



An Lester Trumach

The Packet Ship

1 September 2017

Dear Parents

The autumn term has certainly begun with some autumnal weather but that hasn't stopped the children from enjoying their first access to the new outdoor space alongside the infant classrooms. There is a little more to do in this area, tidying up the edges and we would appreciate some help from volunteers able to assist in moving some of the paving and pallets etc. We will put a timetable together shortly and ask parents who wish to help to sign up. We will also arrange a planting session to complete the



new borders. Until the greenery is established, please make sure when entering this area to use the pathways provided. Class 1 parents can use the covered waiting shelter and reception class parents should meet children on the brown 'tiger-mulch' space beside the 'scramble stack'.

We'd like to welcome the new families to the school. This is an exciting time for the children and an emotional one for parents. We hope that you too quickly make new and lasting friends and that, if you are unsure of anything, you feel able to ask.

The term begins as usual with an open learning week for the children to plan topic ideas with teachers and to help prepare the classroom to reflect current studies. There will also be a few changes ahead as we aim to improve our service for children and families. One theme of the pre-term staff training days focused on making learning easier and this has returned some of our professional thinking back to the 5 Rs that have underpinned the school's aims for years, but which would benefit from a boost and, with some adjustments will help to support children's understanding more obviously. This, along with many of the practical steps we are taking, will form a central part of the meetings we have planned for you in the meetings with new class teachers. Please be sure to highlight the following dates in your diaries – it is no exaggeration to say that children perform better when their families know what is going on and understand how they can help and these meetings are a sure way to support you. There will be a crèche on each evening:

Tue 19.09.2017 17:00-18:30 – Infant Parents Meeting with the head and class teachers Thurs 21.09.2017 17:00-18:30 – Junior Parents Meeting with the head and class teachers

One practical change will affect the newsletter itself. In order to encourage regular and familiar use of the website, this is the last time we will send it as an email attachment. From next week you will receive a link direct to the newsletter page. There is a huge amount of information across the whole website, both general (such as under the Our School or Learning pages) and specific, to be found particularly in the Information and Policies section. There is also a calendar and you will have your own personal log-in details. We do answer a lot of questions in the office about information that is already available on the website and it would be a great help to us if everyone saved the site to their 'favourites' and made a point of scanning through other sections from time to time and when accessing An Lester Trumach (The Packet Ship). Please note Marlborough's Diary Dates under the Term Dates page – this is updated as necessary.

Not everything can be done electronically – we have sent home Parent Consent forms for Use of Images and Off-Site Visits. Please complete these and return to school as soon as possible.

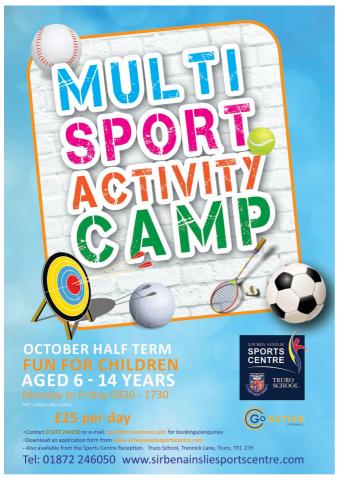




Safety and Security - CCTV Installation

You will have noticed that we have fitted cameras around the school to monitor and deter unauthorised out of hours use of the school site. These are active and have already recorded intruders... **Images will be passed to the police**.

WARNING
CCTV in operation.
24hr recording
in progress







Our netball teams (we are running two this year) have been picked to play each other in the first match of the season, arranged for Wednesday this week, after school at Falmouth School. Club practice sessions will be held at 15:30 each Tuesday, finishing at 16:45. We have a great lead coach but, as numbers have increased, are in desperate need for some volunteer support – if you are able to help out please let the office know directly or by email at: office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk.

Full details of this term's extra curriculum club activities have been sent as an attachment with this newsletter. The area Children's Centre What's On Guide for autumn has also been attached for your information.

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