21 January 2019

Dear Parents.

It has been another exciting and learning-filled week here at Marlborough School.

## **Headteacher Interviews**

Today sees the first stage of the interview process for our new headteacher – I will keep you informed of the outcomes from this next week.

#### Parking on Ferndale Road

As you know, for the safety of all of our children we firmly invite parents not to drive onto Ferndale Road. The congestion and heavy traffic flow compromises our children's safety which of course none of us would ever wish to do. If driving to school, please find alternative parking before enjoying a brief stroll onto Ferndale Road. Thank you for your help in this matter.

#### **Geevor Mine**

Class 2 headed off to Geevor Mine to learn about Cornwall's long and proud history of tin and copper mining. The children had a fantastic time and came back to excitedly recount panning for tin, investigating miners' tools and clothing and learning about the methods of mining. Thank you to Miss Selby-Burton for organising this super visit.

## **Celebrating Sport**

Congratulations to our fantastic swimmers who took part in the gala on Friday. They represented school brilliantly and showed real grit and perseverance. Well done children.

#### **School Meals**

We are still receiving payments of £2.20/£10 for school meals however the price of our school lunches changed to £2.30 in September 2018, or £11 if paid in advance for the week.

Have a great week – wrap up warm, it's going to be chilly.

Vicky Sanderson

Packet Points						
This week score table					Termly score table	
Position	Team	Weekly Points	Weekly Score	Position	Team	Termly Score
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chicester	29	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	Walsingham	12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walsingham	27	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chicester	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swiftsure	22	4	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swiftsure	8
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fox	20	3	4 <sup>th</sup>	Fox	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	Freeling	18	2	5 <sup>th</sup>	Freeling	4
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pelham	13	1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Pelham	3



### **Spring Term updates from the Mariners**

To respond about anything below, please email mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk

Thanks to everyone who came to our spring term planning meeting last week, and in particular Lou Gall as teacher rep. Thanks also to people who came and said hello at our Table in the hall on Friday morning; this worked really well and is something we plan to do again next term.

Here are lots of updates/dates/shout outs for you!:

- Painting party! Sat 16th Feb (first Sat of half term). To refresh school halls and corridors.
  There'll be cakes/tea/kids activities. If potentially interested, email the Mariners. Thanks to Mrs Sanderson for setting this up.
- **Big Dig, Thu 7th Mar** at the school. See separate item for full details. We're looking for 30-40 parent/grandparent/friend volunteers on the day, please email Mariners.
- Auction of Promises. Fri 8th Mar evening at the Upper Deck. Thanks for the great responses to our first call for promises before Christmas! We want to gather another 30+ promises, so please get these in by 8th Feb (form on next page copies in office if unable to print at home). If you have contacts at local businesses who might donate, please do approach them. Bargain 3 course meal (+ live music/disco!), tickets available in the coming weeks (announcement to follow).
- Class topics are: The Jolly Postman; Tin Forest/recycling; Stone Age/rocks;
  China/mountaineering; Shackleton/polar exploration; Harry Potter. Let the Mariners know if you have interests/expertise relating to any of these and could come into the school. Do think outside the box!
- More generally, we're compiling a list of times **parents have availability to help out** in school. If you can e.g. spare a regular Wednesday afternoon, let us know.
- The Mariners are in need of an auctioneer for the upcoming auction please email if you know of anyone that can help!

Next Mariners catch-up meeting, **Tue 12th Feb, 8-9pm**, Falmouth Townhouse.



## Marlborough's Auction of Promises: Friday 8th March 2019, The Upper Deck

#### FINAL CALL OUT FOR PROMISES OF ALL KINDS!

**What's an auction of promises?** An auction which can include anything from yoga classes to domestic cleaning. The idea is that people can contribute services as well as stuff. These will be listed in the catalogue, and auctioned off on at an evening event.

What's the event for? As part of the Marlborough Mariners' activities, we're aiming to raise £2k+ primarily for the £10k school library appeal, for brilliant books that fire up the imagination of our kids.

**The event:** A delicious three-course dinner at The Upper Deck at the Marina in Falmouth. With live entertainment, it promises to be a super-fun, bargain filled evening. Friends and family very welcome. We'll be selling tickets after Christmas, but save the date (Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar).

What sorts of promises are we looking for? All sorts! Here are some businesses run by Marlborough parents who've made pledges already:

- Fitness Wild 3 group sessions
- C-scape Pilates private session
- Falmouth Art Gallery arty item from the gallery shop
- Live opera private performance
- Native Instruments home studio keyboard set up, worth £500!

**How can I help?** We would love YOUR pledges (and/or your family and friends'!) to make this event a big, fat fundraising success. Auctions of promises can include anything special or labour saving, eg:

... Tree surgeon consultancy; Half a day of tiling/gardening/cleaning; Piece of artwork; Car valeting; Catering for a tea party for ten; Weekend break at a hotel; Babysitting; Beauty therapy/ hairdressing/nail painting party; Meal for two at a local restaurant; Professional photography at an event of your choosing; Cinema/event/art/theatre tickets; Supper club in your own home; Voucher for art/craft course; Watersports voucher for the family; Taxi service to Newquay airport.... Etc etc.

See also 'Marlborough Mariners' Auction of Promises' facebook page for future updates!

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# Marlborough's Auction of Promises pledge - final call!!

Please email the following to mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk by 8th Feb

- 1. Name:
- 2. Mobile:
- 3. Email:
- 4. Pledge description:
- **5. Any restrictions** (e.g. certain dates, time limits, etc.)?:
- 6. Approximate value:
- 7. Suggested reserve (i.e. you'd want Marlborough to raise at least this for you to contribute it):

