



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

11th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the world has been watching developments in American politics, Covid news updates and finding their feet with the new lockdown, school life continues to focus on learning and creating citizens who can make the world a brighter place. Our community have continued to support each other through showing consideration and kindness. Thank you to everyone for making changes to your normal routines during this restricted period. One of the items identified in our governor monitoring process this term is that parents would like to know more about what is going on in classrooms. Each week the newsletter will provide a snapshot of learning in each class and next week the newsletter will contain photos of displays around the school. Class teachers will be sharing outcomes with you virtually at the end of the term, allowing you to share in the wonderful learning taking place.

Children in Need

Our Class 4 Parliament group, *School and Wider Community*, are asking everyone to raise money for Children in Need **this Friday 13th of November**. Pupils can come to school in onesies, pyjamas or their own clothes on Friday in exchange for a donation towards the charity. Thank you

Covid Updates and Changes

An additional letter was sent home last week after the government guidance was published to allow us to make changes that came into place from Monday.

The key points are:

- We are able to continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum during this period.
- We will endeavour to continue with sports club for Years 4, 5 and 6 to provide childcare during this lockdown period. All other clubs will be cancelled until further notice.
- Reception children will be collected at 1.50pm on Fridays.
- It is recommended that any adults gathering on the school site wear a mask.
- Children will not be able to mix with others outside of school, however you are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare.

Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing

Please can we ask parents to keep communicating with us regarding symptoms, isolation, track and trace app isolation and testing. If a member of your household shows symptoms of Covid then the whole household need to isolate. Please do not send your child to school if someone in your household has symptoms.

Remote Learning

As part of our Contingency Plan, teachers are ready to support home learning should we need it. We have plans in place in case pupils need to remain at home due to a positive Covid-19 result. Essentially, in order to ensure continuity, class teachers and teaching assistants will support your child's learning through daily contact via virtual meetings, emails and learning platforms. The government have raised the expectation that if a child is isolating and is still well that they should be working for the whole school day, following a similar timetable to the one offered in schools.

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Learning Out and About and In School

Reception Pirate Day – At the end of last half term our Reception pupils actually met Captain Redbeard and Dolly Diamond when they popped in to school. The children had spent all half term becoming a wonderful pirate crew and Captain and Dolly were impressed by their skills. This half term the Reception children have received a phone call from a queen who needs their help. There is an egg, some roaring and smoke; luckily the children are happy to help investigate the mystery.

Space Dome Visit – As the rest of the country went into lockdown, Class 5 and 6 went out of the universe! The space dome is truly inspirational. Camilla said, *'All I can say is OH MY GOSH! It was so cool; how when I lay down I felt like I was in space! When it spun I loved it. I've learned so many new things it's absolutely mind boggling. I came in knowing 1 or 2 things and now I know a lot more. This was one of the highlights of my life!'*

Becoming a Reader Meeting – Our annual meeting on the teaching of reading strategies at home and at school will be held virtually on Thursday 12th November at 4pm. This is open to all parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Teachers will be explaining how we teach reading and how you can develop strategies at home. A link will be sent out on Thursday.

Calculation Policy – You can find our updated Calculation policy on our school website. The policy shows the methods that we use in school to teach calculations and is very useful when you are supporting your child at home. The policy can be found at: https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/maths_learning/500989

Class 6 Update

Matt, Lucy and Freddie welcomed a new addition to the Swiggs family on Monday. Rosie Elizabeth Swiggs was born at 9.55am weighing 7.13lbs. Many congratulations to the family! Matt is taking his two week paternity leave and Louise Tremewan is teaching Class 6 while Matt is away. Louise already knows the class well as she teaches them each Monday as part of our recovery strategy.

Christmas Celebrations

They have started playing Christmas songs in Wilko which means it is time to start looking ahead to festive celebrations! Christmas in school is going to look very different this year as usually it is the opportunity to celebrate as a community. Teachers are busily planning ways of involving parents in celebrations. It is looking like performances may have to be virtual but we'll see what the guidance review at the beginning of December brings. Classrooms will be looking festive and we have ordered a larger-than-usual tree for the whole school to decorate.

Christmas Dinner – The kitchen will be preparing a delicious Christmas dinner, complete with sprouts and crackers on Wednesday 16th of December.

Silly Santa's Sponsored Walk – On the 17th of December the whole school will be raising money for Cornwall Hospice Care by taking part in a Silly Santa Sponsored Walk. If children are able to raise at least £7.50 each they will receive a Santa suit to keep (Reception pupils will be elves!) and a fun Santa medal. The charity are asking that each child raises a minimum sponsorship of £7.50 in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care - but more would be fantastic! Every £20 raised will fund an hour of our nursing care. Last year 13 schools took part and between them they funded 650 hours of nursing care which is EPIC!

Class 3 Pupil Vacancy

We currently have one pupil school place available in Class 3. If you know of anyone looking for a place please ask them to contact the admissions team on 0300 1234 101 or by visiting cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Pupil Premium funding

The Local Authority are giving vouchers to pupils eligible for Free School Meals over the Christmas holidays. This will be £15 per pupil per week. More details of this will be given by the LA nearer the time.

A reminder that Pupil Premium pupils are now able to join breakfast Club for free.

If you think you may be eligible for funding you can either ask for a form at the office or follow the link to complete an application: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

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Winter Coat Bank

Love Falmouth are making sure all Falmouth children are warm this winter by providing a bank of winter coats. *If you've got a high quality, second hand coat (aged 4-11) and would like to support families in need in Falmouth, we'd love to give your coat a new home!*

At Love Falmouth, we want to ensure that no child in Falmouth goes cold this winter, so we're setting up a winter coat pop-up. We are accepting donations of high quality, second hand or new coats.

If you'd like to donate/contribute to our project, visit our social media pages for more information.

Nits and Threadworms

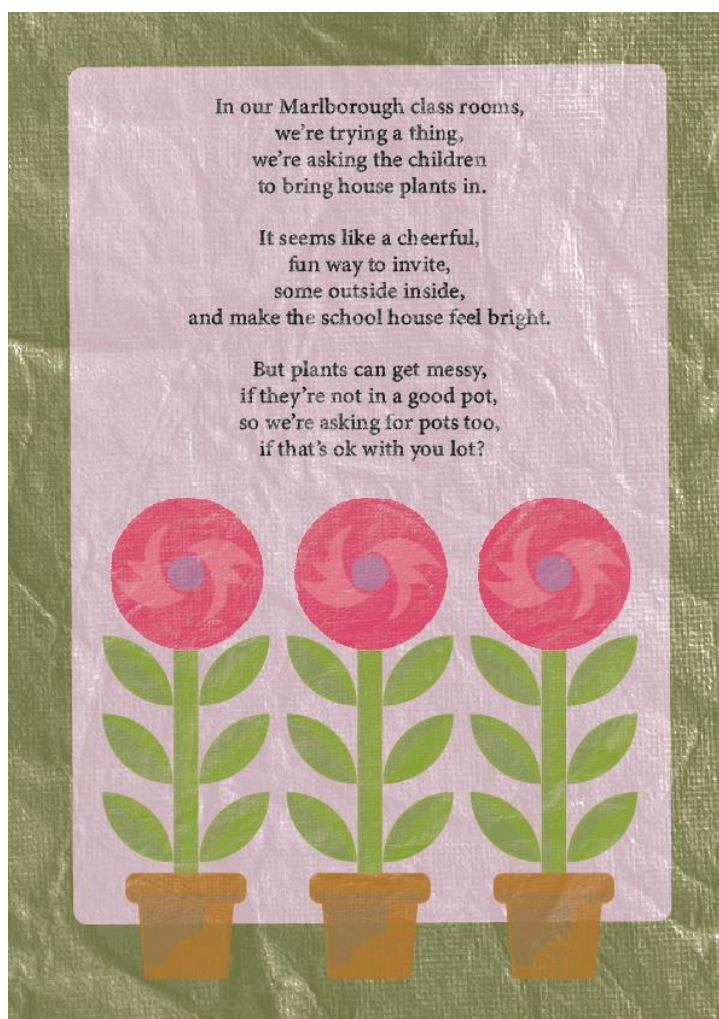
Some families have reported cases of nits and threadworms. Please check your children and treat them accordingly. Information on the treatment of infectious diseases can be found in the Spotty Book on our website at https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/health_information/7904

Starting School 2021

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 then you are able to apply for a school place through Cornwall Admissions. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. The application form can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Marlborough Mariners Pot Plant Drive

As autumn strips the landscape of colour and greenery we would like to ask parents and carers to donate a pot plant and pot to their child's class room, to make the space more inviting and green. The children will look after the plants. This will not only provide some cosiness but also increase calmness in the classroom, making minds more focussed. If any donations could be brought in to school before the end of November the plants can also be given some Christmas bling in the classroom! Many thanks.



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Marlborough Kitchen

The kitchen staff have been delighted to see so many of our Year 3 to 6 pupils having school meals but we need more customers! As our kitchen is our own on-site business we need to ensure we are financially viable and every meal booked helps us to maintain this unique and amazing provision. Leftovers are often sold from the kitchen door from 3pm; if you would like to purchase leftovers for £1 please wave at the window and the wonderful kitchen team will come to the door.

Upcoming lunches are:

Thursday 12 th November	Turkey Burger Falafel Burger Curried Parsnip Soup
Friday 13 th November	Smoked Salmon and Pea Pasta Roast Veg and Tomato Pasta Herby Cheese Scone
Monday 16 th November	Pizza Margarita Roasted Red Pepper and Basil Pizza Minestrone Soup
Tuesday 17 th November	Beef Bolognese Lentil and Roast Vegetable Pasta Tomato and Cheese Tart
Wednesday 18 th November	Jacket Potato Butternut and Pea Risotto Squash and Lentil Soup
Thursday 19 th November	Sausages and Wedges Veggie Sausages and Wedges Roast Vegetable and Potato Frittata
Friday 20 th November	Homemade Fishcakes Veggie Chickpea Curry Egg Mayo Rolls

Dates for the diary

Thursday 12th November – Becoming a Reader meeting, 4pm via Zoom.

Tuesday 24th November – Class 3 Adventure Club (am only)

Tuesday 1st December – Reception Adventure Club (am only)

Tuesday 8th December – Class 1 Adventure Club (am only)

Tuesday 15th December – Class 2 Adventure Club (am only)

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December – Silly Santa Sponsored Walk

Friday 18th December – Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Children back to school,
Start of Spring Term



NEW Coaches and Players Wanted

Do you have a son or daughter currently in the Reception year group that wants to start playing football next season??

Falmouth United are looking to start the next generation of footballers on their football journey. To do this we need new coaches and players for next seasons new under 6 team.

If you are interested in coaching youth football or your son or daughter want to start playing, then please get in touch.

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