



2020-2021

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An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

9th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after a very difficult and different five months. Your children have been amazing so far this week, sharing their thoughts and feelings and getting excited about learning. We are very much aware that every child has had their own journey during the school closure; some have been in school throughout and some may have not seen other children since March, therefore we are delivering a recovery curriculum to enable all children to regain their confidence in school, with their friends and adults allowing them to shine in their learning. The whole staff team at Marlborough have been busy preparing for the reopening, making sure safety measures are in place and that the curriculum is as exciting, broad and balanced as it was previously.

Clear communication is going to be key in order to keep everyone as safe as possible during Covid-19. Please continue to read newsletters and ask any questions along the way. Staff and parents have to be very clear on communicating any symptoms to the office team in order for us to best support the wellbeing of our bubble groups. If your child has Covid symptoms they must not attend school. If your child is unwell please email office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk and explain your child's symptoms, even if these are not Covid related. If any child or family has Covid symptoms we need to contact the local health protection team who will decide upon the next step. We may need to isolate a class bubble or, in an extreme case, the whole school. If that were to happen we have a contingency plan for returning to distanced learning based upon pupil, parental and staff feedback.

Recovery Curriculum

We have four areas that we are focusing on during September in order to get the children feeling confident, making progress and learning in school.

- We are giving pupils opportunities to reflect on their experiences and share emotions.
- We are giving pupils opportunities to develop their confidence with speaking and listening within social and formal situations.
- We are assessing pupils development and putting support in place where there are gaps in learning.
- We are giving pupils opportunities to develop their mental and physical health.

Curriculum Update 2020-2021

The start of term sees all of our classes taking part in exciting and engaging launches, getting their topics off to a dynamic start. Next week you will receive a **Curriculum Information** sheet for each pupil, detailing the topic and learning that is taking place this term. The CI sheet also has information about the equipment needed in school and how you can help your child at home. CI sheets also have the provisional dates for the outcomes at the end of this term's topics, reminders of these will also be in the newsletter nearer the time. We are giving dates out with the assumption that we will be able to gather if we socially distance adults and provide handwashing facilities; we will keep you updated as to whether these will go ahead based upon government guidance. The CI sheet has information on how you can contact your child's class teacher; all teaching staff can be contacted via the office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk address with the subject *FAO Teachers Name*.

NEW! *Marlborough's Illustrated Curriculum Guide*- On the front of the Curriculum Information you will see our new wonderful illustrations, leading children into their autumn topic. Mrs Pellow has developed a whole illustrated curriculum to enable the children to hunt for clues to their learning and then be able to remind them of their past learning. We will be displaying the whole illustrated curriculum on our website and then everyone will be able to see what an amazing learning journey the children embark on at Marlborough!

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



Our **42 Things to do in Marlborough School before you're 11** ¾ document is being sent home next week with each year group's 6 challenges for the year.

Our KS2 pupils are all getting the opportunity to have a free day at **Elemental** next week, bonding together as a team and having a lot of fun and laughs!

Also this year we have **Adventure Club**; each class will have sessions with Louise Tremewan, our resident adventurer, out and about linking their class learning with our local environment.

Learning Out and About and In School

Class 1 to Prislow Woods - Today Class 1 are off looking for clues to see who could have been in Prislow Woods. The clues they will find include purple prickles and brown fur... oh help, oh no, it's the...

Elemental Watersports - As all of our *Summer of Sports* plans were unable to go ahead we have carried some of these over to the autumn term. All Key Stage 2 pupils will have a day at Elemental on Swanpool Beach, details of these days have been sent out by class teachers.

Class 5 to BF Adventure - Our Class 5 pupils missed out on their Class 4 camp so they are taking part in an activity day at BF Adventure. The class will be split into two groups, one going on Wednesday and the other on Thursday next week. In order to make the visit as safe as possible we are asking parents to provide transport, however if this is difficult please speak to the office.

Class 6 to World War 2 Exhibition – To launch their World War 2 topic, Class 6 will be heading to Flambards to learn about Britain in the Blitz on Wednesday 16th September. There is a cost of £6.55 to cover the entry fee, this has been added to ParentPay. In order to make the visit as safe as possible we are asking parents to provide transport, however if this is difficult please speak to the office.

Class 6 to Pendennis Castle - On Monday Class 6 will be walking up to Pendennis Castle to look at how the location was used during WWII. They will be taking part in a workshop looking at how the castle has changed over time. This is being funded by the Mariners.

Class 4 to the Eden Project – Class 4 are launching their Rainforests topic with a visit to our Cornish rainforest on Tuesday 22nd of September. Details of this visit will be sent out by Mr Gimenez.

Class 2 to Kimberley Park – Class 2 are investigating Kimberley Park as part of their Parks, Play and Peace topic on Wednesday 23rd of September. This will not affect their lunchtime.

Parent Consultations

During the parents' zoom meeting, it was suggested that we bring Parent Consultation meetings forward in order to discuss how children have settled back in to school. Parents can make appointments for a phone conversation during the week beginning the 5th of October. Details of the booking process will be sent out from the office.

School Lunches

The children have been very resilient this week as we have introduced major changes to our lunch times. The children are still getting the same wonderful food choices but during lunch time we are 'going continental' and the children are sitting at the tables for half an hour while the whole class eat and chat. They have half an hour in their class bubble to play. This arrangement has enabled all pupils to have an hour's lunch break without mixing with another class. The hall has been divided into two, with screens down the centre so classes eat separately. In order for our kitchen to remain financially independent we need as many children in years 3 to 6 to have school lunches, so please encourage the children to have a delicious school lunch!

We carry out all financial transactions through the ParentPay website. If you are having difficulty setting up or accessing ParentPay please speak to the office staff. ParentPay makes it easier to track, check and make payments at any time of day or night. If you are not up to date with your ParentPay account your child will still be given a meal and the debt will be added to your account. No child will go hungry! Our amazing and unique kitchen needs to be financially viable and that can only happen by having the majority of pupils using the facility. **School Meal Payment** – Please note the price of a school meal is £2.35 for pupils in KS2 and free for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2. All pupils can book their lunch choices through ParentPay.

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Beginning of the Day Routines

The open door policy seems to be working well at keeping the children socially distanced from other children and we have been amazed at how well the children have adapted to the new routines, saying their goodbyes to parents outside of the school building. Thank you to adults for keeping distanced from others at drop off and pick up.

Sadly, we are unable to allow adults into school, both as message deliverers and volunteer helpers.

Home reading

Children are still expected to read daily at home and this should be recorded in their home reading journal. We need to limit the contact with resources used outside of school and therefore when pupils are reading in school this will be with a new book and recorded separately and kept in school.

EYFS Starting School

Our new intake of Reception pupils have had a lovely start to their term being pirates and explorers. Considering they have had a very different transition experience they have settled marvellously. The pupils start full time education on Monday 23rd of September. Welcome to Marlborough School!

Absence Request

Absence request forms can be collected from the office or emailed to families. Any pre-arranged time away from school needs an absence request form to be completed.

Flu Immunisation

You will receive an email tomorrow as we have Kernow Health in school offering flu immunisation nasal sprays on Monday 12th of October. If you would like your child to have the immunisation please complete the online form. Kernow Health are happy to answer any queries regarding the process.

Dress Code

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart. Please remember our school dress code as published on our website:

Shoes Children must wear safe and sensible footwear at all times. Good, sturdy and breathable trainers are ideal as they can be worn throughout the day and for PE. Open toe shoes and crocs are not permissible owing to the stairs and other trip hazards around school. Slip-on shoes are not advisable, again for safety reasons, and cannot be worn when using any of the outdoor equipment.

Accessories No jewellery (except for wrist watches and plain stud ear-rings) or make-up (including nail-varnish) should be worn in school.

PE days Pupils in Years 2 and up are able to wear their PE kits to school on the day they do PE. Please can pupils wear their school jumper over the top of their packet ship t-shirt.

Sport in School

PE Kits – A reminder that our PE kit consists of the pupil's Packet Ship t-shirt, black shorts or black track suit bottoms and trainers. In Reception and Year 1 pupils take part in regular PE sessions and it is important that PE kits are in school at all times. In Year 2 and KS2 pupils are able to wear their PE kits into school on the day when they have a full games session.

Sports Sessions – We are working with Plymouth Argyle to provide high quality sports provision for our pupils. We also have Vicky Pryor, an experienced secondary PE teacher, working alongside our staff to deliver PE sessions.

Swimming – We are unable to take part in swimming sessions at the moment but will resume as soon as Covid guidelines allow.

Breakfast Club

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Breakfast Club is on every school day and starts at 7.45am and costs £2.00 per pupil. Booking forms have been emailed out and paper copies can be collected from the school office. In order to reduce the mixing of pupils from within different bubbles, pupils eat their breakfast with other children from their class group.

Extra Curricular Clubs

After school clubs will be starting during the week beginning the 21st of September, this is to give ourselves some time to get the school routines safe, settled and precise. The clubs list will be going out to families next week.

Whole School Communication

We endeavour to keep you up to date with all the information you need to know about school life through the newsletter, website, Facebook and class letters. Whatsapp groups amongst parents can be life savers, especially with reminders about events and equipment needed! However if you are unsure of anything, have any worries or just want to share ideas please talk to the school directly, either by phone on 01326 314636 or by email through office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 9th September - Class 1 to Prislow Woods

Monday 14th September - Class 6 Elemental Watersports Day

Tuesday 15th September - Class 5 Elemental Watersports Day

Wednesday 16th September - Class 4 Elemental Watersports Day

Wednesday 16th September - Class 6 World War II exhibition at Flambards

Wednesday 16th September - Class 5 BF Adventure Day (Chichester, Pelham and Freeling)

Thursday 17th September - Class 3 Elemental Watersports Day

Thursday 17th September - Class 5 BF Adventure Day (Swiftsure, Walsingham and Fox)

Monday 21st September - Class 6 to Pendennis Castle

Tuesday 22nd September - Class 4 to the Eden Project

Tuesday 22nd September - Class 2 Adventure Club (am only)

Wednesday 23rd September - Class 2 to Kimberley Park

Week beginning 5th October - Parents Consultation week (via phone calls)



PENRYN
NETBALL

Training every Wednesday term time
18:00-19:00 at Penryn College



WE ARE RECRUITING U10 & U12

Does your daughter enjoy
netball at school?

Is she in year 4/5/6/7?



Would she like to develop her skills in a
fun friendly environment?



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT EMMA ON THE EMAIL BELOW

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