



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

16th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we gathered together in January 2020 to watch the sunrise none of us could have predicted how the year would unfold. From March, life for our children changed dramatically, sending them hurtling into the unknown. We spoke about a character we know and love, Scaredy Squirrel, who never left his tree for fear of the unknown. Due to a bee approaching his tree he was forced to leap out and suddenly he realised he had a talent he never knew existed, he was actually a flying squirrel. This year, more than ever, the children have surprised us with their hidden talents; the ability to be resourceful, maintain their positivity and help us adults see the fun in life. The Marlborough children have certainly helped us to get through this year with their unerring optimism. Many thanks to them and you for all the support you have given us during this difficult year.

I would also like to thank all of the Marlborough team for the gargantuan task of keeping the children safe, happy and learning during a pandemic. The whole community; pupils, parents, families, governors and staff have been amazing and unfaltering in their drive to make Marlborough such a special place to be. We wish you all a very merry Christmas, stay safe and healthy and we will see you in 2021, ready to see what next year has in store for us!

Christmas Performances

Christmas Performances are being screened this week, with children in Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 showing their production of *Lights, Camel, Action!* There will be a Zoom screening of the production today at 5.30pm. Tomorrow at 6pm there will be a Zoom screening of *The Cancelled Christmas* performed by Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The performances will be shown via Zoom to school families and a private Youtube link will be sent to parents on Friday so they can keep a copy of the shows.

Christmas Dinner

Many thanks to the kitchen team for providing such a delicious Christmas dinner today. The preparation of 240 roast dinners is huge and, as always, the kitchen team have gone above and beyond to provide such a festive meal.

Silly Santa Sponsored walk

Tomorrow the whole school will be raising money for Cornwall Hospice Care by taking part in a Silly Santa Sponsored Walk. We will leave school at 9.30am and walk up through the graveyard, down Spernen Wyn Road and along the seafront to The Royal Duchy Hotel. Although we will not be able to have additional adults joining the walk you are more than welcome to come along and clap by the roadside to encourage the children on their 2 and half mile walk in their festive outfits!

Santa and elf suits will be sent home with children today so they can come into school tomorrow with their outfits on. They will need to wear plenty of warm layers under their suits. Each child will be able to keep their suit and a Santa medal. The charity are asking that each child raises a minimum sponsorship of £7.50 in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care - but more would be fantastic. Sponsor forms and monies can be returned to school either this week or in the first week of January.

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Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing

Updating information – We are asking families to keep us informed about Covid-19 symptoms, testing and results for 6 days after the end of term, which takes us to Christmas Eve.

- The office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk address will be checked twice daily for those six days for positive Covid notifications.
- If your child develops symptoms up until 3pm on Sunday please let us know.
- If they develop symptoms after 3pm on Sunday parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Track and Trace.
- If, after developing symptoms prior to 3pm on Sunday, your child tests positive for Covid-19 then we will need to help Public Health England in identifying close contacts, which in our case means informing the class bubble that they need to isolate.
- If there is a positive case within your child's bubble requiring your child to self isolate we will inform you by email and phone call. Self isolation has now reduced from 14 days to 10 days.
- When returning to school please email by the 4th of January if anyone in your household has a positive result.

Holiday travel - Please can families let us know if they are travelling anywhere outside of the travel corridor over the Christmas holidays. Families travelling outside of the corridor will need to quarantine for 14 days after arriving back in the UK.

Falmouth Celebrations

The community are coming together to celebrate Christmas virtually this year. Our Class 3 and Class 5 songs are going to be shared as part of the *Falmouth Virtual Community Christmas Celebration* on Friday night at 6pm on Facebook. Nativity photos of Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 will be in this week's Falmouth Packet. The Christmas tree festival, usually held at the Princess Pavillion, is now being held at <https://open.falculture.org/2020/12/14/falmouths-virtual-christmas-tree-festival/> Have a look at the website to see our marvellous tree and other amazing trees around Falmouth.

Learning Out and About and In School

Spring Term Clubs – A form will be sent home at the beginning of next term with an updated clubs list. Clubs will start during the week beginning the 11th of January.

Sunrise Celebration

At the beginning of 2020 many of us met on Swanpool beach to see the sunrise and start the new year with a positive, refreshing blast. You are invited to do the same for 2021, meeting at Swanpool beach at 7.15am on Friday 8th of January. The café will not be open in order to keep to social distancing guidelines but you are more than welcome to bring breakfast and a flask with you. It would be lovely to start a new year reminding ourselves that no matter what has happened in 2020, the sun will still rise beautifully to start a new day and a new year.

Breakfast Club Changes

Our Breakfast Club will be run by Plymouth Argyle in January. Ryan will still be there, providing breakfasts and activities, but payment will now go to Plymouth Argyle. Details of payments will be sent out before the end of term. Also, we are going to offer an earlier start, with parents either paying £3.00 to start at 7.30am or £2.50 to start at 7.45am. Breakfast Club will start back on the 5th of January.

Staffing Update

Angie Douglas will be leaving the kitchen team at the end of this term. Angie has been fundamental in ensuring our kitchen serves an exciting range of food, allowing our children to make brave choices and maintain a healthy diet. Many thanks go to Angie for the commitment she has shown to our community. Good luck with future exciting endeavours Angie.

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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. Parents of Pupil Premium Pupils should have received a text from Wonde, who deal with school vouchers. If you have not received a text please contact the office.

The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness

Many thanks to the Mariners for funding the Squashbox Theatre visit. The excitement and enjoyment felt by the audience was palpable, and the children were all keen to chant, 'I love sprouts', after they helped Craig complete his mission to find the 12 sprouts of Christmas.

Online Safety

This year, many of us will be relying on tech over the festive period for entertainment and, most importantly, to keep in touch with friends and family. *Think You Know* have a few resources to help families have a safer online experience over the winter break. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>

School Parliament Updates

We've been running Parliament differently so far this year with virtual whole school assemblies and working parliament groups in each of the junior classes to prevent bubble spreading. The children decided what groups would be most useful to run and what projects they could work on to make positive changes to our school. The children have been so inventive and creative with their ideas and would like to share with you the projects that they have worked on this term:

Sports and Wellbeing:

In Year 6 we have been thinking about playtimes and how to keep everyone active and having fun. We thought about different equipment that could be useful like hoops of different sizes. We looked at the pricing and have created an order for each class to enjoy the new equipment.

Learning:

In Year 5 we have been working with Ruth LS to create a reading and writing shed in the top playground. We thought of some themes for the shed and Ruth is including our ideas and her design expertise! We have decided on a nature theme using artificial grass, fairy lights, tree stumps for stools, pallets and a lick of paint! The shed will be useful for relaxing on rainy days or just if you want to read.

School and Wider community:

In Year 4 we have been organising fundraising days to raise money for charity. We raised over £100 each for #HelloYellow and Children in Need. We have also been in touch with a local care home, Langholme, and created Remembrance artwork for their foyer. We are sending all of the residents a Christmas card to wish them a Merry Christmas!

Food and Health:

In Year 3 we have been working on creating a visual menu with pictures of the meals from the kitchen. We have made a meal suggestions box and finding out what everyone would like to see on the menu this includes beef lasagne and garlic bread and stew with bread for dunking! We have linked it to our Science learning about why we need different nutrients and how they can be provided by different foods!

Amazing work by our Parliament groups, making changes to Marlborough to make it even more marvellous even in these different times! In the new year, new classes will take on these projects and develop them further with new additions. Thank you for all of your hard work everyone!

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Marlborough Mariners' Update

Christmas Raffle

LAST CHANCE TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS! The Paypal account closes today at 6pm!

The Mariners have organised an amazing Christmas raffle with some fantastic vouchers and items donated as raffle prizes from the local community inc. Eden Project passes, Fish and Chips vouchers, £20 voucher for a TiramisUgo take away delivered to your door, Massage vouchers, Beauty products and more.

Tickets can be purchased through this Paypal link: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8uO7Y8vvyU>

Marlborough Strictly Christmas Dance Party- Friday 18th of December 4.30pm on ZOOM

Get ready to Rock around your Christmas Tree!

Dance along to some Christmas classics, join in with some simple Strictly-inspired-steps including the Salsa, Charleston and Jive, and play some games - It will be Fab-U-lous and you will all be the stars of the show!

Dress code: Dress to impress! Christmas outfits and jumpers, fancy dress, glitter, sparkles... anything goes!

Grown ups encouraged to join in!

Zoom Meeting Code

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82029528461?pwd=dStQVFJXdjZVZGVXMpOHEyTIUwdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 2952 8461

Passcode: 701094

Donations welcome - suggested donation £1-2 per head but any amount however big or small will be warmly welcomed.

This is a Mariners event to help raise funds for the facilities on the school field and will be hosted by Cscape Dance.

Donations can be made via this link: https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=64KL9TUEMYCML



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cscapelates@gmail.com**

**Have fun whilst raising money for the field
shelter & facilities**

Dress to Impress!!!

Grown ups and families encouraged to join in

Hosted by
CScape Dance
for Mariners

Candy Cane Stockings and Christmas Decorations

Arabella, Arlo and Arlo have been making some beautiful decorations and mini stockings to raise money for the school field improvements. They sold out within minutes and raised £165.72 towards developing the facilities on the field. Thank you!

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Marlborough Kitchen

The kitchen team have made delicious mincemeat and chutneys for Christmas. These will be available from the front of school on Thursday and Friday.

The new Spring 2021 menu will be sent to families by the end of the week. Selections will be added to ParentPay so meals can be booked before term starts.

Upcoming lunches are:

Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner- Turkey Christmas Dinner- Veggie Christmas Soup
Thursday 17 th December	Beef Chilli Bean Chilli Hummus and Breadsticks
Friday 18 th December	Jacket Potatoes Tomato and Sesame Soup Herby Cheese Scones

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December – *Lights, Camel, Action!* shared screening 5.30pm

Thursday 17th December – Silly Santa Sponsored Walk

Thursday 17th December – *The Cancelled Christmas* shared screening, 6pm

Friday 18th December – Last day of Autumn Term

Friday 18th December – Strictly Christmas Dance Party via Zoom 4.30 until 5pm

Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Children back to school,
Start of Spring Term

Friday 8th January – Sunrise Celebration, 7.15am Swanpool Beach

Monday 11th January- Spring term clubs start



Reception have made Christmas decorations.



Class 1 have created winter scenes and wrapping paper with repeating patterns.

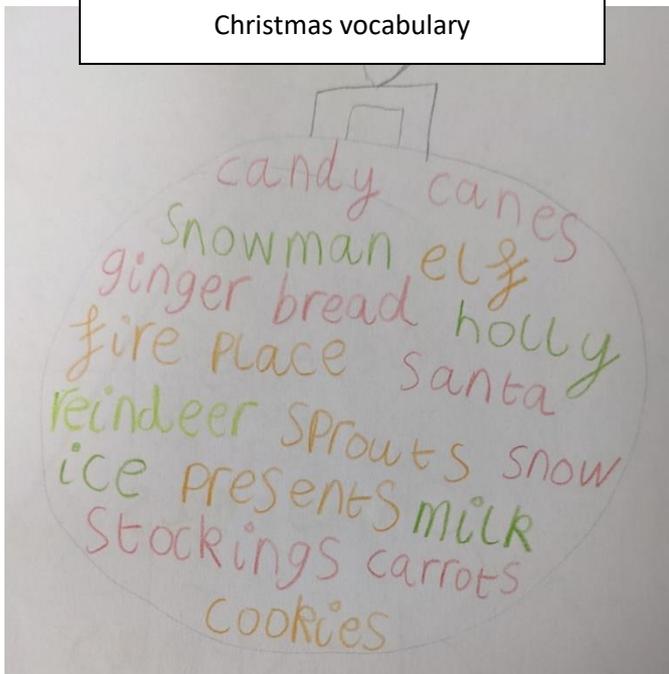
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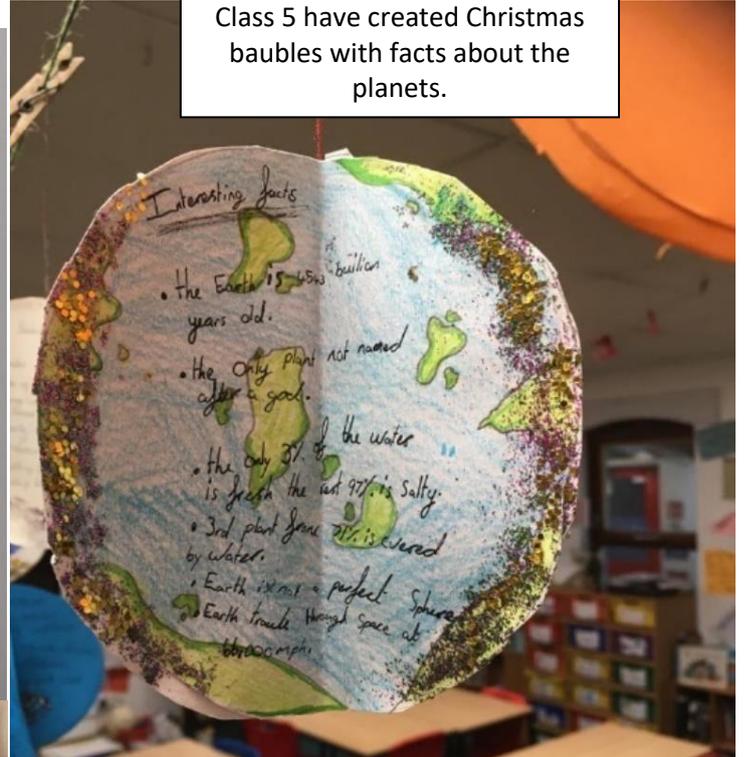
Class 3 have learnt how to sing and sign *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.



Class 4 have created baubles filled with Christmas vocabulary



Class 5 have created Christmas baubles with facts about the planets.



Class 2 have created Christmas cards containing peace symbols.



Class 6 have designed and created Christmas decorations.

