



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

21st July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter at the end of an unprecedented academic year. We could never have predicted that the world would be changed in such a way that saw our strong community unable to meet and support each other. The past five months have brought such uncertainty to families, each having their own journey due to the effect of coronavirus and the guidelines surrounding the way we behave in society. We have supported over 100 pupils face to face at school, but we are more than aware that that leaves 115 pupils who have not spent time in school since the end of March. Hopefully our endeavours to communicate with and support your children have enabled them to continue to feel that they are a part of our wonderful community, as each and every child's presence has been greatly missed. We are lucky enough to live in Cornwall, where hopefully we can all find solace in the fact that the tides and the sun still rise and fall, bringing us hope that soon this will pass and our children can regain their confidence in society. We wish you all a summer of content and look forward to seeing your wonderful children in September.

Year 6's Great Adventure Continues

Our Year 6s have truly demonstrated the Marlborough School learning powers during this last term. They were all set for SATS, school camp, leavers performances and an end of school disco and we have strived to give them an adapted 2020 version of all of the above (minus SATS!) There hasn't been a single moan or complaint. They have taken everything in their stride and have left everyone flabbergasted by their positivity and support for each other.

They are ready to take their next step on life's adventure and their secondary schools are very lucky to have such talented, fun, kind and thoughtful students.

Good bye and good luck to Olivia, George, Ellie C, Jenna, Luke, Lucy, Arella, Sam, Fionn, Esme, Lily G, Riley, Jason, Marley, Lily-Marie, Roxy, Maddie, Matilda, Finlay, Roman, James, Ellie P, Sebby, Lex, Felix, Finley, Fynn, Lily S, Lilia, Millie, Imara and Tilly.

A link to their production of Romeo and Juliet and Leavers' Assembly will be sent out to parents.

Make sure you have a box of tissues ready, it's a weepy!



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Message from the Governing Body

Today is the last day of a strange year which has brought huge upheaval to all of us. Despite this Marlborough has risen to its challenges as it has sought to maintain support to children and families. I'm aware of the effort staff have given to keep children busy and learning, whilst recognising the impact of being home bound. Yet still managing to incorporate aspects of the usual summer term activities with a virtual sports day, filming of another Shakespeare production and an online disco.

I'd like to express a big thank you to all the school staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year, resulting in outstanding performances being seen across the school. And of course thank you to the Mariners for the good work you are doing, its great to see the big digs happening again!

Have a restful and happy summer break, I feel privileged to be part of a wonderful Marlborough community.
Ben Gowers (School Governor)

Staffing Update

The Year 1 parents have been informed that we have had to make changes to our staffing structure next year due to Covid-19. Hannah Nurton is pregnant which, with the increased risk to her and the baby's health, means that she will not be able to have sustained contact with children. Hannah will continue to support the school while working from home. The governors have appointed Mrs Abi Bailey and Mrs Sarah Cruse to teach the Year 2 class next year. Both of these experienced teachers share our values and are very excited to be able to bring their enthusiasm and care to our school. They will meet with their class in a transition meeting with Kerry Finnegan on Tuesday evening.

George Harry-Poole leaves us at the end of this term and we all wish her and her lovely family all the best for the future. Through her dedication to the progress of our youngest children George has been fundamental in ensuring children at Marlborough get the best start to their educational journey. The whole school community would like to say a big good bye and thank you!

Governors Update

Ben Gowers had his final meeting as Chair of the Governing Body on Thursday. Ben has supported the school through an incredible journey and his unique combination of level headed creativity and passion for getting the best deal for our children has made him an amazing ambassador for Marlborough School. Ben will remain on the Governing Body as a parent governor. Simon Brown will be stepping up from his role as Vice-Chair to interim Chair until a full vote has taken place.

Bride Patterson is also stepping down as parent governor and we would like to thank her for the dedication and support she has given to the school. This means that we have a vacancy for a parent governor to be filled in the autumn term.

The Governing Board

What are we looking for? 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 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

The role of the governing board

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in ensuring that the board is connected with, and is aware of the views of, parents and the local community.

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Summer Learning Challenges

We have attached a Summer Learning Challenge and a Summer Strengths Workout for you all to have a go at if you would like.

September Update

We will send out further information regarding Covid-19 prevention measures at the end of August. The autumn term starts for **all children** on **Monday 7th of September**. Reception children have a timetable of their transition dates for starting school.

Autumn Menu

We will still be serving our usual range of delicious lunches in September. It's vital for the sustainability of the kitchen that we have a good uptake of junior children ordering lunches. A menu accompanies this newsletter.

Free School Meals

Our kitchen have provided food hampers for our FSM pupils since March. The kitchen staff will have break for the summer and supermarket vouchers have gone out to families for the six week summer holiday as part of the government's Covid Summer Food Fund.

Safeguarding

If you need any help or support with managing the safety of your own children or you have concerns about other families please contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit on **0300 1231 116**.

Barnardos- See, Hear, Respond.

The See, Hear, Respond Partnership is a new service funded by the Department for Education. With your help, the See, Hear, Respond Partnership will quickly identify and support children, young people and families who are struggling to cope with the impacts of coronavirus. **Call 0800 157 7015 if you would like to discuss a concern or make a referral.**

Summer Support

This summer we will be checking our office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk email account regularly so if you need any support, need to pass on information or have any questions please email this address. We will not be replying instantly but someone will get back to you in due course.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner for 12 hours a week from September. More information can be found on our website. <https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/vacancies/7865>

Mariners Update

The Mariners would like to say a massive THANK YOU and GOODBYE to the amazing Year 6 parents and carers who have supported all the weird and wonderful fund raising and community events that make Marlborough School such a special place to be.

There will be a Mariners gathering, either virtually or in person, on the 16th of September. Time and place to be decided.

More exciting Mariners news...

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Has your child grown out of everything they wore for school?!.... Introducing the...



Marlborough School Uniform Swap *summer 2020*



- Put uniform to give away/sell on **facebook marketplace in July***
- Use 'Marlborough Uniform' in the description, plus age/year group
- School will put out what they have in the car park on Wed 22nd July

**Obviously later also fine, but a deadline sometimes helps!*

If you're not on facebook, you can email photos/description to mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk and we can post.

And lastly... **Free Ice Cream!**

The Mariners would like to say a huge thank you to our current Marlborough children for being so resilient with home learning, thoughtful towards others and giving us all hope that we will soon be together again, learning and laughing. As a thank you the Mariners are offering **every Marlborough child a FREE ice cream** from Swanpool Beach Café. This offer is valid until Sunday 16th of August.

All you have to do is turn up, and give them some information:

1. Tell them that you are a **Marlborough School Summer Superstar**
2. Tell them your **Packet Ship**
3. Place your order (a single scoop of vanilla, choose clotted cream, and/or another topping or a vegan lolly)
4. Sit down, enjoy your summer treat and relax!

Make sure you only do it once as other children would miss out if you had more than your share.

Happy Summer Holidays!



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