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Dear Parents

Leap Day seems a bit of an auspicious date for possibly the most significant news I've had to share in the life of the school in my time here. You will have received a special letter alongside this regular newsletter... one that has taken some personal effort to write! Please let us know whether or not you intend to come to the meeting so that we can ensure that everyone has received this message.

Thank you.

Marlborough Meals – Guest Diners

It's terrific that parents are coming in on occasions to enjoy lunch with us. You are very welcome and it's also always useful to have a few more adults helping the children with their *long strong fingers*. However, on Thursday last week we had ten parents to lunch (arriving together a little like London buses!) and with only the morning's notice for Jess this did cause a few problems: obviously we cater as closely as we can for a forecast number of meals based on the children so it was down to fortune that we had sufficient specific supplies in store. Also the additional number of place settings (equivalent to more than an extra table) had an impact on service. Really, we've found that advising Jess on the day is too late, so please let us know at the beginning of the week if you know the day you'd like to come in. Our priority has of course to be the children's service and we have therefore decided we need to set a maximum of five visiting parents on any one day. As said, you are very welcome and your help in supporting table skills and manners is very valuable, but a couple of safeguarding/supervision issues have arisen that we do need to address:

- this is an invitation to lunch and the outside areas are the children's play and 'down-time' spaces, so please enjoy the meal and leave via the foyer rather than entering the playgrounds
- any pre-school age siblings, who are very welcome, must stay with their parents in the hall, again leaving the play areas to the older children
- support the school's behaviour policy and the supervisors at all times... if you do notice a problem or upset children, etc please notify the staff on duty

In spite of the headline news accompanying this newsletter we do still have some grand plans for improving school accommodation and for the outdoor environment. This will need your continued support in fundraising and activity in Big Dig style activities. I appreciate it's a busy time and in fact only two parents were able to come along to the recent coffee morning where we discussed some ideas and our hopes to get under way with a Swanpool Sponsored Cycle Circuit. This is always a popular event and very effective both in raising funds and bringing the school family together. WE NEED YOU! and will leave some time at next Thursday's meeting to get started with this very important project!



Last Week				Total		
1 st	Walsingham	26	7	1 st	Fox	32
2 nd	Chichester	24	5	2 nd	Swiftsure	32
	Fox	24	5	3 rd	Freeling	22
	Freeling	24	5	4 th	Pelham	20
5 th	Pelham	22	2	5 th	Chichester	19
6 th	Swiftsure	18	1	6 th	Walsingham	14

Please remember the Global Links parliament Committee will be holding a Diabetes Awareness Fundraiser on Friday 11th March. If you have any good quality books, toys, DVDs or unwanted presents for Tombola prizes we would be very grateful, along with any adult help available! If you are able, please see Mrs Gall or leave your contact details at the office for her attention.

Class 4's cake bake last Friday raised £94.51 for LINE. Thank you

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St Piran's Day

Wear something black and white or Cornish this Thursday, 3rd March, for our celebration of St Piran's Day at school. Then join us at the Moor on **Saturday 5th March 2016** when we'll make our way along to Church Corner to sing Trelawney. If you haven't already done so, please inform the office directly, using the return slip sent last week or by email. We need to know numbers to order a saffron tea-treat for everyone who takes part! The children will need to congregate on The Moor by 09:45 ready to leave at 10:00. Parents can walk ahead to make sure of good viewing points:

- 10.30 Community dance on Pier
- 10.50 Parade through town
- 11:20 Halwin School tell tale of St Piran
- 11:30 Marlborough School sing first verse Trelawney in Kernewek, everyone joining in verses 2 and 3 (in English)
- 11.40 Refreshments in King Charles Church
- 12.00 Lunchtime recital in Church.

These timings are a rough estimate but children will be available for collection by 11:45 at the latest.



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...and from Cultural Identity and Cornish (that was 'thank you') ...to Gobaal Links and... **Meur ras!**

Mandarin Chinese (Ni Hao means 'hello'). Class 5 had their first Mandarin lesson on Tuesday last week, led by their teacher Freddy all the way from Beijing by Skype. It was a fantastic opportunity and very exciting. All schools in Cornwall were invited to trial some free lessons but apparently Marlborough was the only one to take up the offer! Not only did this give a step up with a new language but it is a great way to use technology and extend learning beyond the classroom walls!



Great news! Netball club is back after school every Tuesday 15:30-16:30. Coach, Caroline Sharpe, an ex- team captain and county player, is keen to share her experience and enthusiasm with our juniors. We would like to encourage children from years 4, 5 and 6 to join up, so please collect your permission slip from the office.



Do you have any empty ice cream tubs/containers with lids - sturdy ones that could hold outdoor resources like shells and small pebbles? 2 litre minimum. Also does anyone have good condition old wellies that may fit our school children you no longer need? Please hand any in class 2.

Thank you. Louise Tuffery



Star Wars Trading Cards

Hot on the trail of Premiership Cards comes the Star Wars collection! Children do enjoy collecting and trading these items and in fact they provide a good opportunity to learn about being fair and respectful. It can be difficult for younger children to understand the nuances of the deals and they can be upset at times. We don't want to ban this 'game' so would ask for your help in ensuring that your children do not bring in their favourite (limited edition, etc) cards and that they understand the risk of making mistakes in trading. We will of course do all we can to make sure that children feel safe and supported when trading.

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