

Number 33

The Packet Ship

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable half term holiday. It is strange to see Falmouth changing so much, after the peace and quiet we have experienced over the past year we are now seeing the popularity of Cornwall soar. This brings mixed feelings; pride in the fact that Cornwall is so sought after and also frustration that it is so busy! As the world's eyes are on Falmouth and St Ives observing the G7 Summit it is important that we remember to appreciate our amazing home, enjoy the mayhem and take time to find some quiet. While the summit is going on outside it is business as usual inside school; the children have returned refreshed and ready to take on the last half term of this academic year. Dates for school events will hopefully remain the same if lockdown rules ease on the 21st of June but we will wait and see what the government decide.

Learning Out and About and In School

An Lester Trumach

Behind the Postcard, a Message to G7 – Classes 4, 5 and 6 took part in art workshops sending messages to the G7 leaders. A film has been made about the project and, although we were not filmed, the children involved might like to see the other messages sent from around Cornwall. Here is the link to the film premier which takes place tonight at 7.30pm: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/behind-the-postcard-online-premiere-tickets-157667498733</u>

Class 5 Art Gallery Workshop – Class 5 are working with the Falmouth Art Gallery team on Thursday 10th June with a focus on the American artist Jean-Michel Basquait.

Bash Street Theatre – We were incredibly lucky to have a free showing of Bash Street Theatre's new show *The Cameraman* for our younger pupils. Many thanks to Julian Gaskell and the Bash Street Theatre team for allowing us to be a test audience before their sold-out performances at the Minack!

Class 1 Adventure Club – Class 1 were adventuring on the school field on Tuesday, creating baskets and pulleys inspired by The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.

Samba Sessions – Class 2 have started their samba sessions with Lucetta as part of their focus on Rio. Hopefully, they will be able to share their drumming with families at their outcome session.

Class 4 Pendennis Castle Visit – As part of their *Castles and Rivers* topic, Class 4 will be heading to Pendennis Castle on Tuesday 15th June. A letter will be sent home this week with additional information.

Class 4 Multiplication Tables Check – Over the next two weeks the children in Class 4 will be assessed on their times tables recall. This is a quick assessment and the data is collected by the DfE. If families could have a blast of your times table revision over the week that would be very helpful!

Relationships and Sex Education – As part of our PSHE *Changing Me* unit and science, Classes 5 and 6 will be learning about puberty, relationships and reproduction this half term. Class teachers will be sending home information on what is being taught so parents can support the learning in school.

Summer Term Physical Education

PE timetable for Summer 2 -

Monday: Class 5 with Plymouth Argyle

Tuesday: Reception, Class 1 and Class 6 with Mrs Pryor

Wednesday: Class 3 and Class 4 with Class Teachers

Thursday: Class 2 and Class 4 with Plymouth Argyle

Class 4 Swimming Sessions – Class 4 are swimming every day this week.

Class 3 Swimming Sessions – Class 3 will be swimming every day during the week beginning the 14th of June. As their sessions are from 9am to 10am they can be dropped off at Ships and Castles from 8.30am, where Mrs Rowe will meet them at the front of the building. More details will be sent home by Mrs Rowe this week.



Summer Term Clubs

Clubs will continue to be provided for free for the rest of this term and will remain on the same days. **NEW Rugby Cubs** – Rugby Cubs will be outdoors at Marlborough School playing field for EYFS and KS1 age children (4-8) between 3:30 and 4:15. Join in for the 6 Tuesdays of Summer Term for £35.40. To book just visit: <u>https://app.loveadmin.com/ThirdpartyRegistration.aspx...</u>

Attendance

Since the full reopening of school on the 8th of March, attendance has been brilliant! 97% average attendance across the whole school, well done! In line with the other Falmouth schools, are still unable to authorise any holidays but please continue to complete the Leave Request forms as there are some circumstances that we can authorise.

Tempest Class Photographs

An email has been sent to all families with the link for ordering class photographs.

Facebook Page

Our *Marlborough School, Falmouth* Facebook page has regular updates about learning, activities and events going on around the school. Please 'like' the page to keep up to date with our news.

Book Donation

The Rotary Club have kindly donated a book for each of our children in Class 4, 5 and 6. The book is entitled *Watch out! A child's guide to everyday dangers.* Teachers from these classes will be able to hand the books out to parents, who may want to look through the book first before sharing it with their child as some of the issues will need to be handled sensitively.

Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing

Please get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You and anyone you live with should stay at home until you get your test result. Only leave your home to have a test. Anyone in your childcare or support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Please continue to inform the office if your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, is being tested, is awaiting a test result and the outcome of the test.

Please continue to inform the office if someone in your household has symptoms and the result of the Covid test. All household members need to isolate if someone displays symptoms.

Mariners' Updates

Funding Plea – The Mariners' events held over the course of the school year support our school budget and enable the children to learn from exciting, real life experiences. This year we have been unable to hold many fund-raising activities and therefore we have no pot of money that would usually subsidise the curriculum. This year has been financially difficult for many people and we don't want to be asking all parents for donations. The Mariners have set up a *Money for Marlborough* community pot where parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and anyone you know can put a donation in the pot to enable these events to go ahead. More information will be coming out soon.

Early Bird Breakfast Beach Meet-Up – Families can meet on the beach from 7.30am. Many thanks to Stones Bakery for kindly donating pastries. Places are available to book via the Eventbrite link emailed to parents. Thursday 10th June – Class 4 early bird beach meet up, sign up link sent via email. Tuesday 15th June - Class 5 early bird beach meet up, sign up link sent via email.



Fri 18th Jun - Mariners in-person morning meeting after drop off, at the school field

Message from the G7 Engagement Hub

Over the coming days as we near the G7 Summit event, residents and communities in Cornwall may see visible training taking place on land, in the air and on the water; particularly near the key venues. This forms part of our planning and preparations to deliver a safe and secure event and is not something that the public should be alarmed by. The public can help us keep the event safe by being vigilant for anyone or anything that looks out of place or suspicious and by reporting it to police, security, or staff at any of the venues. In an emergency or if you need urgent police assistance, you should always dial 999. You can report suspicious activity by contacting the police in confidence via the Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789321.





NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme

This term we will be participating in the **NSPCC's** *Speak out. Stay safe.* **online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

The NSPCC have developed an online version of their *Speak out. Stay safe*. programme to help overcome some of the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented in relation to having external speakers in school. In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe*. messages continue to be delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website <u>www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout</u> or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

Adapted assembly for home use

The NSPCC has also developed an adapted version of their assembly for parents/carers to use at home with their children. This can be found here: <u>Watch our Speak out Stay safe assembly at home</u> <u>INSPCC</u>. With the help of celebrities, the film focuses on how a child can get support if they have any worries or concerns

To complement the assembly, there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website <u>www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</u>.

Talking PANTS with your children

'Talk PANTS' is a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at <u>www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.</u>

Childline Under 12's Website

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website <u>www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.</u>

Governors Wanted

Our school Governing Body is made up of Governors from all walks of life and many come to us through a variety of routes and with a wide range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for new Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to spare

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a governor at Marlbrough School.

For more information and an application form please go to:

http://www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website/governor_recruitment_and_vacancies/553537

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 7th June – Class 4 Intensive Swimming Week Tuesday 8th June – Class 1 Adventure Club Tuesday 8th June – Class 2 Samba Session Thursday 10th June – Class 5 Falmouth Art Gallery Workshop (in school) Week beginning 14th June – Class 3 Intensive Swimming Week Friday 18th June – Mariners' in-person meeting after drop off, at the school field Thursday 24th June – Sports Day – 10am- 12 Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6; 1.30pm-3.20pm Reception, Class 1 and 2 Thursday 1st July – Class 4 Sleepover Thursday 8th July – Whole School Summer Performance Week beginning 12th July – Class 6 Activity Week Thursday 22nd July – Last Day of Summer Term Friday 23rd July – Training Day for Staff Monday 6th September – Training Day for Staff Tuesday 7th September – Start of Autumn Term