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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable, if somewhat different, Easter weekend. School has remained open throughout the 'holidays' providing child care. This child care is in place to enable key workers to remain at work and to support families who may be in need. If you feel that you fit into either of these categories please complete the booking form or contact the office to book a place. Class teachers will be contacting you and your child by phone and email to make sure you are safe and happy and to see if there is anything else we can be doing at school to support you during this difficult time. We have access to a whole range of services, for example; Social Care, Family Workers, School Nursing Team, Educational Psychologists etc so please contact us if you need any support.

There has been no indication from the Department for Education for a date to return to school, however as soon as we know we will let you know. All external summer term assessments have been cancelled by the Department for Education, meaning that we do not need report EYFS Early Learning Goals, Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Year 4 Multiplication Check and end of Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs data to the government. There will probably be a replacement assessment system but there is no information on this as yet.

Home Learning

You should have all received home learning tasks for this week. If you have not yet received an email please contact the office. We understand that it is very difficult to juggle work, other children, family health and the rest of family life and try to complete the homelearning tasks. Class teachers have made it very clear that you should do what you can and do not add to the, already difficult, emotional stress. We have had lovely photos and feedback from pupils, showing marvellous learning and proving just how resilient and resourceful our Marlborough pupils are! Class teachers are coming up with interesting ways of teaching; Mrs Gall is reading her class story through Youtube, Mr Swiggs has set the Year 6s a toilet roll challenge and Reception pupils are carrying out a picture book treasure hunt. Class teachers are making sure pupils are covering key skills such as maths, reading and writing and also setting research projects and creative activities.

Free School Meals

Many families are sadly reaching crisis point financially due to Covid-19. If your 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/>

On Mondays the kitchen team make and are able to deliver hampers of food for those children eligible for means based Free School Meals. This does not apply to the Universal Free School Meals offer that is usually provided for all EYFS and KS1 children. If any of our families are having difficulty accessing food during this time please contact the office.

National School Offer Day

The Admissions Team are sending out emails on Thursday 16th April to those parents who have applied for their child to have a reception place for September 2020. We will be sending out information packs to those parents next week, however we are unsure about when our *Starting School* meeting will be and therefore a date will be decided once school is open as usual.

<http://www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website>



Safeguarding

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**.

Online Safety

Please also be very aware of your child's online activity. When children are spending time online they are more open to peer on peer abuse, children being mean or social pressures. If you have concerns about them accessing inappropriate material please turn on filters and time limits. Make sure you are able to monitor your child's phone chats, gameing conversations and online communications. As always, be hypervigilant to your child's emotional wellbeing. The pressures placed on children to be 'in a chat' and keeping up with others are heightened when we are socially distant and they have a fear of missing out. Their emotional wellbeing is paramount at this difficult time.

Domestic Abuse

On Saturday, the Government launched a new public awareness campaign highlighting that if anyone is at risk of, or experiencing, domestic abuse, they are still able to leave and seek refuge. The campaign, under the hashtag #YouAreNotAlone, will create a community around those affected by domestic abuse and reassure victims that support remains available. At home shouldn't mean at risk. If you or someone you know is suffering from #DomesticAbuse, isolation rules do not apply. Police response and support services remain available. Find support at gov.uk/domestic-abuse or call 999 if you are in immediate danger.

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