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Wednesday 4th
January 2023

An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have been able to enjoy the festivities and celebrate with family and loved ones over the holidays. Spring term at school is the most productive one, without the distractions of settling in, Christmas or summer! This is when we really see children making progress and as the weather changes from grey and dark, each day becomes brighter as we get closer to Easter, when Cornwall is at it's finest. As nature blossoms, so do the children! We have had a productive Inset Day, planning for the term ahead and developing our curriculum, it is going to be a good one!

Sunrise Celebration

On Friday 6th January, families are welcome to join us on the beach to see the sunrise and welcome in the new year! Join us from 7.15am on Swanpool Beach in your warm clothes.

Learning Out and About and in School

Class 2 to Geevor Mine – Class 2 are heading to Geevor Mine tomorrow to launch their topic looking at 'A Cornish Life'. They will need a packed lunch, school uniform and water proof coats.

Class 3 Adventure Club – Class 3 will be exploring fossils and soil in the morning on Wednesday 10th January. Please can they wear clothes that they can get muddy and bring school uniform for the afternoon. Thank you.

Curriculum Information – Class teachers will be sending home information about the curriculum this term. This will be sent out next week and will include dates for class outcomes and visits.

PE Days

Please can children come into school in their PE kits and school jumpers on their PE day. Reception children keep their kit in school as getting changed develops their fine motor skills.

Class 1	Mondays	Gymnastics with Miss Finnegan
Class 2	Tuesdays	Invasion Games with Mrs Pryor
Class 3	Wednesdays	Dance with Mrs Bailey
Class 4	Tuesdays	Gymnastics with Mrs Pryor
Class 5	Thursdays	Tag Rugby with Plymouth Argyle
Class 6	Wednesdays	Cricket with Mr Swiggs

Club News

A new clubs list will be sent out tomorrow, with clubs starting from the week beginning the 9th of January. Breakfast Club and Wrap Club are taking place from today.

Wrap Club

Plymouth Argyle are providing Breakfast Club and Wrap Club every school day, which can be booked through this link: [Booking Link](#)

<http://www.marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk/website>



Staffing update

Emma Richardson is joining the Class 2 team this term. Emma is completing her teacher training both at Marlborough School and King Charles School and will be with us for a term. She will be supported by Hannah Bridges during her training.

Swimming Update

The future of Ships and Castles is very much on the line as there is a possibility that the pool will be re-opened to support local schools, clubs and residents. Our MP, Ms Mackrory has said she will seek leveling up funding to help this along but she needs to hear it from the people that they want a pool. Ms Mackrory can be contacted at cherilyn.mackrory.mp@parliament.uk Please email her to let her know how much our children and the community need the resource. Many thanks,

School Update

Last term, the government announced nationally that all school staff are entitled to a payrise due to the cost of living. This was well received by staff, however the government expects schools to fund the payrise and no extra funding has been given to schools.

What does this mean for Marlborough School? In April, Governors set a tight budget that allowed us to maintain the standard of educational provision that we need at Marlborough. The pay increases awarded will have a £45,000 knock on effect to our budget. We had £33,000 saved, as a safety buffer, which will now go towards funding the pay increases. We also need to save £12,000 from this financial years' budget. We have had to make changes from the start of this term to enable us to finish the financial year at £0. We do not yet know how schools will be financed from April, but we are envisaging more cuts on the horizon.

Why are we telling you this? Many of our teaching staff and support staff are members of Unions. The Unions are sharing their thoughts and ideas with the government regarding school funding but if they are not heard, staff may be asked to take strike action to make our voices heard. We will keep you updated.

As NAHT's general secretary said over the weekend in an Observer newspaper feature: "School leaders are relentlessly reasonable people and they have held their schools together throughout a decade of underfunding of education, eroded salaries, and a pandemic. But the anger and even despair we are hearing from our members right now is unprecedented. School leaders across the country are telling me they cannot continue to run their schools in the current circumstances. Insufficient pay has caused a severe recruitment and retention crisis and the education and support that can be given to pupils is suffering as a consequence. No school leader would ever vote for industrial action lightly but they feel compelled to fight for the futures of the children and young people and staff in their care. The future of education in this country is on the line."

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 3rd January – INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January – Back to School

Thursday 5th January – Class 2 to Geevor Mine

Friday 6th January – Sunrise Celebration – from 7.15am Swanpool Beach

Tuesday 10th January – Class 3 Adventure Club, am only

Monday 16th January – Class 1 to Falmouth Library and Art Gallery, all day

Tuesday 17th January – Reception and Class 6 Adventure Club, am only

Wednesday 8th February – Class 2 SATs Meeting, 3.30pm

Thursday 9th February – Class 6 SATs Meeting, 3.40pm

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