

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Last term brought lots of creative activities at Marcham Pre-school in readiness for Easter including making cords and cooking. The children also spent time working in our new garden areas, as we planted vegetables and flowers. We look forward to watching their progress. Over the Easter weekend the children were asked to make an Easter Hat or Bonnet and on 25 March we held a parade for all the families. The results were amazing and the children looked wonderful with a vast array of ideas. (see cover photo).



If you would like more information about Marcham Pre-school, or a copy of our prospectus, please telephone us on 07749 245313. We are open Monday & Friday 9am- 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm..

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Abingdon Little Angels


We have had a busy time at Abingdon Little Angels, Our children have been enjoying the Easter celebrations with a close look at the Easter story and finishing with the last supper of bread and juice we created a great display on the wall, We also enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and bonnet competition. Our new topic currently is countries of the world, we are looking at Australia, USA, Egypt and Japan along with Africa where we are sponsoring a family from Kenya who needs our help. The children and staff have also completed a sponsored walk around the village to raise money for Our Kenyan family.

We have also purchased some new furniture for the children to enjoy, a super home corner unit where the children can become emotional and socially involved in their play enjoying role-play and demonstrating their social skills.

We would like to welcome two new staff members to our team who will be joining us in April, along with two new children from the village, it is great that the village children are now filtering into our setting.

If you would like to pop in and say hello please phone on 07516474287 and we will be happy to talk to you.

Sunningwell and District Gardening Club
Annual Plant Sale
 Sat 17 May 10 am – 12 noon
 Sunningwell Village Hall
 Great bargains and cakes, jams, refreshments too **Don't miss it**
 (see Marcham village notice board for details of monthly talks)



NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

Admissions

Many of you may have read letters in MADNews expressing concern about the difficulty the school is experiencing in providing places for all the children of Marcham. It is true that we have been oversubscribed for places in the Foundation Stage (Reception) for September 2008. However, I would like to stress that decisions about the allocation of places are not made by the school and is not within the jurisdiction of the staff or the governors. All such decisions are made at County level and, at the time of writing this newsletter, we still await decisions from the Education Department about the allocation of places.

In the past, applications for places at school were delivered directly to the school and so the school had a strong indication of numbers. However, applications are now made to the Education Department of the County Council, often electronically, and so this makes it difficult for the school to make projections about admission numbers. What would be really helpful to the school – so that we don't find ourselves in this predicament again - would be to know how many children intend to apply. Therefore, we will be encouraging any parents in the village who wish for their children to attend Marcham School over the next 4 years to fill in the attached form and send back to school by 27th June. This will allow us to make more consistent predictions of future numbers and help us with any appeal to County as we look strategically at the provision of education for the children of Marcham village.

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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 **27th June 2008**. 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