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An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last half term saw the school community learning from home and we have been amazed at the resourcefulness and resilience shown by all of you. Children have 42 half terms throughout their primary education and to have one of them being very different will hopefully have taught them new ways of thinking, enhanced their life skills and boosted their love of learning! I would like to thank the staff at Marlborough who have been incredibly thoughtful and adaptable in their delivery of the curriculum. I have had many messages from parents thanking the staff for their dedication to supporting home learning. From the 1st of June the staff now have three roles; teaching small groups safely in school, supporting the wellbeing of those not in school and delivering home learning. We are still unsure as to what the new normal will look like and when we will all be able to gather together again but until then we are very grateful for your patience and thought. Thank you to the whole school community for doing everything you can to keep happy and learning throughout this experience.

Provision for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 Pupils

This week has seen a change in provision for some children at Marlborough School. Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils have had the offer of returning to school in small groups during this first phase. We have had to make many changes to the structure of the school day and we would like to thank parents for supporting us with this. The staff have worked phenomenally to adapt the school spaces ready for the safe return of some of our pupils. As always we hold the children's emotional wellbeing at the heart of all that we do and hopefully the children returning have had a positive experience.

We appreciate that not all families want their children to return to school yet and there will be no consequence to families for non-attendance at school. Smaller groups also allow us to keep within social distancing guidelines and reduce cross contamination. We will allow new pupils to enter the groups as the government guidance changes.

Childcare Provision

We are still providing childcare provision for key worker families. Mrs Rowe, Mr Gimenez and Miss Street are working with this group in the Year 3 and 4 classrooms. Liam Hoban is supporting physical activity on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This provision has a maximum capacity of 15 children, therefore **places must be booked in advance by the Friday of the previous week** as we would have to turn children away on the day if the group is full.

Ready for anything

In order to maintain social distancing guidelines we are asking those children in school to be as independent as possible. This means wearing clothes that they can manage themselves, including shoes. Ideally they can wear all day sun cream. Please can children only bring in their lunch and not any other books or toys. As part of our cross contamination safety measures the children will be outside as much as possible. Can you prepare your child for all Cornish weathers; sun hat and sun cream when it is hot and rain coat when the summer drizzle kicks back in. Thanks

Government guidance: What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

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



Lunches

The kitchen is operating with reduced staffing, therefore all pupils are able to bring in a packed lunch. We are able to offer free packed lunches to Reception and Year 1 pupils and those pupils eligible for Free School Meals. Paid lunches can be booked through the school office.

Home Learning

Teachers will continue to set home learning tasks on Mondays and will discuss learning with your child on the phone. We have been blown away by your home learning; the creativity, dedication and resourcefulness is astounding. Please follow the link to the sharing platforms on our website:

http://www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website/home_learning_during_school_closure/476058

Online Safety

It has come to our attention that many of our pupils are using TikTok to make short videos. The app can be a really fun way of making videos but children will be able to access swearing and sexualised content. Also, if your children are using TikTok you need to monitor their followers and ensure they keep their videos private as both of these factors pose massive safeguarding risks. If children are sharing photos or videos via WhatsApp those photos then become the property of the recipient and they can share them freely.

Common sense media advice is:

[What age is TikTok recommended for?](#)

Common Sense recommends the app for age 15+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content. TikTok requires that users be at least 13 years old to use the app. Anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian -- but there are plenty of young tween users. If your younger kid or tween wants to use the app, the account should belong to an adult who can monitor what younger users are browsing and sharing. There's also the section of the app mentioned above that's meant for kids under 13 that restricts access to mature content and comments, but since entering a false birthdate is easy, it's still best for older teens.

[How can you make your TikTok account private?](#)

To make your TikTok account private, go to your profile page and select the three-dot icon in the top-right corner. Select Privacy and Safety. There, toggle the switch for "Private Account." You can also select who can send you comments and direct messages, and who can do a duet with you. Using the "Friends" setting or turning those features off completely limits contact with strangers.

Reporting Online Abuse

If you or your child encounter abuse online there is an online tool to report directly to the police. Please log onto <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> which is part of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection resource. If you keep the resource on your desk top then it can always be used if needed.

Free School Meals

Many families are sadly reaching crisis point financially due to Covid-19. If your circumstances have changed you may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please follow the link on the Cornwall.gov website to apply:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

On Mondays the kitchen team make and are able to deliver hampers of food for those children eligible for means based Free School Meals. This does not apply to the Universal Free School Meals offer that is usually provided for all EYFS and KS1 children. If any of our families are having difficulty accessing food during this time please contact the office.

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



Safeguarding

The current arrangements mean that children can become very vulnerable. If you need any help or support with managing the safety of your own children or you have concerns about other families please continue to talk to us. The school phone number is **01326 314636**.

You can contact the Multi Agency Referral Unit on **0300 1231 116**.

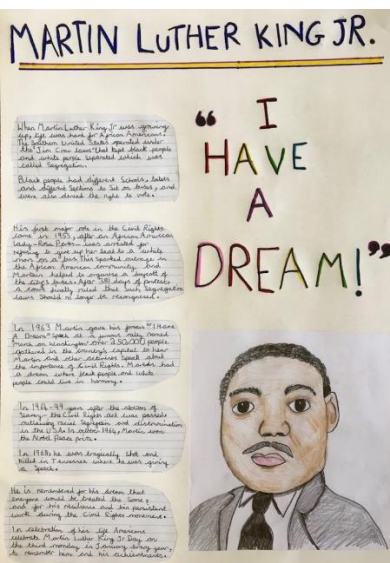
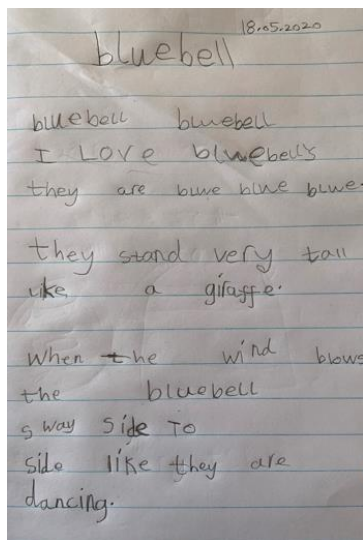
Wellbeing

Cornwall Council have produced materials to support families emotional wellbeing. Please follow the link to find resources and contacts to support you and your children. <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/coronavirus-advice-for-children-and-families/emotional-resilience-and-mental-health/emotional-resilience-for-parents-and-carers/>

There is also a web link to Your Way, providing resources to support young people: <https://your-way.org.uk/>
We have added a link to Childline Toolbox to our website which provides calming ideas and tools to support conversations around anxieties.

https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/childline_toolbox/481007

Some examples of our wonderful home learning



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

