

15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child's end of year report should land on your door mat before the end of the week. The report this year looks different as we have not included attendance information and the *Attitude and Attainment Codes* are given as a reflection of their learning up until the school closed in March. It has been a pleasure to read the reports and see each child's skills and talents being recognised by their classteacher. Writing the reports and planning for next term has made all of the staff keen to get back to the job that we signed up for; educating your sparky, curious and thoughtful children. Hopefully, we will be able to return to some sort of normality in September and reopen Marlborough School as the industrious and happy hub that we are.

Thank you to those who have returned their survey; these should enable us to hit the ground running in September, supporting the needs of all of our pupils. We have attached another copy this week if you would like to let us know how your home learning experience has been and what you would like to see as part of our Recovery Plan. Either email the completed form to <a href="mailto:office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk">office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk</a> or put it through the school letter box. Many thanks.



# Marlborough School End of Year Disco!



You are all invited to an end of year disco from the comfort of your own houses! On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of July you will be sent a zoom link to join in with a Marlborough School disco. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have the first dance from 6pm until 6.25pm, Years 3 to 6 will have a late boogie from 6.30pm until 7pm.

Get dressed up, get dressed down, put on a wig, dance with your dog, anything goes!

When you join the disco-meeting, your fellow dancers will be able to see you but your microphones will be muted. The DJs will be the only ones with sound. We ask that parents please supervise the disco, and join in if they feel like it. For safeguarding reasons we may take pupils out of the disco meeting if their behaviour and conduct is not appropriate.

## Romeo and Juliet... a modern retelling

Our Year 6 class will be watching a screening of their Year 6 production after the disco on Monday night at 7.10pm. They will be sent a zoom link on Monday. The video link will be shared next Wednesday for the other year groups to see.



#### **Sports Provision**

Sadly, Liam Hoban will no longer be providing sports support for schools. In September we will be working with Plymouth Argyle and Vicky Pryor to develop sports within school. Although Plymouth Argyle are associated with football, they have community coaches who are experts at developing a wide range of sports across primary education. We will continue to work with Messi and his Multisports team for afterschool sports clubs and Breakfast Club.

#### **Hall for Cornwall Dance Project**

On Thursday and Friday this week Rob Mennear, an associate dancer with the Hall for Cornwall, will be leading dance sessions for the Key Worker groups on Thursday and Friday, one group on each day. These will take place on the field and Rob will stay distanced from the children and will follow our Covid guidelines.

#### **Dr Bike Sessions**

Nick from the Sustrans Project will be in lower carpark on Friday and Monday carrying out Dr Bike checks; making sure children's bikes are roadworthy and ready for for the summer holidays. Please see the accompanying letter for more details and contact the school office if you would like to book a bike in.

#### **Update for the Autumn Term**

In light of the government announcement that all children are expected to be back in school in September we are currently updating our risk assessment which will be sent to parents before the end of term.

#### What will be the same?

- Children are expected to be back in school full time from the 7<sup>th</sup> of September.
- As per usual, Reception children will not need to be in full time education until the term after their fifth birthday.
- School attendance will be mandatory and the usual rules on attendance will apply.
- Children will be in their class bubble with their class teacher and teaching assistants.
- Children should wear their school uniform; uniforms can be cleaned as normal and there is no expectation that these are cleaned daily.
- The curriculum will be as broad and exciting as normal, with children being taught all curriculum subjects.
- We will still have outside providers working with us to provide Breakfast Club, extracurricular specialist clubs and sports and workshops in school.
- Staff who usually cover Planning, Preparation and Assessment cover for teachers will be able to teach across different classes.
- Day trips and visits will be able to go ahead, following thorough risk assessments.

#### What will be different?

- If pupils are still unable to attend school due to clinical advice given to them specifically they will be able to access remote learning and will not be penalised for non-attendance.
- Parents and carers will not be able to enter the school building (we are awaiting updates for information regarding our new reception intake). Any messages can be passed to teachers via the office or through email or phone conversations.
- Children will remain in their bubble groups and we will keep the mixing of bubbles to a minimum. This means that pupils will enter school at their new classroom door, have assemblies in their classrooms and via Zoom and have a rota for breaktimes.
- Children will wash their hands upon arrival at school and throughout the day.
- Children can bring in their own pencil case and supplies. We will try to keep pencils, pens and other personal equipment separate. Shared equipment will be cleaned frequently and thoroughly.
- Lunch times will be staggered to avoid mixing bubbles. All children will be able to have a hot or cold dinner.



- There will be an added focus on children's Personal, Social and Health Education, creativity and expression.
- We will be identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in phonics, reading, writing, vocabulary, writing and maths.
- The Reception baseline test, which was due to start in September 2020, has now been delayed to start in September 2021.

#### What happens if someone has symptoms?

- Our local Health Protection Team will need to be informed if anyone shows symptoms or if someone tests positive. Where people have been in close contact they will be asked to self-isolate.
- The local Health Protection Team may recommend that a larger number of pupils self-isolate as a precautionary measure.
- Whole school closure will not generally be necessary unless the local Health Protection Team advises it.
- If there is a local spike in infection rates, we may be advised to close to most pupils. The Home learning approach would be resumed.

#### Please follow the government link to read the guidance regarding returning to school.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak

#### **Transition**

The summer term would usually provide many opportunities for transition for all children. This has had to be amended this year. Here is this year's plan for transition:

#### New Reception

- Our new reception parents have received a booklet about Starting School
- Mrs Pearce and Mrs Prason are phoning our new reception parents in July to discuss transition
- A timetable is in place for small group sessions for September

#### Years R to 5

- We will host a shared online meeting in July with the children's current class teacher and their next teacher to hold a 'getting to know you' session
- In September, children will start in their new classrooms but will spend time with their old class teacher for circle time sessions, discussions and some lessons in the first week.

#### Year 6

- Matt Swiggs and Lisa Pearce have shared information regarding pupils with secondary schools
- Secondary schools have created virtual tours of the school and information needed for September on their websites.

#### **BF Adventure**

Our Year 6s will be heading out of school to BF Adventure for an activity day today and tomorrow. Have a wonderful time!

#### **Year 6 Leavers Hoodies**

The Year 6s are looking very bright, colourful and proud in their Leavers' Hoodies! The cost for these is £13.20 and this will be added to ParentPay accounts. If you have any difficulties with payment please contact the school office.

#### Free School Meals funding for the Summer Holiday

The government are providing a *Covid Summer Food Fund* to support children during the 6 week holidays. The last food hampers will be collected or delivered on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of July and by then we will be able to provide those children in receipt of FSM a voucher to be used at a local supermarket.



#### **Free School Meals Applications**

If your financial circumstances have changed you may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please follow the link on the Cornwall.gov website to apply: <a href="https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/">https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/</a>

#### **Collection of personal items**

Class teachers will be arranging a time for children to collect their personal items that have been left on pegs or in drawers. Art work and craft items can also be collected. We will be keeping the children's school books as evidence for Ofsted when they visit. These books will be returned to the children. Children in Year 6 will be notified about collecting their books.

#### **Book Amnesty**

We are very lucky that we have such avid readers in school! Could any school reading books please be returned by the 17<sup>th</sup> of July so they can be placed in our libraries, ready for the next children to love. Many thanks.

#### **Small World toys needed**

Kerry Finnegan would like some small world play people for her Year 1 classroom. Ideally she would like people, mythical creatures, British wildlife (Gruffalo characters!) and sea creatures. If you have any that need a new home we would greatly apprieciate them. Thanks

#### **Summer Decorating and Refurbishment**

Over the summer holidays we will be refreshing the Year 3, 4 and 5 classrooms by painting the rooms and getting them recarpeted. Year 5 will also be getting new tables and chairs.

#### FREE: Music and Coding at the Cornwall Music Video Game Summer School

We have attached a flier for a virtual music and coding club.

http://conductivemusic.uk/musical-video-game-summer-school/

#### **Home Learning**

Teachers will set the last home learning tasks on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of July. We have been blown away by your home learning; the creativity, dedication and resourcefulness is astounding. Please follow the link to the sharing platforms on our website:

http://www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website/home learning during school closure/476058

#### **Tutors**

Please can anyone who is using a tutor for any catch up provision please make sure you have seen their DBS checks and make sure that you are happy with their safeguarding procedures.

#### **School Uniform orders**

Castle Sports is now open. They now stock book bags costing £7.50 and PE bags costing £5.00. School uniform order forms are on our website:

https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/dress code/465790

#### #OnlineSafetyAtHome

Online gaming can offer many positive experiences. It can give children and young people the chance to escape into a virtual world, to learn, and to connect with others. However, there is a risk of children and young people viewing inappropriate content in games and being contacted by adults seeking to exploit them. This week, *Think U Know* is providing activity packs for parents and carers to deliver to their children exploring how they can stay safe while gaming: <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/</a>



If you or your child encounter online abuse there is an online tool to report directly to the police. Please log onto <a href="https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/">https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/</a> which is part of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection resource. If you keep the resource on your desk top then it can always be used if needed.

#### Safeguarding

Here is the link to the government guidance for parents and carers regarding safeguarding. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm</a>

The current arrangements mean that children can become very vulnerable. If you need any help or support with managing the safety of your own children or you have concerns about other families please continue to talk to us. The school phone number is **01326 314636**.

You can 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.

Its aim is to provide early intervention *before* these children reach the threshold for statutory intervention. See, Hear, Respond does not replace your usual referral process for children who meet a statutory threshold for significant harm: such referrals must be made to your local authority safeguarding team using your usual safeguarding procedures.

The See, Hear, Respond Partnership has been created specifically to help children and young people in England who are experiencing harm and increased adversity during coronavirus, by providing support to those who are not being seen by schools or other key agencies. There is no minimum threshold for referral. We will support children from pre-birth up to 18 years of age and those with special educational needs under the age of 25.

See, Hear, Respond will contact every referral made to us, so no child gets missed. We'll then find a partner best placed to support the most isolated and at risk children in your area. **Call 0800 157 7015 if you would like to discuss a concern or make a referral.** 

#### Elemental

Elemental on Swanpool Beach are opening on July 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be running a Kids Club throughout the summer starting from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### **Term Dates**

The last day of the school year for all pupils will be **Tuesday 21**st of July. The first two days of the autumn term are INSET days, meaning that children return to school on **Monday the 7**th of **September**.

#### **Summer Support**

This summer we will be checking our <u>office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk</u> 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.

#### **Virtual Music Summer School**

If you like the look of the flier below, please register your interest via this link: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdORq03GyOwqOpQcG5pU8pPPQi8zvnIpS78MdAeapmjIITBbA/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdORq03GyOwqOpQcG5pU8pPPQi8zvnIpS78MdAeapmjIITBbA/viewform</a>





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### VIRTUAL MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2020 - CORNWALL

#### FREE TO ATTEND EVENT

- 3, 4 & 5th of August: 09:00 16:00
- Scheduled online events over the 3 days
- Pick and choose which sessions you would like to attend
- Sessions to include ensemble workshops, instrumental and vocal master classes, music technology, improvising, composition, conducting plus much more
- Free to attend
- FINALE Virtual Gala Performance streamed after the conclusion of the summer school
- Open to ALL musicians of Grade 1 and above standard
- Separate Adult and Youth Sessions
- All delivered by the inspirational music leads of CMST in partnership with the Hypatia Trust

To register your interest please complete an application form <u>here</u>

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