



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

4th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come back to school after a breezy and stormy break to a half term which seems like it will be a rollercoaster for us as a community. The children have happily returned to school, they are ready to learn, they are excited by the opportunities given to them in school, the creative curriculum is continuing as planned and we are going to do everything we can to maintain the positive learning environment for all children. As the country goes into a second lockdown period, Marlborough School is remaining fully open in line with national guidance. We have yet to receive guidance specifically for schools but we are pre-empting changes and tightening systems to support the updated lockdown rules. Below are changes that we are having to put into place until this lockdown period has ended.

Covid Updates and Changes

- Please can Reception pupils be collected at 1.50pm on Fridays to avoid congestion in the lower playground. Thank you.
- There will be no Monday karate club or the Friday multisports clubs until the end of this lockdown period. Other Multisports clubs will go ahead as they are in single year group bubbles.
- All planned outcomes at the end of topics are having to be delivered differently. Class teachers will contact parents to let them know how learning will be shared.
- Please can only one adult come on to the school site for drop off and collection. As we have vulnerable adults bringing their children on to the school site please can adults avoid congregating on pathways inside and outside of school.
- Tours of the school for new reception pupils will not be able to take place.

Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing

We have one pupil who has tested positive for Coronavirus after experiencing mild symptoms and is now recovering well. The pupil was not in school during the two days prior to symptoms occurring, and did not see anybody from Marlborough School during the half term break. As a result, Public Health England have advised us that we do not need to close the bubble.

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. You can find the plan on our website by following this link:

https://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/contingency_plan_/514069

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 (and they want this to happen without any added pressure on parents, staff or pupils!) At the moment teaching staff are managing these dual roles on top of their working day, however if we have a rise in the number of children isolating due to Covid-19 then this role may be managed by teaching assistants out of their normal class time.

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



Learning Out and About and In School

Space Odyssey Dome visit – On Thursday 5th of November we will be welcoming the universe into school! The Space Odyssey Dome, a magnificent inflatable planetarium, will be in the school hall for Class 5 and Class 6 to experience in small groups. More information about this has been sent home with pupils.

Class 3 to Falmouth Art Gallery – The visit to the art gallery has been postponed as they will be closed during lockdown.

Class 3 Adventure Club – Class 3's Adventure Club has been postponed until Tuesday 24th November.

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 nearer the time.

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

Sports in School

Class 3 have changed their PE day to Thursdays as they are now working with Plymouth Argyle developing their football skills.

Class 6 Update

Mr Swiggs will be taking his two week paternity leave from Monday 9th of November. Louise Tremewan will be 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. Good luck to Matt, Lucy and Freddie!

Celebrating Differences

Our whole school PSHE focus this half term is all about Celebrating Differences. This week so far children have identified reasons why people might treat others differently and discussed the importance of equality. Very insightful thinking from all of our children, linking the topic to our motto of *A Rising Tide Lifts All Ships*.

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>

School Uniform at Castle Sports

Castle Sports are having to close the shop during lockdown but orders can be placed by phone or online. They can either deliver or you can collect items at certain times from the shop.

Poppies for Remembrance Sunday

Langholme Care Home are asking the community to help decorate their foyer area with arts and crafts relating to poppies in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday. If you would like to make any creations at home and bring them to school we will take them to Langholme.

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Foodbank Donations

Many thanks to everyone who donated food for the Food Bank. Mrs Pearce delivered the collection and your donations were very appreciated.

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.

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

Our school Governing Body is made up of Governors from all walks of life and many come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for new Parent Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to spare
- a child or children currently attending the school

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at Marlborough School. Application forms were emailed out before half term, please contact the office if you would like another form.

The closing date for applications is midday Friday 6th November 2020.

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.

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Upcoming lunches are:

<p>Thursday 5th November Bonfire Night Special</p> 	<p>Hotdog and Wedges Veggie Hotdog and Wedges Hummus and Breadsticks All followed by Sticky Toffee Apple Cake!</p> 
Friday 6 th November	<p>Fishfingers and Wedges Veggie Burger and Wedges Tomato and Sesame Soup</p>
Monday 9 th November	<p>Pizza Margarita Sweetcorn and Olive Pizza Autumn Vegetable Soup</p>
Tuesday 10 th November	<p>Macaroni Cheese Squash, Potato and Chickpea Curry Ham Roll</p>
Wednesday 11 th November	<p>Jacket Potato Bean , Sweet Potoato and Cheese Quesadillas Coconut Daal</p>
Thursday 12 th November	<p>Turkey Burger Falafel Burger Curried Parsnip Soup</p>
Friday 13 th November	<p>Smoked Salmon and Pea Pasta Roast Veg and Tomato pasta Herby Cheese Scone</p>

Dates for the diary

Thursday 5th November – Space Dome in school for Class 5 and Class 6

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

