

**LOOK WHO'S BACK!**

It is a very exciting time of year as we greet a brand new Duffield Class in school for the first time, together with welcoming back familiar faces. All the children seem to 'grow' rapidly into their roles in older year-groups and classes.

Although we've only been back a few days, the children are confident in expressing their hopes and expectations for the year ahead. All Staff too, are busy making their classrooms welcoming and conjuring up a magic mix of relevant, challenging and motivating learning for their new classmates!

Here are just a few comments and observations to try and give a 'flavour' of the first few days of term at Marcham Primary-

**Staff**

I can't see my desk for the first few days, there's just piles of paperwork! I've got lots of customers for uniform too, as everyone seems to have had growing spurts during the holidays. I'm soon back in the swing of things though - I can't let anything faze me. I was even asked to bring in my tortoises into school to help as artwork models!

*(Jane Jefferies, Office Administrator)*

I'm finding it fun and friendly here - and the children are so polite and caring

*(Sharon Carr, new Teaching Assistant for Duffield Class)*

**Reception Children**

I am happy at school *(Alyssa)*

I like sticking with sand and buttons *(Chloe)*

I really want to do PE -we're going to play Motorbikes - ParknRide! *(Josh)*



**Mrs Mortimer's class, deep in conversation.**

**Older Children**

I can go on the big field now I'm in Anson Class *(Calum)*

I like doing Art with Sam *(Kirsty)*

My Mum is really proud of me because I am a Buddy *(Jamie)*

I like being a Year 6, but it is hard because you have to have more responsibility. I've found I'm up to it though - like being a Playground Buddy *(Adam)*

I am proud to have been voted Chair of School Council. I signed up as I knew I could be responsible. We decided one of our first jobs will be raising money for charity and the school. *(Ashleigh Patterson)*

We're looking forward to sharing some of our exciting learning and activities with you over the coming year. We welcome volunteers in school, so do ring and have a chat with me if you are interested.

**LESLEY CLARK  
HEADTEACHER**

October 2005



**Mrs Johnson's class are already spinning with colour.**

**MARCHAM PLAYERS PRESENTS...**

"How do you make anti-freeze?" and "How do you make a daffodil?" Two pressing questions which the Vicar of Dibley - alias Cheryll Sewell and her verger alias Sophie Cumber, tried so very hard to answer at the conclusion of the Marcham Player recent "Evening with the Vicar of Dibley" in All Saints' Church.



Paul Mayhew-Archer, co-writer of the popular TV series, "Vicar of Dibley" presented a marvellously entertaining account of his script writing career in comedy, both on TV and radio. Skilful use of many TV clips, a large portion of which were from the "Vicar of Dibley" series, listed the many amusing anecdotes throughout his two hour presentation. The large audience was quickly won over by Paul's wonderful story-telling ability, enthusiasm and warmth of personality.

The evening highlighted two local connections with the programme and was brought to a wonderful conclusion with a performance of a specially written epilogue from Paul. Cheryll Sewell and Sophie Cumber acted this with great enthusiasm and conviction and thoroughly deserved the applause they received from the audience.

Comic Relief benefited from donations amounting to £310 as a result of this most successful and enjoyable evening.

Marcham Players next production is "The Canterville Ghost" by Oscar Wild. This will be performed in All Saints' Church, Marcham on 18th and 19th November starting at 7.30pm. Do please come and support us.

**The Marcham Players web-site** is now available on line in developmental stage, at [www.marchamplayers.co.uk](http://www.marchamplayers.co.uk). *If you would like to join Marcham Players please ring Joey Maclean 391242.*

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