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The Packet Ship **An Lester Trumach**

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Dear Parents.

Marlborough Mariners Marlborough 's parent volunteers re-grouped in the summer term and at the class teacher / parents' meeting last week, I explained that Mariners is open to everyone. You can get involved in any way you feel best to support the children: as a member of the school family, every parent is also a mariner! We are truly grateful to those who have already committed to getting this year's events under way. The impressive efforts of the mariners to organise the sponsored cycle ride and the support and sponsorship already raised are extremely encouraging. Thank you!

Communication and News Following last Thursday's meeting at the Falmouth Townhouse, I've added the information passed on to me to the notes I'd prepared for this newsletter - it seems to have become something of a Special Mariners and Apple Day Edition (please see information for 5th October below). In future we'll aim to keep a specific Marlborough Mariners slot available on the newsletter and also to post on the website and circulate minutes and information to parents. If you haven't been able yet to help and would like to do so (eg selling raffle tickets, serving refreshments, etc) please let them know through the office or by emailing mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk.

Bike for Books The weather is set fair for the week, so we're hoping it holds for Sunday and that the whole school will be able to enjoy a positive morning's cylcling: positive both in the sense of enjoyment and team-building, and with regard to the amount we can raise for our library project. Turn up anytime from 9am-1pm at Swanpool car park (where there will be refreshments, and the raffle at 12 midday) and see how many laps the children can cycle, scoot or walk. It's not too late to get sponsorship – the form is here: www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website/parents_forum/7863

Braving the Shaving Some imaginative and adventurous ways of raising money and supporting the school are already becoming evident through the rejuvenated Mariner team. Not least among these is Donna Beckett's GoFundMe web page: Donna (Arabella and Arlo's mum) is braving the shaving... in fact she's already done so, bringing nearly £500 into the fund. If you would like to support her please visit https://www.gofundme.com/braving-the-shaving and/or share the link with all your family and friends! Thank you Donna!

Photography The sponsored cycle ride is always a wonderful family event and you are of course welcome to take photographs, but please respect everyone's privacy and if you do post any images, ensure these include only your family or you have the permission of friends. We would love someone to take 'official' photographs, as we can of course check individuals' names against our permits. If you have the skills and are able to come along on Sunday, please let us or the office know.

Library Appeal Book Monitor We'd love to create a visible fundraising monitor for the £10k library appeal (eg a growing pile of books?). If anyone with a creative side is up for this let, please us know.

Great Raffle Prizes to be won on the day!





Apple Day Friday 5th October



Apple Day is an event the children look forward to every year, and this year it will be after school at 2pm on Friday 5th October. If you're a new family to Marlborough, Apple Day is a celebration of the apple with apple tasting, free fresh pressed apple juice, apple games, apple cake stall and apple pie competition.

To make this event as terrific as previous years we need you all to start collecting and storing apples NOW! The celebration is run on donated apples, so please bring in as many apples as you can collect from Monday 1st October, and leave them in the boxes in the school foyer. If you have special varieties of apples, if you could label them, we can add them to our centrepiece tasting table.

We decorate the school foyer every year, and Mr Swiggs has set the children a challenge to create an apple decoration which we can pin onto the wall. Please make sure your child has returned their apple decoration to school by the end of Friday 28th Sept, there will be a prize for the best apple decoration.

There are also other competitions your child may like to enter, the largest apple (please put name and class on the apple) best apple pie (please put your name and class on the pie) and an apple word search (these are available from reception). Please bring all entries to the school hall on Apple Day morning.

The event is free, apart from the cake stall, and if you are able to make apple related cakes, biscuits, and treats to donate for sale that would be very much appreciated. All profits from the day go back to the school for learning outdoors. Please bring your cake donations in and leave in the hall on Friday 5th October.

There is very little time on the day to set the event up as the school finishes at 2pm, so as many helpers as possible would be great. If you are able to come and help on the day, please be at school for 1pm.

A Call for Green Fingers! A big part of why we love Marlborough is the outdoor learning. This needs parental help. To start with, we will be re-weaving the willow den structure outside the y2 classroom at 10.30am on Thursday 27th September. In the longer term, we have a great opportunity with the school allotment. Matt Malcolm has worked hard to keep this going for the past year but 'many hands make light work and we need to keep up its maintenance, liaising with the school and kitchen to see how we can revitalise it to make it an integral part of the school's learning again. If you are interested in helping with either or both of these projects please get in touch via the Mariners email or the office.

T-Shirts and T-Towels Thank you to Lanes Health (https://www.laneshealth.com) who have again generously supported the school with a donation of £1,500 to kick-start the £10k library appeal, sponsoring the cycle ride T-shirts as well as school tea towels – coming for Christmas!

Next Mariners meeting 10th October, 20:00-21:00, Falmouth Townhouse: this will <u>not</u> focus on activities, but will discuss how the group can best support the school. All welcome! If you cannot attend but have thoughts please do email us (mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk).

Quiz Night... back by popular demand. **30 Nov, from 20:00** Held at the school, there will be a bar, raffle, and more. Start forming your teams! (Up to 10 people). Ticketing details to follow.



Mariners Spring Term Planning Meeting 16th January 2019 20:00 Falmouth Townhouse. Again – all welcome! We've plenty of tasks to suit everyone, would love you to get involved, and especially to here you ideas for future activities (eg an Auction of Promises...)



Secondary School Open Evenings

PENRYN COLLEGE Wednesday 26th September 2018 17:00-20:00 FALMOUTH SCHOOL Thursday 4th October 17:30-19:30

Last week's newsletter mentioned the return of a few unwelcome guests with the start of new term. Please check children's hair and, with other illnesses and infections ever ready to be passed around, remember that we have to observe a 48hr conalescence/quarantine period when children are sick or have had diarrhea. If you are uncertain about incubation and absence times advised, the Spotty Book is available on our website at https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/attendance/7896.

The Swanpool Nature Reserve is still looking for somebody with website skills to help set up and manage their website. If you are able to help out please contact Mrs Gall using the office email address: office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk



Packet Points								
This week				Total				
1 st	Swiftsure	31	7	1 st	Swiftsure	11		
2 nd	Chichester	31	5	2 nd	Pelham	10		
3 rd	Freeling	29	4	3 rd	Fox	9		
4 th	Pelham	28	3	4 th	Chichester	7		
5 th	Fox	20	2	5 th	Freeling	7		
6 th	Walsingham	17	1	6 th	Walsingham	2		

CHAMPION I have been informed that Champion Groundworks are starting work 'commencing construction works on land adjacent to Swanpool Road' from next Monday, 1st October. These should not have any impact on the school itself, but please be aware that this could cause (yet more) delays in the town and that for safety reasons children need to keep away from the site.

Our school blogs are coming on line for the new year.

Already set up are y5 and y6:

https://marlboroughclass5.wordpress.com https://class6marlborough.wordpress.com

Reading Challenge					
Fox	16	7			
Pelham	14	5			
Walsingham	13	4			
Chichester	12	3			
Swiftsure	11	2			
Freeling	8	1			

The yearly Packet tournament's first competition results are in. Well done to everyone who took part in the Library's Reading Challenge over the summer. A record 74 children (1/3 of the school!) took part, spread very evenly across the packet ships, but Fox came out as winners.

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