

An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

10 September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new year at Marlborough – and an especial welcome to all the new children and families joining us. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer – certainly the children have been full of their stories and arrived at school on Thursday eager to catch up with friends.

There are a couple of new faces on the team – most obvious is that Mrs Lisa Walker has stepped from the learning support team into the role of receptionist. She is also supporting Jackie Jorey with some financial duties as Olivia Pentecost has replaced Jacqui Heath who sadly left us as secretary at the end of the summer term. Another new face is that of Simon Jervis in the kitchen. Simon is covering for Angie Douglas through her maternity leave, until Easter.

One other thing the juniors will notice and may have mentioned is the change we are trialling with lunchtime arragements to reduce the staggered timetable over the middle of the day. Infants will continue to go directly to lunch at 12:00. On Mondays-Thursdays, the juniors' lunch hour now also begins at 12:00 and the children go straight out to play before moving to the second sitting at 12:30. On Fridays the junior lunch hour will continue to start at 12:15, but will run until 13:15 (the infants have a longer lunch break on this day. School session times are otherwise unchanged, starting at 08:45 every day, finishing at 15:20 for infants and 15:30 for juniors, except for Fridays when all children finish at 14:00.

These times have been updated on the website – where all other essential information can also be found at <u>https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/information_and_policies/7821</u>. This includes the the school calendar summary for the year, sent last term and also copied to the website under both Diary and Term Dates. Please note among these that the Christmas (sorry to mention it so early!) performances have been planned around the children's packet ships with infants starring on just one day and evening – please check these if you need to plan arrangements to attend. Do also note the individual parents consultation week which starts on Tuesday 30th October during the week straight after half term.

There will be a Whole School Parents Meeting with the Head and Class teachers to which all parents are invited next Monday 17th September at 17:00. The meeting will begin in the school hall and then, for years 1-6, move to classes. Please go first to your younger child's teacher and then after ½ hour to any older sibbling's room. There will be a crèche so please do make every effort to attend this meeting, to find out about the year ahead and how you can support your child(ren)'s learning.

Safety Messages that can't wait until next week's meeting are:

- Please remember that Marlborough is a **nut free** zone. This is to ensure the safety of some children with specific needs. This means that our kitchen cannot serve nut products and also that packed lunches brought from home should not contain nuts the advisory packed lunch chart on the website gives some alternatives (eg sunflower seed instead of peanut butter).
- Please avoid driving into Ferndale Close and if you should ever have to do so, do observe the new signage and school entrance road markings – nobody should ever stop even to drop children off in this area.



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Marlborough School's Sponsored Cycle ride around Swanpool lake on Sunday 30th September2018

This has proved to be a great fundraiser and a truly rewarding and enjoyable event in previous years. Open to every child at Marlborough School to cycle, scooter or walk around the lake. Starting from Swanpool car park between 09:00 and 13:00. If you are able to join us and assist in preparation or on the day and haven't already done so, please let us knowusing the Marlborough Mariners email address, below. We need help with:

- Delivering letters to inform local residents of the event
- Making warning signs for motorists
- Registering, recording and refreshing riders
- Marshalling

You should also have seen Friday's request for an outgrown child's bike? We're looking to find one that a local shop will refurbish as a prize for the sponsored cycle ride. If you or a relative have a reasonable condition bike sitting in a garage etc. which you'd be willing to donate, please let the cycle ride team know.

mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk

Please also encourage your child to participate and help him or her to collect sponsors! Thank you

Packet Points				We have reported updates to the ongoing packet point competition each week for a
Class total per week				number of years without explaining how these are calculated. Essentially, each
1 st	Chichester	0	0	child's awards are collected for their class. The totals for each packet ship are then
1 st	Swiftsure	0	0	counted and 7 points awarded for the leading ship and 5 to the second placed ship,
1 st	Pelham	0	0	4 to the third and so on. The totals for all class are then collected and added up in
1 st	Walsingham	0	0	the same way to decide on the award of the packet ship points to be counted for the
1 st	Freeling	0	0	term's competition. This is all very complicated – but fortunately we have a clever
1 st	Fox	0	0	team of year 6 monitors to keep thingsl fair. The competition is now under way!

Music lessons began again today and will run throughout and from this week. Please make sure that children bring their instruments in for their tutorial days (which will be the same as last year). If you are interested in your child learning an instrument, please ask at the school office for details.

Reminder about new junior school meal prices. As mentioned last year, we have had to increase junior meal prices for the first time since taking on our school kitchen, bringing them in line with the grant we receive for infant meals. They now cost £2.30 a day or, if prepaid for the week, £11.

The lunchtime recorder club will start this Friday – all other clubs will being next week. We will post details and arrangements on-line and notice boards – please collect forms from the school office.

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for and more positively utilised by the community?

A meeting to discuss the creation of a Bosvale Community Group which focuses on the protection, conservation and improvement of our essential green areas. will be held at the Boslowick Inn on Tuesday 11th September 6:45 for a 7pm Start.

Local community and representatives from stakeholder groups will discuss clean ups and pathway building in Bosvale woods and the creation of a green-link walkway along the water catchment from Bickland water road to Swanpool through Boslowick.

Please come along if you are interested in getting involved toward making a positive change. All welcome.

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