



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

16th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the children busily engaged in exciting learning with their classmates again and it has been wonderful to see their creative and keen attitudes to learning shining out. Pupils have been exploring their new topics with a range of launches; exploring woodlands, inventing new biscuits, creating pirate ships, tasting Greek foods and experiencing Britain in the Blitz. In order to build up the children's work stamina we have been easing them into more formal learning with heavily scaffolded teaching, (where teachers model and give examples of what the expected outcome can be) this has enabled all children to have a go, knowing that they are supported and cannot get it wrong! Raising self esteem with learning is vital as we can then move the children on to independent thinking and really challenging themselves with their learning.

Covid Updates

We have attached a **Covid Pupils Absence Guide** providing parents with information about what to do in a variety of Covid scenarios. Although we have returned to normal school hours, by looking at the guide it is clear that somewhere along the way most families will have disruption to work/school due to the medical advice around Covid. With that in mind, the governing body at Marlborough School have decided that parents are kept informed when a pupil in their child's class shows symptoms of Covid-19. The advice from Public Health is that until we get a positive test result we all carry on as normal, but knowing that there are symptoms in your child's class may change your decisions about linking with wider bubbles that include vulnerable people. Public Health are very clear that anyone with **a new continuous cough, a high temperature or change or loss of smell/taste** should book a test, however we know from different scenarios this week that this is a difficult task. This means that the length of time between someone developing symptoms and getting test results can take as long as 7 days. We will do our best to keep families up to date with developments.

Staff and parents have to be very clear on communicating any symptoms to the office team in order for us to best support the wellbeing of our bubble groups. If your child has Covid symptoms they must not attend school. If your child is unwell please email office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk and explain your child's symptoms, even if these are not Covid related. We may need to isolate a class bubble or, in an extreme case, the whole school. If that were to happen we have a contingency plan for returning to distanced learning based upon pupil, parental and staff feedback.

Please can adults on the school site be aware of social distancing; some of the pathways around Class 1 can become busy so please congregate away from the path. Please can Class 2 parents congregate in the lower carpark in order to keep the gateway to Class 1 free. Adults are able to wear masks on the school site. Many thanks.

Curriculum Update 2020-2021

The start of term sees all of our classes taking part in exciting and engaging launches, getting their topics off to a dynamic start. This week you will receive a **Curriculum Information** sheet for each pupil, detailing the topic and learning that is taking place this term. The CI sheet also has information about the equipment needed in school and how you can help your child at home. The CI sheet has information on contacting your child's class teacher; all teaching staff can be contacted via the office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk address with the subject *FAO Teachers Name*.

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NEW! Marlborough's Illustrated Curriculum Guide- On the front of the Curriculum Information you will see our new wonderful illustrations, leading children into their autumn topic. Mrs Pellow has developed a whole illustrated curriculum to enable the children to hunt for clues to their learning and then be able to remind them of their past learning. We will be displaying the whole illustrated curriculum on our website and then everyone will be able to see what an amazing learning journey the children embark on at Marlborough! Our **42 Things to do in Marlborough School before you're 11** ¾ document is being sent home this week with each year group's 6 challenges for the year.

Our KS2 pupils are all getting the opportunity to have a free day at **Elemental** this week, bonding together as a team and having a lot of fun and laughs!

Also this year we have **Adventure Club**; each class will have sessions with Louise Tremewan, our resident adventurer, out and about linking their class learning with our local environment.

Learning Out and About and In School

Elemental Watersports - As all of our *Summer of Sports* plans were unable to go ahead we have carried some of these over to the autumn term. All Key Stage 2 pupils will have a day at Elemental on Swanpool Beach, details of these days have been sent out by class teachers.

Class 5 to BF Adventure - Our Class 5 pupils missed out on their Class 4 camp so they are taking part in an activity day at BF Adventure. The class will be split into two groups, one going today and the other on Thursday. In order to make the visit as safe as possible we are asking parents to provide transport, however if this is difficult please speak to the office.

Class 3 and the Chocolate Factory – Class 3 are launching their *Scrumdiddlyumptious* topic today with a day of designing and making Golden Tickets, biscuits and chocolate.

Class 6 to World War 2 Exhibition – To launch their World War 2 topic, Class 6 will be heading to Flambards to learn about Britain in the Blitz on Wednesday 16th September. There is a cost of £6.55 to cover the entry fee, this has been added to ParentPay. In order to make the visit as safe as possible we are asking parents to provide transport, however if this is difficult please speak to the office.

Class 6 to Pendennis Castle - On Monday Class 6 will be walking up to Pendennis Castle to look at how the location was used during WWII. They will be taking part in a workshop looking at how the castle has changed over time. This is being funded by the Mariners.

Class 4 to the Eden Project – Class 4 are launching their Rainforests topic with a visit to our Cornish rainforest on Tuesday 22nd of September. Details of this visit will be sent out by Mr Gimenez.

Class 2 Adventure Club – Class 2 will be heading to the beach to explore habitats on Tuesday 22nd September in the morning with Louise Tremewan, our resident adventurer!

Class 2 to Kimberley Park – Class 2 are investigating Kimberley Park as part of their Parks, Play and Peace topic during the morning of Wednesday 23rd of September. This will not affect their lunchtime.

Class 1 Adventure Club – Class 1 will be heading to Tregoniggy Woods during the morning of Tuesday 29th September to make music in the natural environment and create their own wild woodland.

Reception Adventure Club – Our Reception pupils will be off on an adventure to our school field, becoming nature explorers and making dens during the morning of Tuesday 6th October.

Sport in School

PE Kits – A reminder that our PE kit consists of the pupil's Packet Ship t-shirt, black shorts or black track suit bottoms and trainers. In Reception and Year 1 pupils take part in regular PE sessions and it is important that PE kits are in school at all times. In Year 2 and KS2 pupils are able to wear their PE kits into school on the day when they have a full games session.

Sports Sessions – Class 5 and Class 4 are working with Plymouth Argyle this term to provide high quality sports provision for our pupils. We also have Vicky Pryor working with Class 6 and Class 3 alongside our staff to deliver PE sessions.

Collective Worship

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Due to restrictions we are unable to gather the whole school together in the hall for daily assemblies. Instead we are connecting together virtually and having some of our assemblies online. On Mondays everyone has a separate class assembly, focusing on personal development. Tuesdays see each class leading whole school assemblies; this week Year 4 treated the rest of the school to a quiz. On Wednesday Miss Squibb leads a whole school assembly. Thursdays are Parliament Assemblies, with each class contributing towards a separate area of school development. On Fridays we listen to Kool and the Gang's *Celebrate* and celebrate the achievements of pupils throughout the week. Assemblies always have time for reflection.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation meetings will be held during the week beginning the 5th of October. Parents can make appointments for a phone conversation. Details of the booking process will be sent out from the office.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Applications for Secondary School are now open through the Cornwall.gov website. Class 6 pupils will be bringing home information leaflets this week. Both Falmouth School and Penryn College have information about transition on their websites.

Developing Independence

Staff are having to reduce the amount of physical contact they have with children. Please can families work with their children to develop independent skills such as putting their shoes on, getting jumpers on and off and using a knife and fork. Thank you

Birthday treats

In order to reduce contamination, any birthday treats brought into school for the class to share need to be in quarantine at school for 72 hours! If you would like to share treats on a special occasion please be aware of this to avoid any disappointment.

Home reading

Children are still expected to read daily at home and this should be recorded in their home reading journal. We need to limit the contact with resources used outside of school and therefore when pupils are reading in school this will be with a new book and recorded separately and kept in school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on every school day and starts at 7.45am and costs £2.00 per pupil. Booking forms have been emailed out and paper copies can be collected from the school office. In order to reduce the mixing of pupils from within different bubbles, pupils eat their breakfast with other children from their class group.

Extra Curricular Clubs

After school clubs will be starting during the week beginning the 21st of September. The clubs list will be going out to families tomorrow.

Parking

Many thanks to the school community for making sure Ferndale Road is clear of traffic and remains safe for children entering school. Many families are walking, scooting and cycling to school which makes for a happier and healthier start to the day. If families are driving to school please park either on Silverdale Road or at the lake and enjoy a stroll through the autumn leaves.

Absence Request

Absence request forms can be collected from the office or emailed to families. Any pre-arranged time away from school needs an absence request form to be completed.

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Lost property

We will put a table of lost property at the front of the school on Friday. There are lots of items left from last academic year; coats, jumpers, bottles and a mountain of Tupperware!

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 16th September - Class 4 Elemental Watersports Day

Wednesday 16th September - Class 6 World War II exhibition at Flambards

Wednesday 16th September - Class 5 BF Adventure Day (Chichester, Pelham and Freeling)

Thursday 17th September - Class 3 Elemental Watersports Day

Thursday 17th September - Class 5 BF Adventure Day (Swiftsure, Walsingham and Fox)

Monday 21st September - Class 6 to Pendennis Castle

Tuesday 22nd September - Class 4 to the Eden Project

Tuesday 22nd September - Class 2 Adventure Club (am only)

Wednesday 23rd September - Class 2 to Kimberley Park

Tuesday 29th September – Class 1 Adventure Club in Tregonnigie Woods (am only)

Week beginning 5th October - Parents Consultation week (via phone calls)

Tuesday 6th October – Reception Adventure Club on the school field (am only)

