



# An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are only two more days of Remote Learning before we welcome your children back into school! You have all done such an amazing job at supporting your children throughout the school restrictions. At Marlborough School we value equality; every child's wellbeing and progress is given equal value. During this lockdown we know that life has felt unfair at times with everyone's home set-up being different. It is our job now to bring the children back together as a community and move on. Please reassure your children, if they are feeling nervous about the amount of learning completed during the lockdown, that this is not a problem and we are just excited to see them and get cracking with school life again! At the end of this newsletter there are some ideas for parents to help children who are feeling anxious return to school. Mrs Gall has chosen a beautiful book, **Rain before Rainbows**, for our World Book Day focus. Your class teacher will be sharing the book with you tomorrow and it is relevant to our current situation. When the girl is feeling worried the narrator says, 'But... there are footsteps to follow, And words that are wise, A map that will guide us when troubles arise, Friends who will help us, courageous and kind, A rope to hold on to and treasures to find.' With our wonderful community back together we are super excited to find many more treasures.

## World Book Day- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Every day is World Book Day at Marlborough, but this week it's official! In celebration of all things bookish, we have launched our [Virtual Library](#). Click on the link and you will find all sorts of surprise readers and lots of lovely stories and poems to browse and listen to.

We will also be setting you a challenge for the week with different ideas to get you reading and sharing books.



Tomorrow, on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> (official World Book Day) the whole school will be sharing the same book and using it as a starting point for that day's learning. You will also be receiving a virtual World Book Day token which you can use to buy one of the special books produced for this year's WBD. Paper vouchers will be given out in class next week. You can get a preview of some of the available books here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IQMCjggAUnuppqmWYvEIDUy-SetutOf/view>

## Whole School Assembly

Our last community assembly will be on **Thursday at 3pm**, we will be revealing our Masked Readers as part of our **World Book Day** celebrations. A link will be emailed on Thursday.

## Screen Free Fridays

We have had positive feedback regarding our Screen Free Fridays; hopefully your family have found the activities helpful in taking away the stress of managing technology and allowing your child to develop other skills. This week we have a combined focus of **Resourcefulness** and celebrating our Cornish heritage as it is

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Saint Piran's Day. At the end of Friday they can colour in the Resourcefulness star if parents are happy with their effort.

### **St Piran's Day**

This Friday is St Piran's Day, the national day of Cornwall! This year, more than any, I have certainly appreciated the joys of living in Cornwall. Although we will not be able to celebrate together this year our Screen Free Friday activities have a Cornish theme. Children in school will be able to have a pasty lunch. The organisers of the Saint Piran's Day Parade have asked us to send in any photos or videos of the day so please share any celebrations with us. Oggy, oggy oggy...

### **Return to School: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

You have received information this week about the measures in place for our return to school on Monday. A copy of the information can be found on our website: [Return to School - March 2021](#)

The systems in place are mainly the same as our autumn term plan; essentially creating class bubbles and remaining in those bubbles for the whole day with increased hand washing and hygiene measures. If you have any concerns about the measures in place or ideas to support the reopening of the school, please contact us. Our risk assessment can be found on our website: [Risk Assessment](#)

### **Learning Out and About and In School**

**Campfire Sessions** – As part of our positive return to school, each class will have time on the field on Monday or Tuesday with Louise Tremewan; telling stories, having nibbles, singing songs and enjoying the camaraderie of sitting around a fire with friends.

**Sport in School** – PE is on set days until Easter and children should come into school in their PE kits with a school jumper over the top on those days. Black or navy jogging bottoms can be worn.

Monday: Class 1 and Class 6 with Plymouth Argyle

Tuesday: Class 3 and Class 5 with Mrs Pryor

Thursday: Class 2 and Class 4 with Plymouth Argyle

Please can Reception Class pupils have their PE kits in school as they have sessions mapped out throughout the week.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

We are providing sports clubs, free of charge, for all KS2 classes until Easter.

Class 3: Plymouth Argyle Sports Club- Friday 2pm – 3.15pm

Class 4: Plymouth Argyle Sports Club- Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Class 5: Mrs Pryor Sports Club- Tuesday lunch time

Class 6: Plymouth Argyle Sports Club- Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

### **Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing**

Do not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, someone in your household is displaying symptoms, someone in your household is awaiting a test result or someone in your household has tested positive.

If your child has been in school as part of our childcare provision you must inform the office if your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, is being tested, is awaiting a test result and the outcome of the test.

Please continue to inform the office if someone in your household has a positive Covid test result, even if your child has not been in school.

### **Hay, Herbs and Gnomes Needed!**

Our reception class are on the look out for hay or straw bales to create a seating area in their mud kitchen. If you have any spare or know where we could get some please let the office know. They would also like some herbs and garden ornaments if you have any spare that you could donate. Many thanks.

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### **Message from the Government**

#### **Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff**

Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus (COVID-19) do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the virus spreading. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we all need to play our part to help protect each other. On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Letters containing advice on where to access testing will be made available shortly.

This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

### **Cleaner Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a school cleaner for 10 hours each week. Please follow the link below for more information. The closing date for applications is the 4<sup>th</sup> of March.

<https://cornwall.referrals.selectminds.com/schools/jobs/school-cleaner-1434>

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Book Week

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – St Piran's Day

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – All children return to school

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# Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

*As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.*

## Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



## Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – “it’s completely fine to feel like that at the moment” or “I can really understand why you would feel like that”



## Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



## Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



## Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



## Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your ‘goodbye’ routine and create a ‘hello’ greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.

