



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

15th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of 2021 and although this year has been turbulent, with school closures and restrictions, we have powered through it with the support of our wonderful community. We have strived to give the children the same safe, happy and exciting learning opportunities that all children should experience without the burden of pandemics and global chaos. In times like these it has been heart-warming to see how a community can pull together, being thoughtful and holding kindness at the centre of all that we do. Thank you to you and your amazing children for your support over the past year. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and fulfilling 2022. Please come and see the sunrise with us on Friday 7th of January on Swanpool Beach to welcome in the new year!

Staffing Update

Although Kathy Rowe is staying at Marlborough in January she will be reducing her teaching role and stepping down as Assistant Headteacher. Staff and governors would all like to thank Kathy for the leadership she has given the school and the support that she has given to all the staff. Kathy holds the well-being and progress of the children at the centre of all that she does and her no-nonsense, calm approach towards school life is a brilliant energy to be around! Enjoy your days off Kathy! The governors have appointed Matt Swiggs as Acting Assistant Headteacher from January.

Learning Out and About and In School

Winter Well-being Walk – On Friday, the last day of term, we will be heading out in the morning for a whole school *Winter Well-being Walk*. The route will be from school, through the graveyard, down Spernen Wyn Road and along the seafront and back. We'll be singing festive tunes along the way! On the way back, we will walk along the path through Queen Mary's Gardens at the back of Gyllyngvase Beach where, hopefully, there will be a special visitor waiting to say hello. This walk will be raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital; children can wear festive clothes and can bring money in towards the charity, suggested donation of £1.00. Families can come along and clap, wave or join in with singing along the way. Please could we have some parent volunteers to join us? Many thanks.

Sunrise Celebration – Please come along and watch the sun rise on Friday 7th of January on Swanpool Beach. The sky will start to get light at around 7.10am so come along and celebrate the dawn of the new year! The café will be open from 8am.

Christmas Performances

Christmas on the Beach – **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME AND VENUE** – Children in Classes 3 to 6 will be performing their Christmas songs and displaying their lanterns on Swanpool Beach tomorrow, Thursday 16th December, for families to watch. Please can children assemble at 4.45pm at the top of Swanpool Beach, ready to parade with the lanterns and sing on the beach at 5pm.

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



School Librarians

Many thanks for the applications to become a school librarian. The quality of applications was amazing and Mrs Gall was blown away by the commitment to get everyone reading a wide range of literature! The librarians who will be looking after The Burrow are Macey, Sophia, Inigo, Jack, Camilla, Bberion, Indiana, Evie-May, Ella, Yola, Arlo G, Marley, Amelie, Jazmyne, Nina, Elsie S and Rosy.

Online Safety

Please remember that there is no rush to give your children access to the internet. We have had children accessing a range of age inappropriate apps, revealing too much information about themselves and therefore putting themselves in danger. Many communication apps; Snapchat, Discord etc can seem innocent enough on the surface but children are only a click away from inappropriate content and people, hence why they are not suitable for primary age children. Please monitor your child's internet usage so they can enjoy technology safely.

Last Day of Term Car Park Dance and Raffle

Some of the Children in Class 4 would like to invite you to an after school dance session in the lower car park after school on the last Friday of term. There will also be a *Name the Ice-skaters* competition and a raffle. Tickets are available for the raffle at the beginning and end of the school day.

!!!CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & CAKE SALE!!! **AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY**

Fabulous prizes include... Champagne afternoon tea for 2 at the Meudon Hotel, 1-to-1 Pilates session with Cscape, 2 hours garden maintenance, Star Glazers paint-at-home ceramic kits, cake from Simply Baked Cornwall, babysitting, hair & bath accessories, shaving kit, stationery and many more gifts.

Draw is outside main doors of school after school on Friday (or we will get your prize to you).

GET YOUR TICKETS AT PICK-UP TIME EVERY DAY! £1 for 5.

Or buy by bank transfer:

Marlborough Mariners / Sort: 40-21-02 / Acc: 21579029 / Ref: Your Surname and 'Raffle'

Then text Georgie 07980 807157 saying how much you've paid, your name, child's name and class. She will text you back with a photo of your tickets.

PLEASE BRING YOUR YUMMY CAKES, BISCUITS AND TREATS TO SELL!

Just bring your bakes to the table (in lower car park outside main school doors) before/after pick-up time on Friday. NO NUTS. All proceeds to school. THANK YOU!!!

ALL PROCEEDS TO SCHOOL FUNDS



Free School Meals Vouchers

Cornwall Council are giving vouchers for means-tested Free School Meals pupils to go towards the cost of food over the Christmas holidays. These have been emailed to families.

Spring Term Clubs

A new letter regarding spring term clubs will be sent out at the beginning of term. Clubs will start from the 10th of January.

Kitchen Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant to work with our wonderful Marlborough Kitchen team on Tuesdays, with additional cover hours available on an ad hoc basis. The closing date for applications is the 6th of January. The link for the post can be found at [Catering Assistant Job](#)

Covid Update

There is no need to inform the office of Covid updates over the school holidays but please keep us informed of symptoms and positive LFT and/or PCR results from the 3rd of January. Please email office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk to report updates.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 15th December – Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity at 2.15pm and 5.30pm

Thursday 16th December – Classes 3 to 6 *Christmas on the Beach* at 4.45pm

Friday 17th December – Christmas Charity Walk – Last day of term

Tuesday 4th January – School Closed for INSET DAY

Wednesday 5th January – Children back to school

Friday 7th January – Sunrise Celebration on Swanpool Beach at 7.10am



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