



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

8th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had such a wonderful time at the Hall for Cornwall yesterday; seeing the whole school laughing together for the first time in nearly two years was a fantastic sight. Considering it was the first school trip for our Reception children, they did marvellously! The children's behaviour, as always, was brilliant; lots of very keen audience members ready to soak up the positivity of the story. So many of them thanked the bus drivers when they got off the coach and it is this attention to kindness that makes our school such a great place to be. There are many more events coming up over the last remaining school days of 2021; Trebah Garden of Lights, The Big Little Nativity, Christmas on the Beach and our Winter Well-being Walk and more. Keep an eye on the newsletter and diary dates!

Learning Out and About and In School

Church Visit – Class 1 will be taking part in an *Advent Adventures* workshop tomorrow at All Saints Church with Jane Wheeler. They will be back in time for lunch.

Winter Well-being Walk – On Friday 17th December, the last day of term, we will be heading out in the morning for a whole school *Winter Well-being Walk*. The route will be from school, through the graveyard, down Sperton Wyn Road and along the seafront and back. We'll be singing festive tunes along the way! On the way back, we will walk along the path through Queen Mary's Gardens at the back of Gyllyngvase Beach where, hopefully, there will be a special visitor waiting to say hello. This walk will be raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital; children can wear festive clothes and can bring money in towards the charity, suggested donation of £1.00. Families can come along and clap, wave or join in with singing along the way. Please could we have some parent volunteers to join us? Many thanks.

Autumn Term Outcomes

	Outcome	Date
Class 3	Fair Trade Shop and Exhibition	Friday 10 th December @ 8.30am
Class 5	Heavenly Bodies Exhibition	Friday 10 th December @ 8.45am

Please note: If you have children in both classes, please start in the hall to watch Class 5's presentation and then go to up to Class 3 for their presentation.

Christmas Performances

Trebah Garden of Lights - TOMORROW Children will be parading with their jam jar lanterns at Trebah. Please can families arrive in good time to be able to be at the reception at their allocated ticket time. Families will then need to bring children to the amphitheatre at 5pm, where class teachers will meet the children to sing some festive songs. As we have pushed Trebah to the full capacity, they are asking if families could try to car share as much as possible as parking is limited.

The Big Little Nativity – Reception, Class 1 and Class 2's *The Big Little Nativity* will be performed on 14th and 15th of December at 5.30pm and on 15th December in the afternoon at 2.15pm. A booking form has been sent home, allocating 2 tickets per family. Now that the tickets have been allocated a

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third ticket is available for all families. Please email office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk to book your third ticket if needed.

Nativity Covid Safety – We are recommending that those attending **The Big Little Nativity** take a Lateral Flow Test before the event. Please do not attend if you have Covid symptoms or a positive LFT result. We will be asking adults to wear masks during the performance. In order to keep the movement of adults to a minimum, sadly, we will not be providing refreshments this year. The hall will be well ventilated so please dress warmly!

Christmas on the Beach – **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME AND VENUE** – Children in Classes 3 to 6 will be performing their Christmas songs and displaying their lanterns on Swanpool Beach on Thursday 16th December for families to watch. Please can children assemble at 4.45pm at the top of Swanpool Beach, ready to parade with the lanterns and sing on the beach at 5pm.

Christmas Dinner

Many thanks to our amazing kitchen team for cooking such a delicious Christmas dinner today. Team work makes the sprouts work!

Staffing Update

We have recruited Mrs Jennifer Kennedy to take on the role of Class 3 teacher alongside Kathy Rowe in January. The children met her as part of the interview process and she will get the chance to spend more time with the children next week so she is fully prepared to start with the same expectations in the new year.

Lost Property, Stockings and Chutney!

This Friday, the 10th of December, in the lower car park we will set out the lost property (there is a lot of it!) and second hand uniform. Arlo and Arabella have made Christmas stockings and the kitchen team have made delicious chutney that will be on sale.

Last day of Term Car Park Dance and Raffle

Some of the Children in Class 4 would like to invite you to an after school dance session in the lower car park after school on the last Friday of term. There will also be a *Name the Iceskaters* competition.

Breakfast Club Payments

Please can any outstanding payments be made before the end of term. Payments can be paid to the school office to pass on to Plymouth Argyle.

Covid Update

We have had more positive Covid cases in and around school this week. Thank you to families for being vigilant when identifying symptoms and using the test centres to check findings.

Remote Learning

If your child is isolating and is well enough then class teachers will provide Remote Learning using the virtual platforms; Google Classroom; SeeSaw or Tapestry depending on your child's year group. Office staff or your child's class teacher will call to see if your child is well enough to access learning.

Symptoms of COVID-19

A high temperature AND/OR a new/continuous cough (this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) AND/OR a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

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Social Distancing and Mask Wearing

Please can adults continue to observe social distancing and wear masks when on the school site.

Communication With School

Please continue to keep us informed of symptoms and positive LFT and/or PCR results. Please email office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk at any time of day or night to report updates.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 9th December – Class 1 to All Saints Church for an *Advent Adventure*

Thursday 9th December – *Garden of Lights* Parade at Trebah Gardens at 4pm and 4.30pm

Friday 10th December – Lost Property and Second Hand Uniform Sale- 1.45pm

Tuesday 14th December – Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity at 5.30pm

Wednesday 15th December – Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity at 2.15pm and 5.30pm

Thursday 16th December – Classes 3 to 6 *Christmas on the Beach* at 4.45pm

Friday 17th December – Christmas Charity Walk – Last day of term

Tuesday 4th January – School Closed for INSET DAY

Wednesday 5th January – Children back to school

Friday 7th January – Sunrise Celebration on Swanpool Beach at 7.15am

The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

Many congratulations to Simone in Class 5 for her winning Christmas card design. The Mayor came in today to present Simone with copies of her card and £100 for her to spend on any area of school life. Simone's design will be used by the Mayor to send festive greetings from Falmouth all over the world.



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