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## An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

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Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Meet the Teacher evenings, and thank you especially for willingly sitting through my introduction (some of you twice!). It was good to see both evenings well attended, as there was some important information to share. The year ahead of us seems to be one especially full of challenges and opportunities – something which I hope translates as 'excitement' as the children look forward to their learning activities. Certainly the classes have taken shape with some inspiring role-play themes to support studies from Alice in Wonderland and First Nation Tribes to Mining, Vikings and Space. You can find out about some of what's going on from the class blogs which are coming on line (we'll include links on the learning pages of the website). So, please do talk about the topics as often as your children will let you!

Do also please continue to read with your children as regularly and as often as you can. As I explained at the open evenings, they really do benefit from your support and we value this element of our partnership enormously. Do also play games and count in (backwards, forwards and appropriate times-table jumps) in your daily conversations as we work on children's fluency with handling their number skills. Class teachers will keep in touch with you regularly as to how you can continue to support the children in their home learning through the year.

In the junior classes we are bringing a newly focused daily approach to morning maths, using a similar organisation as the reading roundabouts have given over the years. Generally these will sit in the early morning timetable slot, with reading moving to an after lunch session. We've not yet come up with a name for it – something better than Magic or Manic Maths we hope... maybe Marlborough Maths will develop to challenge the Singapore or Shanghai some politicians favour. Certainly our activities are designed to be enjoyable as well as challenging as they develop and embed the basic skills we use in other lessons and mathematical learning.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, punctuality is enormously important as we aim to get every day off in a snappy and inspiring fashion – late arrivals do interrupt the flow for the other children. It's been very encouraging to see everyone's good time keeping for the start of term so please keep this up! A purposeful start will help us to keep the pace of learning comfortable for the children, as we are then able to slip in more frequent short breaks. We'll be using the first of these (at 09:30) for the children to eat any healthy tuck to ensure that even those that skipped breakfast have the energy to take them through to lunch without spoiling their midday meal by eating later. At the moment the junior tuck shop has not been running – but keep an eye out for plans to run one at the end of the day (perhaps saving a few biscuit tin raids at home!). When the children's Parliament meets this will be a key point for discussion.

As explained at the meetings, we're taking a 'holiday' from Fab Fridays this half term. This will enable us to embed some of the new timetable arrangements (including new assembly arrangements as shown below). These valued cross age sessions will return in November and for 6 week cycles in following terms. We do plan to increase staff numbers for these sessions and also to introduce the occasional 'wonder week'. As ever, any parent who would like to offer some expertise or simply pure enthusiasm to help out in Fab Friday sessions would be most welcome.

### Assembly arrangements

Monday 09:35 main whole school assembly  
Tuesday 08:45 Singing  
Friday 08:55 Celebration assembly

This Week				Total		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Fox</b>	27	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Pelham</b>	11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Chichester</b>	22	5	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Fox</b>	10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Pelham</b>	20	4	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Chichester</b>	9
	<b>Swiftsure</b>	20	4	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Freeling</b>	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Freeling</b>	19	2	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swiftsure</b>	5
	<b>Walsingham</b>	19	2	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Walsingham</b>	4

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The west-coast cheer academy (all qualified and CRB checked coaches) will be running a weekly Cheer-Leading club at Falmouth School from this Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup> September). The 45 minute sessions begin at 16:00 at a cost of £3 each, although students will need to pay termly (this can be explained to parents by the coach on the evening).

Come and join us at Falmouth Allotments on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support at Little Insight Lane between 10:00-12:00  
*"Change lives with every slice"*



### Expert Football Coaching for Boys and Girls in Falmouth

FA Skills are now running affordable football sessions for 5-11 year olds in Falmouth. The sessions will consist of plenty of games and practices to develop technical and tactical skills as well as providing an opportunity to get active and make new friends!

Here are the details...

#### Where...

Falmouth School,  
Trescobeas Road,  
Falmouth,  
TR11 4LH

#### When...

Every Thursday  
during term time

5pm – 6pm (5-7 year olds)

6pm-7pm (8-11 year olds)



To book a place or find out more please visit  
[www.TheFA.com/Skills](http://www.TheFA.com/Skills)



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### Marlborough School's Apple Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

after school in the hall from 14.00



The time to celebrate apples is fast approaching again this year, and to make this year as terrific as previous years we need you all to start collecting and storing apples **NOW** ! If you've collected apples please bring them to school the week of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, where there will be boxes left in the entrance hall for you to pop your apples in. As well as any variety of apples for games and crushing to make free apple juice, we also need specific apple varieties which the children can taste (just two or three of each, PLEASE LABEL THE APPLES WITH THE TYPE/ VARIETY). Please bring anything you can we need lots of apples!

#### On the day competitions . . . . .

There will be an apple pie competition with a prize for the winner so any budding junior Mary Berrys out there are in with a chance of a prize ! Jess the School Cook and Mrs Blackburn will be judging again this year (recipes are available in the newsletter and in school). As well as prize winning pies, we will be offering a prize for the child who finds the largest apple and brings it in labelled with their name. The final prize will go to the winner of the apple word search which you can also download from the newsletter or pick up in school.

#### We need your help . . . . .

We will be having an apple related cake stall so all donations will be **VERY** greatly received. All proceeds from this stall will go to the School's Learning in the Natural Environment (LINE) fund to carry on the good work. All of the other stalls on the day will be free, and we are looking for help from parents to set up/supervise the stalls. So if you are able to sign up to help on the day your support would be very much appreciated, and if you have ideas over and above the list below, get in touch.

The success of the event is created by the Marlborough School family and I hope lots of you will be willing to help out in advance and on the day. If you need to contact me call Kath Statham on 07539 923923 or email me at [kath27st@gmail.com](mailto:kath27st@gmail.com).

Please take a form and hand it in at the school office if you can help.

*Thank you*

A reminder please, for the end of the day, please do not allow children to use the Mud Kitchen, Outdoor Orchestra, Jungle Run or tyres etc whilst waiting for older children to be released from their classes.

Remember too that the y5 classroom is located at the back of the school, close to the cycle store. As their lessons continue 10 minutes beyond the infants, please respect this and collect bikes and scooters quietly.

Thank you.

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