



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in the process of developing our Recovery Plan, making sure that the autumn term has a focus on building our confidence in the world, giving children their voice back in the classroom and ensuring progress in the key areas of learning. With this newsletter we are sending out a Covid Provision Survey to gather your views on what you feel your children need when they return to school. We have all had very different experiences during the past 16 weeks and, in order to match our provision to the children's needs, it would be helpful to know how your children are feeling and how we can best help them. This is an anonymous survey so you do not need to give specific details about supporting an individual child, just let us know what your priorities are. We would be extremely grateful if as many people as possible could complete the survey and either email it to office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk or put it through the school letter box. Many thanks.

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 7th 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.

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- 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.

Virtual Sports Day

We had such an amazing response to our **Virtual Sports Day**, with children and families joining in and having fun. You can see the compilation video on our website showing lots of rosy cheeks and smiley faces;

<https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website> Well done to everyone that took part and submitted scores. A special well done to our Year 6 class who had a record number of participants.

So here they are... du du duhhhh; the results of our first (and hopefully last) **Virtual Sports Day!**

1st Place	Freeling with 3686 points
2nd Place	Walsingham with 3576 points
3rd Place	Chichester with 2828 points
4th Place	Fox with 2813 points
5 th Place	Swiftsure with 2811 points
6 th Place	Pelham with 2789 points

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End of Year Celebrations

Year 6 Performance

Our Year 6s are working with the magnificent John Brolly from the Minack Theatre putting together an abridged version of *Romeo and Juliet*. They will be developing their understanding of the story and acting skills and filming each group's performance to put together into one film. Those children who are shielding will be involved in the project. After last year's success with *A Midsummer Night's Dream* we are very much looking forward to seeing the outcome!

BF Adventure

Our Year 6s will be heading out of school to BF Adventure for an activity day. Group A will be going on Wednesday 15th of July and Group B on Thursday 16th of July. Parents will need to provide transport to and from BF adventure. Information can be found at: www.bfadventure.org/

Celebration Night

It is impossible for us to come together as a community at the moment so instead we are going to invite you to dress up and celebrate with us from the comfort of your own homes. On **Monday 20th of July** we will be screening, via an emailed link, the Year 6 version of *Romeo and Juliet* and their Leavers' Assembly. After the screening we will have a Zoom Disco, where you can join us in your glad rags and dance around your coffee table. More information on these events will be sent out next week.

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 20th 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: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

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 17th 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 appreciate 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.

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Home Learning

Teachers will set the last home learning tasks on Monday 20th 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

End of Year Reporting

Our end of year reports will have a different appearance this year as children have not been in school during the summer term. Any attainment comments are based upon their learning in school up until March 2020. Reports will be sent home by post on Wednesday 15th of July. Please let the office know if you need an additional report sent to a parent living separately to the child's home address.

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: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you or your child encounter online abuse there is an online tool to report directly to the police. Please log onto <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> 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.

<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>

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**.

Elemental

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

Term Dates

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

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.

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