



2020-2021

Number 7

An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

21st October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the end of the first half term of this academic year. Reopening the school safely to all pupils, ensuring we are following the everchanging government guidelines, maintaining an exciting and interesting curriculum, making sure we are supporting positive mental health for all and maintaining a calm school has been a challenge that the staff have risen to. Last week we were visited by an HMI Health and Safety inspector who carried out a spot check on the measures we have put in place and they were happy with the adaptations to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus. We have been very lucky so far to have not had to isolate any whole bubbles but many schools around us have so it is inevitable that we will have to isolate a class or classes at some point as the result of a positive test result. As part of our Contingency Plan, teachers are ready to support home learning should we need it.

Our Marlborough children have, as always, taken the changes in their stride and had a very busy and exciting half term. They are rebuilding their stamina, resilience and problem solving skills, all with smiles on their faces and wise hearts. Thank you to the whole school community for making this first half term as successful as possible.

Learning Out and About and In School

Class 5 Falmouth Art Gallery Visit- Class 5 are taking part in an automata workshop and exploring the exhibition on Thursday 22nd of October. The class will be there all day and children will need a packed lunch.

Class 4 Adventure Club – Class 4 will be heading out on an adventure for the afternoon on Tuesday 3rd of November.

Space Odyssey Dome visit – On Thursday 5th of November we will be welcoming the universe into school! The Space Odyssey Dome, a magnificent inflatable planetarium, will be in the school hall for Class 5 and Class 6 to experience in small groups. More information about this has been sent home with pupils.

Class 3 to Falmouth Art Gallery – On Thursday 5th November Class 3 will be taking part in Quentin Blake workshop at Falmouth Art Gallery as part of their focus on Roald Dahl.

Class 3 Adventure Club – Class 3 will be heading out for their adventure session with Louise Tremewan in the morning on Tuesday 10th of November.

Covid Updates

Contingency Plan: We have plans in place in case pupils need to remain at home due to a positive Covid-19 result. You can find the plan on our website by following this link:

https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/contingency_plan_/514069

Essentially, in order to ensure continuity, class teachers and teaching assistants will support your child's learning through daily contact via virtual meetings, emails and learning platforms. The government have raised the expectation that if a child is isolating and is still well that they should be working for the whole school day, following a similar timetable to the one offered in schools (and they want this to happen without any added pressure on parents, staff or pupils!) At the moment teaching staff are managing these dual roles on top of their working day, however if we have a rise in the number of children isolating due to Covid-19 then this role may be managed by teaching assistants out of their normal class time.

Social Distancing: Please can we ask adults collecting children at the end of the day to observe social distancing guidance. Thanks

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



Online Safety

There has been a rise in the numbers of children who are being subjected to abuse whilst online due to Covid-19. Data from 2019 shows that there are 80,000 adults preying on children in the UK online and 20% of these victims are age 11 and under. The recent surge in Live Streaming has opened a direct line between abusers and children, with 1 in 20 children being asked to take their clothes off during live streaming. Please be vigilant about your child's online activity; set privacy settings and have open conversations about the risks of the online world. The Child Exploitation and Online Protection website (CEOPS) has a report button where you can share information of online abuse with the police.

Pencil Cases

Thank you for providing individual pencil cases for each child in school, it has ensured that frequently used resources are able to be used by just one person. Your child will be bringing their pencil case home over half term; could you please have a look through it and replace any depleted resources. Children in Reception class do not need a pencil case. Many thanks.

Tempest Photo Sessions

Tempest have taken lovely individual photos of all of the children who were in school on Tuesday. If you would like to order photographs please put the order forms through the post box in the school foyer by Friday or you can order directly online.

Pupils Eligible for Pupil Premium funding

A reminder that Pupil Premium pupils are now able to join breakfast Club for free.

If you think you may be eligible for funding you can either ask for a form at the office or follow the link to complete an application: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Foodbank Donations

During the month of October we will be taking in donations for the Foodbank as part of our harvest celebration. A box will be at the front of the school for any donations and will be delivered to the foodbank over half term. Many thanks.

Nits and Threadworms

Some families have reported cases of nits and threadworms. Please take the opportunity at half term to check your children and treat them accordingly. Information on the treatment of infectious diseases can be found in the Spotty Book on our website at https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/health_information/7904

Mariners' Meeting

We have had two positive Mariners' virtual meetings with lots of discussion about how we can utilise the field throughout the winter season, with children spending more time outside and making the most of the spaces around the school. Two other projects that the Mariners are developing are:

- ✓ *Supporting reading through QR Codes* - While volunteers are unable to support reading in school our children would be able to scan QR codes in the front of books and around the school and hear the story being read to them from members of our community.
- ✓ *Bringing the Outside In* - During the colder months the Mariners are looking at bringing plants into school to improve air quality, create a green, calm feel to the school and give the children an awareness of caring for plants.

Starting School 2021

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 then you are able to apply for a school place through Cornwall Admissions. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. The application form can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

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



Parent Governor Vacancy

Our school Governing Body is made up of Governors from all walks of life and many come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for new Parent Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to spare
- a child or children currently attending the school

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at Marlborough School. More information and application forms will be sent out to all parents of Friday.

The closing date for applications is midday Friday 6th November 2020.

Marlborough Kitchen

The kitchen staff have been delighted to see so many of our Year 3 to 6 pupils having school meals but we need more customers! As our kitchen is our own on-site business we need to ensure we are financially viable and every meal booked helps us to maintain this unique and amazing provision. Leftovers are often sold from the kitchen door from 3pm; if you would like to purchase leftovers for £1 please wave at the window and the wonderful kitchen team will come to the door.

Upcoming lunches are:

Thursday 22 nd October	Sausage and Wedges Veg Sausages and Wedges Roast Vegetable and Potato Frittata
Friday 23 rd October	Homemade Fishcakes Veggie Chickpea Curry Egg Mayo Rolls
Monday 2 nd November	Pizza Margarita Sweet Potato and Spinich Pizza Carrot and Ginger Soup
Tuesday 3 rd November	Pork Ragu Lentil Ragu Smoked Mackerel Pate Open Sarnies
Wednesday 4 th November	Jacket Potatoes Sweetcorn and Red Pepper Pancakes Cheese Roll
Thursday 5 th November Bonfire Night Special 	Hotdog and Wedges Veggie Hotdog and Wedges Hummus and Breadsticks All followed by Sticky Toffee Apple Cake! 
Friday 6 th November	Fishfingers and Wedges Veggie Burger and Wedges Tomato and Sesame Soup

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Dates for the diary

Thursday 22nd October – Class 5 to Falmouth Art Gallery (all day)

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October – Half term break

Monday 2nd November - Back to School

Tuesday 3rd November – Class 4 Adventure Club (am only)

Thursday 5th November – Space Dome in school for Class 5 and Class 6

Thursday 5th November – Class 3 to Falmouth Art Gallery (am only)

Tuesday 10th November – Class 3 Adventure Club (am only)

