



2017-2018

Number 11

An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

27 November 2017

Dear Parents

As Advent begins this week we find ourselves approaching an exciting but very busy part of the year. It's important for children to keep their energy levels up with plenty of sleep, healthy food and exercise through the rest of the term. There have been a few infections and winter illnesses in the air, so please keep alert to the Spotty Book guidance provided via a link on the school's website Attendance page at:

<http://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/attendance/7896>

As illnesses have mounted, we've currently temporarily closed off the drinking fountains to reduce any spread of infections. Of course children will be able to access water, using their own mugs or beakers in school. Again with health in mind at this time of year, please also ensure that PE kits contain some warm clothing (such as a sweatshirt jersey and/or jogging trousers).

National Takeover Day

Last week, children in classes 4 to 6 were invited to apply formally to be included in a visit to take over the Child Health Department at Treliske Hospital. Even without taking the short notice into account, the quality of the letters received was astounding and it made the job of choosing representatives extremely difficult. All of the children put the effort into their applications that



deserved a place, but unfortunately we could only take ten of them on this occasion. Those who did represent the school were (as reported by the hospital) "...amazing and showed huge intelligence with their questioning and ideas not to mention impeccable manners. The staff here at RCHT have all commented on how valuable it was to have engagement from the children and what a great day it was for us here."

The children were given ID cards, attended meetings, designed a survey and feedback display and monitored staff hand-washing hygiene. They were able to contribute their own ideas and some shared their own experiences to help plan training for the medical and nursing staff. The day was a great opportunity and more than one child has returned with a little more information about future career choices... and also a desire to share some of their experiences back at school.



<http://marlborough.eschools.co.uk>



December at Marlborough School:

Infants' Christmas Presentations ~ 'The Wriggly Nativity'

The infants' Christmas presentations are on Wednesday 6th December at 14:00 and also at 18:00; prior to which the infants will be asked to arrive back in their classrooms at 17:30. Mince pies, mulled wine and raffle tickets will be on sale in the hall from 17:30 to 18:00 with all proceeds going towards the school's new Library Fund. The infants' final performance is on Friday 8th December after school at 14:00.

On Wednesday this week the infants will bring home the 2 family tickets their parents have ordered. Any remaining tickets will be available from the school office on Thursday 29th November (max 2 per family) until sold out. Thank you.

Mini Dig 11th December 2017



We would like to invite any and all parents willing and able to help in planting the Infant gardens. As many volunteers as possible are needed to help to prepare the area in the morning (and we'll provide you with a complementary lunch). Then, in the afternoon, there will be three work-stations where infant children will plant the shrubs, ferns, etc again with volunteers on hand.

Please let the school office know if and when you will be able to help. Thank you.

Juniors' Christmas Presentation ~ Christmas Allsorts

The juniors' presentations will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 14:00 and also at 18:00, and on Wednesday 13th December at 18:00. Again the juniors will be asked to arrive back in their classrooms at 17:30. Mince pies, mulled wine and raffle tickets will be on sale in the hall from 17:30 to 18:00.

The juniors will bring home a ticket letter this week for parents to order two family tickets in the first instance, and remaining tickets to be available from Thursday 7th December.

Children's Christmas Treat ~ Wednesday 13th December

Each year we provide the children with a Christmas pantomime treat. This year we are being treated to a special theatre group performance at The Poly. We shall require some help with a £5 contribution from parents this year and will send a flyer home this week.

Children's Christmas Party and Disco

The Infant Party and Junior Disco take place on **Thursday** afternoon 14th **December**.

Choir ~ Christmas performances

Our school choir are rehearsing for festive appearances both in school and at establishments within the local community. They will be putting on a Christmas concert in school (date TBC), singing at Marks and Spencer on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th December, also performing at Falmouth care homes on Monday 18th December.

Christmas Dinner ~ Tuesday 19th December 2016

Hattie's team will be preparing a wonderful meal. Details of menu choices will be given next week and orders taken until Friday 15th December as the kitchen will need to know numbers and choices before the day. Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate parents for school lunch on that day.

End of Term ~ Wednesday 20th December ~ finishing at 14:00

Spring Term
Half Term

Thursday 4th January 2018 - Thursday 29th March 2018
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2018

If you have a child born between 1 September 2013 - 31st August 2014 you will need to apply for a reception class place for September 2018 The deadline for applications is 15th January 2018. Please apply using the County website:

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>.

It would help us if you let the school office know if you are applying for a place at Marlborough. Thank you

Packet Points						
Last Week				Total		
1 st	Swiftsure	28	7	1 st	Chichester	54
2 nd	Chichester	25	5	2 nd	Freeling	38
3 rd	Fox	20	4	3 rd	Fox	37
4 th	Walsingham	14	3		Pelham	37
5 th	Freeling	12	2		Swiftsure	37
6 th	Pelham	10	1	6 th	Walsingham	26



Football
Netball

Marlborough
Marlborough A

2-1
7-0

St Mary's
King Charles A

Rogansier