



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

1st December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's December! As we start advent and celebrate the run up to Christmas the diary is looking jam-packed. The festivities have already been started by Marlborough Choir, who performed at the *Christmas Lights Switch On* and the *Princess Pavilion Christmas Tree Festival* last week. Their joy and enthusiasm was infectious and they sounded beautiful. Thank you to the Choir members and Kerry Finnegan for the time and effort they have put in to creating such a wonderful performance. Thanks also to Craft Club and Lou Gall for making the decorations for our stunning tree. Our tree, and many others, are on display at Princess Pavilion over the festive season. We are hoping that all of our December events can go ahead in light of new restrictions and we are doing all that we can to maintain a high level of hygiene, reduce mixing classes and reduce the transmission of Covid through mask wearing in shared spaces.

Learning Out and About and In School

Church Visit – Class 2 will be thinking about the question, 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?', and heading up to All Saints Church tomorrow to meet with Jane Wheeler. They will be back in time for lunch.

Christmas Tree Festival – Class 1 will be exploring the Princess Pavilion's Christmas trees on Friday 3rd of December in the morning. They will walk to the Pavilion and be back in time for lunch.

Cinderella Workshop – Kim Healey and James D'Arcey from the Hall for Cornwall will be delivering a Cinderella workshop on Monday 6th of December to prepare the children for the event! Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 will have their workshop in the afternoon and children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to stay after school for a workshop from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. No need to book, children can stay after school for the workshop and be collected from school at 4.30pm.

Cinderella – On Tuesday 7th of December the whole school will be heading to the Hall for Cornwall in Truro to watch Cinderella. We are travelling by coaches and will be eating our lunch in the newly refurbished Town Hall above the HfC. We have the front block of seating and the HfC will ensure there is a row between us and another school. The coach will collect us after the show. **Please note that children will be able to be collected from school at 4.45pm.**

Cinderella Payments – Tickets cost £17.50 or the Mariners are offering to subsidise the cost of the ticket to £10.00. Please can payments be made via Parent Pay. Many thanks.

Autumn Term Outcomes

	Outcome	Date
Class 3	Fair Trade Shop and Exhibition	Friday 10 th December @ 8.45am
Class 4	Ancient Egyptian Museum	Monday 6 th December @ 2.30pm
Class 5	Heavenly Bodies Exhibition	Friday 10 th December @ 8.45am

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Christmas Performances

Trebah Garden of Lights - On the 9th of December children will be parading with 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.

Apologies again for the limited availability of tickets for Trebah's Garden of Lights. There have been some very kind families who have donated 'spare' tickets to families without, enabling more children to take part in the event. The Mariners are happy to support the swap of any donated tickets and reallocate tickets with the intention of allowing the maximum number of children to attend. Please see the details below. 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.

Mariners Trebah ticket swap

Miss Squibb has given the go ahead for Mariners to try to do some swapping of Trebah tickets. We will do this within classes in the first instance. Please read the following 🙏

1. Our understanding is that if tickets had been given out equally across y3/4/5/6, each child performer would have had 1 accompanier and a few would have had 2 👤
2. If you have already swapped about then check with the other party and KEEP that arrangement in place. However let us know if any more tickets can be given up. 📺
3. Performers DO need to have a ticket (but they can also use a normal child/adult one) 🙋

If you DID NOT get any tickets for Thu 9th and wanted to come OR

If you HAVE tickets you are now willing to pass on, please contact (by **Friday 3rd Dec**):

Years 0-2: mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk

Year 3: rosierobison22@gmail.com / 07900 014602 / y3 WhatsApp

Year 4: morwenna.foy@gmail.com / 07776 402618

Year 5: mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk

Year 6: nicolabrewer63@gmail.com / 07814 107689 / facebook msg

If you are passing on tickets remember to tell us how many/what types. And thank you!!

T&Cs: We are perhaps unlikely to be able to get everyone tickets (and certainly not all parents will be able to go) but our priority will be getting tickets for as many children who are performing + one parent, as we can. If there are not enough to go round a lottery may be fairest. There are still some technicalities to be worked out about ticket payments etc. But let's see what's possible?!? 🙏

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 will be sent home tomorrow to allocate 2 tickets per family initially. Please can this form be returned to school by Monday 6th December.

Christmas On The Beach – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE FROM LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER - 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.

Jam Jars Please!

Please can we have donations of jam jars for our lantern making. Each child in Classes 3, 4 5 and 6 will need one so please bring in as many as you can! Thanks

Christmas dinner

The amazing kitchen team will be cooking up a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings on Wednesday 8th of December. Turkey or veggie options are available to book on ParentPay.

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Lost Property, Stockings and Chutney!

On Friday 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.

Children in Need

Many thanks to everyone who made our Children in Need fundraising day so sparkly and bright! We managed to raise an amazing £210.

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.

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

Friday 3rd December – Class 1 to Princess Pavilion's Christmas Tree Festival – am only

Monday 6th December – Cinderella Workshop; KS1 2.30-3.30pm, KS2 3.30- 4.30pm

Tuesday 7th December – Cinderella at the Hall for Cornwall – **return to school at 4.45pm**

Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Dinner at Marlborough School

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

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

Maths club is (almost) back!

The Mariners are looking forward to starting up maths club again in the new year and are looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to help out.

All you need is to think maths is *great* and be able to stay at school til 9:30am a couple of times a month. It's a highlight for the kids and fun for grown-ups too.

Please email mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk for details

