



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your brilliant support for our Christmas celebrations - we had a full house (and some standing room only) for both the Festival of Carols and the Nativity: *Christmas with the Aliens*. Christmas Lunch was yesterday and pupils and adults enjoyed a super delicious roast dinner with a selection of Christmas treats for pudding and, of course, there were also crackers and hats. Massive thanks goes to our catering team: Jodie, Kirsty and Sam who worked very hard to make sure that everything was prepared and ready to serve on time - amazing! More thanks goes to our wonderful teaching assistant team who made sure that all was organised to perfection on the day and to Tanya Tredinnick who is the mastermind behind the management of our Christmas lunch. We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and good times with friends and family over the holidays!

Marazion Oasis - Extended Opening Hours

A reminder that from Monday 7th January Marazion Oasis is open from 8am - 6pm. We are delighted to be working in partnership with them within Marazion School grounds. Marazion Oasis offers full day-care for children 3 months - 14 years during term time and school holidays, providing breakfast and after school provision, aiding parents in employment and families that may require further support. Weekly government funding can be stretched over the whole year for 2, 3 and 4 year olds to support working parents. If you have any questions or queries or require any further information, please don't hesitate to speak to or contact Lorna Trudgeon, Senior Centre Manager on 01736 741528.

Primary School Places for September 2019

Parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 need to apply for a primary school place for September 2019. **Please note that the deadline for applications is 15th January 2019.** Please refer to the School Admission pages on the Cornwall Council website, which includes advice and guidance on the process at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

Cornwall Council Admission Code

Cornwall Council is undertaking statutory consultation, in line with the Admissions Code 2014, on the arrangements for community and voluntary-controlled schools for 2020/21. We are consulting with parents and carers, schools and other relevant parties. Comments are invited on any aspect of the arrangements including the proposed changes, which are explained in the consultation documents. The draft arrangements can be viewed on our website: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/consultation-on-admission-arrangements-202021/>

or copies can be requested by emailing us (schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk) or calling 0300 1234 101.

Online Safety

Following recent concerns about pupils accessing inappropriate games online, we have a festive online safety newsletter, which is available on the school website or as a paper copy from the school office. The newsletter has advice and guidance about how your family can stay safe online at this time of year.

Residential Visits 2019 - Deposits due TODAY Thursday 20th DECEMBER

Please note that a non-refundable deposit of £25 is due by Thursday 20th December for 2019 residential visits. Thanks. This deposit confirms your child's place for the 2019 residential visits.

Year of Dance

Mr Groom and Miss Tremewan have been carrying out pupil conferencing (talking to children about their learning) this week. All groups of pupils talked about how much they are liking the Year of Dance and all of the dancing. Pupils said that they were not expecting this and, after having dance as a focus in our curriculum, they are seeing how powerful dance can be in so many ways.

In School/Out and About

Giving Machine (GM): With only 5 shopping days left until Christmas, please remember to use the GM for your Christmas shopping – this earns cash for school. Thanks. **Art Days:** Pupils in Funky Chickens, Cha Chas and Fabulous Fandangos all have Art Days with our Lovely Art Ladies (Emma and Lesley) during the first week back. FCs are working on animal habitats starting with meerkats, CCs are creating a giant ceiling flag depicting Queen Victoria's crest and portraits of historical figures and FFs are focusing on Egyptian Art. Please can FCs bring an old t-shirt to wear as an apron. **Funky Fridays (FFs):** FFs start on the first Friday back, 11th January and the theme for spring 1 is R.E. **Farm Visit:** On Tuesday 8th January pupils in Terrific Tangos are off to Feadon Farm to try and find all the characters from the *Gruffalo*. Children have a packet lunch provided and are back before the end of the school day. Please can children wear warm outdoor clothes, hat and gloves, waterproof coat and wellies. Thanks.

PE and Sport in School

Fixtures and Events: There are no fixtures or events during the first week back. **Swimming Sessions:** From 10th January, pupils in Funky Chickens are swimming on Thursdays for half a term. Pupils need swimming kit (black costume or trunks - not board shorts) and goggles (if you have them) as well as a £1 contribution towards the cost of the sessions. Thanks. School provides swimming caps. **Gym Sessions:** Pupils in Disco Dudes are going to Penzance Gym every Wednesday from 9th January. Please can pupils have their PE kit in school all week. Thanks. **Optional PE and SS Homework:** For December, pupils have been asked to write their own version of 12 Days of ACTIVE Christmas. Thanks to the Sports Leaders who performed the whole song in Celebration Assembly this morning. Brilliant!

Stars of the Term

In Class: Terrific Tangos: *Poppy S* for being a creative, thoughtful and lovely member of the class; Fabulous Fandangos: *Lilla* who is always enthusiastic, independent and a joy to teach; Funky Chickens: *Talak* who always gives 100% and is always kind; Cha Chas: *Jake* who gives everything his all and has such a positive attitude; Disco Dudes: *Skye* for stepping up to being a Y6 role model, working hard as a Sports Leader and for super maths. **Sporting:** YR/KS1 *Nyla* for a fantastic attitude to sports; KS2 *Alicia* for always giving 100% and having a great attitude to her Sports Leader role. **Music:** YR/KS1: *Summer* for a sensational Nativity performance; KS2: *Elsie* for her growing confidence and amazing solo singing. Winners of these awards receive a WH Smith voucher as a reward. **100% work raffle winner:** *Kai P, Teagan, Maison and Katie* - each child received a pack of *Smiggle* pencils. **Marvellous Merits lucky dip winners:** *Poppy S* and *Archie* each received a reusable bamboo cup. **Kind and Caring winner:** *Callum B* who donates £10 to a charity of his choice.

Certificate Awards and House Points

These will be updated in the new year.

Good Manners @ Lunch Time and Breakfast Club

We celebrate with children who have displayed fantastic manners at Lunchtime, and during Breakfast Club, as part of our Monday morning assembly. This week congratulations to: *Summer* (Breakfast Club) *Blythe, Lamorna, Lilla* and *Jake* (Lunchtime).

Many Happy Returns

Happy Birthday to *Morgan* who celebrated his birthday this week. Happy Returns to you ☺

Dates for the Diary w/c 7th January

Friday 21st December to Friday 4th January: Christmas Holidays

Monday 7th January: Back to school; FCs' Art Day

Tuesday 8th January: TT @ Feadon Farm

Wednesday 9th January: CCs' Art Day; DD @ Penzance Gym, pm

Thursday 10th January: FFs' Art Day; FC @ swimming session, pm

Friday 11th January: Funky Fridays start