

**An Lester Trumach** 

The Packet Ship

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Dear Parents

Welcome Back and may we wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. It was rather strange to be returning to school with the Christmas decorations still blazing and not due down until twelfth night on Thursday, but I hope everyone benefitted from a good break, and among the occasional wet day, some terrific sunshine. It was a beautifully crisp morning as children arrived today and great to see them keen to start the new term. Play and experiment with the ice outside my window has been most entertaining this morning.

It wouldn't surprise me if, with the varied winter weather we've already seen, and probably with more on the way, Class 0's learning turns to the elements. But then again, we're always surprised by where the reception children's curiosity takes us – so I'll look forward to seeing what they come up with next week! Through the rest of the school this is an 'Open Learning' week where the children will be considering some of the questions about their topics this term and beginning to prepare their classrooms to reflect and steer their learning:

Class 1	Around the Town
Class 2	The Tin Forest
Class 3	Scrumdidlyumptious
Class 4	The State of The Planet
Class 5	Polar Regions
Class 6	India - through the eyes of the tiger

## Health and Hygiene



As mentioned before the holiday, we have now carried out a full deep clean throughout the school and computer keyboards, equipment and toys have been sterilised. We will of course ensure that we teach and promote personal hygiene this term and ask that parents support us, checking and treating any evidence of threadworm, headlice etc as well as reminding children of their responsibility to themselves and others in washing hands and observing

## essential hygiene.

## Clubs

A range of extra curriculum clubs commence next week ... these are offered before, during and after school, some by teaching and non-teaching staff and parents voluntarily and others by private providers. Marlborough's after school clubs have been created to give the children the opportunity to learn new skills and if they enjoy the club they can apply to join again at the beginning of each term by asking for a permission form from the school office.

Clubs cover a variety of skills ...

Multi-sports, art, circus skills, cooking, netball, bridge, chess, table tennis, gardening, football, rugby, recorders and cinema.

A full list of extra curriculum activities and relevant age range/charges will be emailed within the next few days and consent forms will be available from the school office by the end of the week.

## **Musical Instrument Tuition**

Music lessons will continue this term for those registered as follows:-Woodwind – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January Guitar and Brass – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January Keyboard/Piano – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January Strings – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January

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