much news to write this time, I think we are all looking forward to spring and all the lovely bulbs will be through and then we can start thinking of outings. Next month, March, is our AGM meeting, will be taking subscriptions for year 2004 March – 2005. Social afternoon will be on Thursday 4th March at 2.30 pm.

JOY CROOK

Race Night

**Friday 19 March 2004
At The Institute, Marcham**



We would like to invite you and your friends to join Marcham School's PTA in an evening of Horse Racing to be held at The Institute on Friday 19 March. Doors open at 7.30pm with the first race at 8pm.

The evening, for adults only, will consist of 8 horse races to be shown by film with the chance to place your bets with our very own Tote Ticket Sellers. All races are sealed so that no one can possibly know the results in advance!

During the evening a licensed bar will be available and there will be a ploughman's buffet supper half way through the evening to keep your strength up.

The cost per person, including supper, is £5.00. Tickets are only available in advance and will not be for sale on the night. Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Marcham School PTA



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