

The Packet Ship

31st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this has certainly been a spring term like no other. Eight weeks of remote learning followed by four weeks in school has left us all feeling a bit drained! Hopefully, the Easter break will allow us all to recharge our batteries and enjoy being able to spend time with our families. Our whole school community have been absolute heroes throughout this term. Pupils, parents, families, governors and school staff have been supporting each other through difficult times and yet still approaching life with respect, calm and good humour. Thank you all for your support over this term; it has been greatly appreciated. Have a lovely holiday; enjoy Cornwall, the weather, family, friends and your wonderful children!

## **Spring Term Review**

We have been talking to the children about how they have been feeling during this spring term and the return to school and they are incredibly insightful;

"I think that learning from home was hard but my family helped a lot. When I came back into school it was a lot easier to learn because I could just ask my teacher for help when I was stuck. In school the four weeks have gone very quickly but it might have been because we were doing fun learning."

"I think lockdown was a challenge but we got through it and I was very resilient."

"In lockdown I massively missed school. Lockdown was ok but I much prefer proper school."

"I love seeing my friends and everything, as in the lunch. I have enjoyed the learning (it was different when I was in school during lockdown.) You also get to speak to everyone."

"I have enjoyed seeing my friends, doing fun lessons and seeing my teacher in real life." "It's a better learning environment in school. I'd rather learn in school, it's a calmer learning environment. I like the potions lessons and the first week back was chilled out." "Since coming back to school the teachers don't look tired anymore!"

#### **Learning Out and About and In School**

Singing Sessions – The world premiere of Marlborough School's Treat People With Kindness video will be shown in our Celebration Assembly tomorrow and then shared with parents. Many thanks to Jade and Matt Stewart-Tribe for putting this project together; even if we cannot be together as a school community this shows we can still celebrate and sing together!

Adventure Club - Class 4 had their Adventure Club on the school field this week, developing team building skills with Louise Tremewan.

The Easter Story – Classes 3 to 6 have been working with Jane Wheeler from New Street Church to explore the Christian Easter Story. They have been exploring the Last Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection through art, drama and story telling.

**Summer Term Physical Education** – Please can children come to school dressed in their PE kit on the day they have a full PE session. Please can parents ensure PE kits follow the school uniform guidelines. Reception children will get changed in school as this helps with their independence and motor skills.

Summer term PE timetable	
Monday	Class 5
Tuesday	Reception and Class 1 with Vicky Pryor
Wednesday	Class 3 and Class 4
Thursday	Class 2 and Class 6 with Plymouth Argyle

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## **Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing**

- Please continue to inform the office if your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, is being tested, is awaiting a test result and the outcome of the test for the first six days of the school holidays.
- Please continue to inform the office if someone in your household has a positive Covid test result for the first six days of the school holidays.

# **Staffing Update**

Alison Rowe is leaving Marlborough after 8 years supporting our SEN team. Alison is moving out of education and working at a hotel. Heather Street is also leaving us to work in a school in Truro. Many thanks to Alison and Heather from us all for your dedication, skill and joyful approach.

Message from Miss Street: 'Thank you to everyone for making my time at Marlborough so enjoyable. I have loved working in this little primary school and each and every little person should be proud of how well mannered, kind, caring and hardworking they are. Keep safe! Work hard and this isn't goodbye it's until next time.'

Good luck and thank you Heather and Alison!



# Marlborough School Easter Egg Trail Saturday 3rd April between 10am and 4pm



Solve the clues and find the eggs! Fun for the whole family.

The Marlborough School Easter Egg Trail will take you on a most eggcellent walk around the Marlborough area, following the trail of egg clues to gather letters for the Easter anogram, and at the end of the trail you will be rewarded with a chocolate egg!

Clue for the location of the first egg clue will be sent home with children at the end of this week (it will have a link to a cheat sheet back up map for parents!)

It can also be found on the Marlborough School Facebook page from 10am on Saturday 3rd.

Please bring a pen or pencil to write down the letters to be able to solve the anagram and claim your prize at the end of the trail!

Please ensure social distancing is maintained and family bubbles stay distanced from one another at all times. This is an all-day event so to ensure COVID compliance please don't all start at 10am!

Can't make it on the day? The trail clues will be left up until Friday 9th April for you to enjoy at any time (you'll just have to provide your own prize!)

In the event of really bad weather on Saturday 3rd - please check the Marlborough School Facebook page where an update will be announced for a new date.

This event is to raise money for the Marlborough school field project to develop an outdoor learning space which can be used for the school and local community.

Suggested donation £2 per child but no obligation - either cash at end of trail on the day or via paypal link: <a href="mailto:paypal.me/MarlboroughMariners">paypal.me/MarlboroughMariners</a>

Any questions email mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk

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# Marmalade

Marlborough Kitchen have made delicious marmalade; perfect to go on a hot-cross bun! Jars will be on sale in the lower car park at the end of the day today.

# Cuppa and a Catch Up

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April our lower carpark will provide a space for familes to meet, have tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and spend some time talking about anything! As we have been unable to have any social gatherings we thought it would be nice to have tables and chairs (and no cars) and be able to sit and catch up on the last year. There will be two sessions; one at drop off (8:50am – 9:50am) and one at pick up (2:15pm – 3:20pm) so please come along. We will have cake and biscuits but if you would like to bring something to share, that would be greatly appreciated!

We are planning on making these sessions a regular feature; some with a child development focus, some as a support group for parents and some to enjoy the sunshine and have a cuppa! Any feedback on this would be welcomed. Thanks.

# Thanks...

Many thanks to **Falmouth Garden Centre** for the donation of beautiful plants to decorate our new writing shed, which is very near completion. In the summer term, children will be able to access resources at playtimes so they can write poems, songs, comic books, play games and sit and chill with friends. Ruth Littlejohns-Sames has been busy making the shed look appealing using the inspirational ideas from the Parliament group.

### **Message from Castle Sports**

We're delighted to announce that we have now moved into our new shop at 10 Killigrew Street in Falmouth (opposite Tesco). It's a bigger and brighter shop in a great location and we're really looking forward to opening our doors to the public on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April when the lockdown restrictions are lifted. Our phone number (01326 311805) and email address (enquiries@castlesports.co.uk) remain the same and online orders can still be placed via our website <a href="www.castlesports.co.uk">www.castlesports.co.uk</a> with options for home delivery or free click & collect and free delivery to school.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Class 3 and Class 5 with Jane Wheeler from New Street Church.

**Thursday 1**st **April** – Last day of term, 2pm finish

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Marlborough Mariners' Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 19th April – INSET day

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school, start of the Summer Term

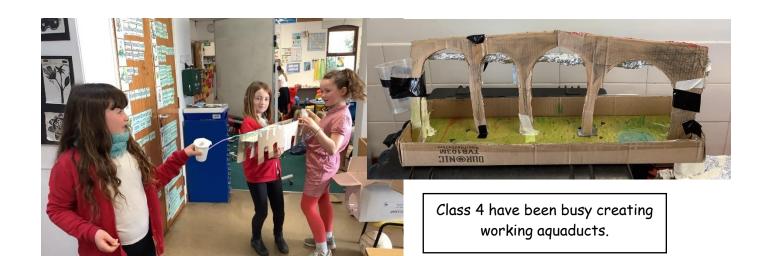


Class 4's Adventure Club had a focus on team building.



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Class 5 have been learning about Vikings as part of their Explorers and Invaders topic.

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Class 1 have been creating collages of cities using pictures of skyscrapers and famous landmarks.

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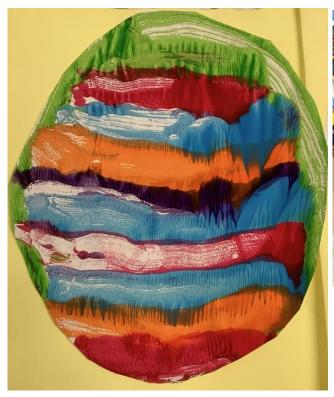




Class 2 have been exploring fractions. They investigated different ways to fold a square into 2 equal parts and 4 equal parts.

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Reception have been busy preparing for Easter with some mono printing.

