



An Lester Trumach

The Packet Ship

3 December 2018

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see Friday's quiz night so well attended and supported with such enthusiasm. Thank you to all the Mariners who put so much into the event and took the total raised through the £1K marker! Even without such an excellent result for our current fund raising project, the success of the evening was marked by the obvious and deep running strength of the Marlborough community.

Festival of Trees

We managed to untangle the Christmas tree lights and lit for the evening. Wonderful Wednesday made decorations were added in a celebration assembly today and, as we prepare for this Wednesday's Mousehole Cat performance, it feels suddenly as if the Christmas Season has arrived. Class 1 children also made decorations for the Festival of Trees at the Pavilions and the lights were turned on yesterday. The festival is open – free admission – for the rest of the month.



Christmas Party and School Christmas Lunch

As the December events stack up, we've reviewed arrangements for the party and decided to bring it forward to next Wednesday afternoon, 12th December. With three performances in the final week of a demanding, it would be a great shame if any children missed out by being too tired to enjoy their own party. We will be providing a special party spread lunch from – so there will be no concerns with regards to 'allergin/intolerant' ingredients. The school's Christmas lunch will follow as advertised on Friday 14th December. Please could all juniors who wish to join us for the festive lunch let the office know by this Friday, 7th December. Thank you.

Farewell Mrs Tuffery

On Thursday this week, the school will be saying goodbye to Mrs Lou Tuffery. Having worked in a number of roles at the school and being instrumental in the Big Digs and Learning in the Natural Environment, establishing Forest School at Marlborough, Lou is taking her caring attitude and significant skills to support children through Kernow Young Carers. She will be sorely missed by everyone here, but it is good to know that young people in Cornwall will continue to benefit from her dedication. Lou has actually asked me to pass on her thanks to all parents for providing her with the honour and privilege of working with such amazing children and their families – she has learnt so much from the children over the past 13½ enjoyable years.

Football - Cup Match

Marlborough has been drawn against Connor Downs in both of the cup competitons this year. They won the first (home) match, played at Falmouth School last week, 3-0. Our best wishes go with the team, as we hope they can 'do the double' in the away fixture on Thursday.

Packet Points						
This week				Total		
1 st	Chichester	32	7	1 st	Chichester	53
2 nd	Freeling	27	5	2 nd	Freeling	40
3 rd	Swiftsure	26	4		Swiftsure	40
4 th	Pelham	18	3	4 th	Walsingham	38
5 th	Walsingham	16	2	5 th	Pelham	36
6 th	Fox	13	1	6 th	Fox	33

As we approach the busy Christmas period, this seems a sensible time (especially as we've received email messages from concerned parents) of the importance of the **48hr** rule – a lot of sickness has already been going around possibly aggravated by some children being sent back too early!

On Friday afternoons, the side and rear garden gates are padlocked from as early as 2:30 so please could you ensure that, once you have collected your child or children, you clear this area swiftly, to avoid them being locked up on site over the week end (there is an extortionate charge for anyone who would like us to keep their children out-of-hours!).



Children's Fundraising Projects

One of the things Marlborough's Parliament is known for is the slogan... "It's not just Pupil Voice – its Pupil Action!" So, it has been very welcome to see different groups coming up with some of their own ideas. Thank you to Arabella who has been selling some of her home-made decorations. Finlay, Fionn, George and James from class 5 would also like to advertise their...

Design a Comic Competition.

They are providing 2 blank comic

panels for £1 an entry (Proceeds will go towards providing a tarpaulin for the Jungle Run). The entry sheets will be available in the school hall during morning drop-off. Completed comic strips will need to be returned to the office (via the post-box) by 10:00 next Monday, 10th December. Please note there will be prizes for the:

Infant Winner Junior Winner Adult Winner

and also the best/favourite:

Title Character Comedy

FOODBANK

The children's parliament fundraising and charity group would like to make a collection of chocolate selection boxes for the Penryn and Falmouth foodbank (these are one of many items requested), to help people in crisis have a better Christmas especially children. There will be a collection point in the school foyer from tomorrow, all donations gratefully received. In assembly this morning, the Parliament cabinet members also spoke about helping the *Homeless Shoebox Appeal South West*.





Christmas is coming and Messy Church is thinking about Giving and Loving

MESSY CHURCH is an all-age **family** gathering with craft, games, songs, story and food, not like conventional church; that is partly why it's called "Messy". There is plenty of space for the energetic to run around, and we do not expect anyone to sit quietly when they are not in the mood.

The next gathering will be on **SATURDAY 8th December between 9.30 and 11.00 at All Saints Church, Killigrew Street, Falmouth**. We will start at 9.30 with **breakfast** and then there will be games and activities, followed by a story and songs. Everyone is welcome and **we would be delighted to see you**. All children must be accompanied by an adult please. Messy Church is free, but donations are very welcome. For more information see www.messychurch.org.uk or find us on Facebook.com/Falmouth Messy Church .

