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An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents

On Friday we said goodbye to our y6 children leaving for secondary school. Those moving on to Falmouth will be spending their first week there from today, with specially designed activities to introduce them to their new forms and teachers, and to get to know their way around the buildings. Pupils from all the Falmouth primary schools who are going to other secondary settings are also taking part in some transfer activities and will spend some time with their new classmates. Our best wishes go with every member of a class of which we are particularly proud. It will feel very strange here without them, especially as for our final week they will literally leave a hole at Marlborough!

This Friday's school family gathering at Swanpool should be a very special occasion as I hope the y6 will return, tell us all about their first week of moving up, and enjoy a very fond farewell from the whole Marlborough community. The evening usually gets started around 17:30 and with sunset at 21:18 and the tide dropping until 22:07 all we need to hope for is good weather!

This marks the end of one of the busiest but most successful years I remember at Marlborough. Parents will recall the challenges I felt lay before us in early newsletters and explained at the infant and junior meetings last September. With your support, the staff and children have worked with resilient energy and sustained enthusiasm through the whole of the 2016-2017 school year, turning those challenges into opportunities. We can now celebrate some significant achievements:

Mega Maths – the regular morning maths have been a big success, starting the day with enjoyable activities and challenges to sharpen children's skills and fluency. Help us to keep children's counting and multiplication strong.

Wonderful Wednesdays – have moved from Fab Friday mornings to a dedicated afternoon slot, so that we can ensure some continued cross age learning and target developmental activities to address a wide range of skills, from science investigations and computer e-Safety to cooking and drawing.

School Grounds Developments – it's taken its time, but the rejuvenated infant garden area will be ready for the new term, mirroring the work carried out on the Junior Jungle Run... and the improvements will continue...

Tescos Bags of Help Grant – not only Marlborough families helped us to win the local appeal, but people across West Cornwall clearly recognised our aim to inspire children's learning outside the classroom. Thank you too for keeping the outdoor learning funds ticking by supporting donations to and purchases of the monthly cake-bakes.

Feed – we're looking towards ordering our second edition, Marlborough's cookbook and school food philosophy hitting the pages of the Guardian's Cook section this weekend! Please see:

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2017/jul/15/school-dinners-meals-kids-cooking-vegetables-marlborough-primary-school-cornwall>

LA Leadership and Management Review – The local authority visited to carry out an inspection of the school in the February. Their report is confidential but recognised the achievement of the whole school team and the strength of the new Senior Leadership staff in particular (Lisa Pearce, George Harry-Poole and Kathy Rowe).

School Food Award – the work of the kitchen and in class was recognised with Cornwall's School Food Award.

PADL Award – the school Parliament has grown up significantly in the past two years and went straight through bronze to win the county's Silver Award for school democracy – we've already targeted gold for next year!

Healthy Schools – the assessment process has changed this year and Marlborough was among the first schools to be recognised by the heads of Cornwall's Health and Education as meeting the new Healthy Schools Standard.

Arts Awards – well done to Louise Gall and Sue Pellow for helping this year's fantastic y6 artists win this recognition.

Sports – full involvement locally with some great achievements and improved performances among all school teams.

Residential Visits – y6's visit to Paris and y4's journey west to Carnyorth were both a great success, due mainly to the attitude and behaviour of the children. Adults who accompanied both classes thoroughly enjoyed the trips.

Assessments – we are very proud of all the children's learning achievements this year – more details in the autumn!

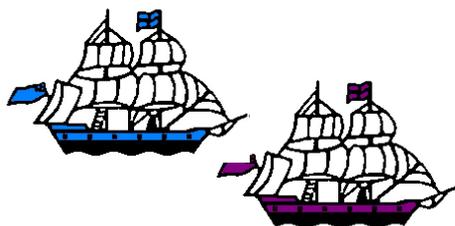
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Packet Ship Competition 2017

Summer Term						
Last Week			Total			
1 st	Chichester	38	7	1 st	Swiftsure	47
2 nd	Walsingham	37	5	2 nd	Fox	43
3 rd	Fox	33	4		Freeling	43
	Freeling	33	4		Pelham	43
	Swiftsure	33	4	5 th	Chichester	42
6 th	Pelham	28	1	6 th	Walsingham	38

Autumn		Spring		Summer					Total	
football	packet points	infant multi skills	tag rugby	packet points	sports day	cricket	caterpillar	packet points		
Chichester	5	3	4	5	1	2	5	4	2	31
Swiftsure	4	7	3	3	5	3	4	1	7	37
Pelham	2	2	5	1	4	4	3	3	5	29
Walsingham	2	5	7	2	2	1	3	2	1	25
Freeling	7	1	2	7	4	5	7	5	5	43
Fox	3	4	2	4	7	7	4	7	5	43



Congratulations to **Freeling** and **Fox** who share the spoils for the 2016-2017 Packet Ship Competition. After nine events, they couldn't be split, so for the first time ever the title is shared by two packet ships.

Falmouth and Cornwall Library Service – Summer Reading Challenge

Next year's Packet Contest has already been timetabled with the inclusion of an additional task. Cornwall libraries' annual Reading Challenge began this weekend and runs until the first week of September. All children need to do is register at Falmouth library and aim to read a book a week. As well as earning rewards from the scheme, everyone who reaches the target will win a point for their packet ship in an extra competition for the new school year. There will now be 12 separate tournaments, including the three termly packet point competitions and a netball tournament we've added to the library (see the Diary Dates under Information and Policies on the school website).

Marlborough Maths Day – Tuesday 8 July 2017

One of class 6's last tasks at Marlborough was to put together a super range of Games and Activities for our Marlborough Maths Day last Tuesday. And what an amazing job they did from measuring Limbo dancers' lowest heights or the tallest multi-link towers and newspaper sculptures to playing outdoor problem solving hoop games, building people-maths shapes or standing as human targets for a wet sponge target competition ... as if the rain itself wasn't wet enough!

Sadly too, although I'm sure she'll return as a visitor with either Big Digs, Maths or something else in mind, it was Dr Helen William's last day with us as Marlborough's Mathematician-in-Residence. She has brought so many ideas and much enthusiasm to children and staff alike, and the inspiration she gave us all in making sure the outside areas meet our outdoor learning needs, along with the practical support and unseen work behind the scenes will live on in the school's ethos for years to come. Thank you, Helen!

And thank you to everyone who made such an effort with and for your children to celebrate the day with some amazing costume ideas. Michelle Wills-Mack spent the day as '**Count**' Dracula in a number patterned cape; Roberta cooked a very tasty looking Homity '**Pi**'; Oscar, wearing his Wizard **cone** hat wowed us with his magic calculation; Bailey's Fab Lolly striped in **thirds**; Ruby dressed as a **symmetrical** butterfly; and then Erik and Mackenzie stretched the point a bit with, respectively, a dead parrot **Polygon** and the **Square on the Hippopotamus**! Pictures of the day can be found under galleries on the website.

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Lunchtime Arrangements

This week we welcome next year's new reception class and parents to a taster session meal at early sittings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It has of course been a relief to know that the government is honouring its commitment to the universal free school meals for infants – to have lost this funding part way through implementing the policy would have been very damaging. At Marlborough we will continue to develop the service to make the whole lunchtime experience as healthy and as enjoyable as we can. We are hopeful that most children moving up to the juniors will continue to opt for healthy school meals, but will also cater for those who bring in a packed lunch from home alongside their friends.

Last week, the school Parliament voted in favour of a proposal to streamline the junior service through two alternating sittings which should enable them to sit with friends of their choice for every meal and also, alongside other changes to supervision outdoors. This takes into account the new grounds facilities and access to the field and the need to ensure a full range of quiet and more active play areas. The playgrounds will be properly organised according to the activities available in each – we will provide a wide range of equipment, particularly different balls, so children do not need to bring play equipment from home. We are trialling these arrangements this week but full details of the different play zones will be explained next term.

Indoors, there will be the opportunity once again for children to enjoy lunch together whether they are having a school meal or sandwiches from home. This does lead to the need for some greater consistency in meals from home meeting the national school food standards. We have seen a significant, and to be frank, quite shocking increase in the number of sweets and confectionary being brought in packed lunch boxes over the past year. This term some children brought in *Snickers* bars (other brands are available but not desirable in school)! For specific personal health and safety reasons, Marlborough is a nut free school. One of the first tasks of the school parliament Food Committee will be to draw up the children's ideas for a School Packed Lunch code in accordance with our food policy. Beginning this week, because children with different meal formats will be sharing tables, those with packed lunch will need to transfer their meal to a plate for hygiene and health reasons, and also to encourage good tables manners.

Would you like to help with our netball club and team? We play the High5 game so, if you'd like to know more, let us know – we can book a training place for anyone interested:



Date: Thursday 21st September 2017

Time: 16:00-19:00; Truro Prep School, Treliske Lane, Treliske Garden, Truro, Cornwall TR13QN

Cost: £25 affiliated/£35 non-affiliated (school/individual), per person

Minimum age of attendee – 14.

(Closing date – 14.09.17) Places will be limited.

Final Week Arrangements and School Beach Day

Without a class 6 there will be a strange sense of space and an obvious end of year feel, but it is probably for this reason more important than ever that children arrive promptly each morning. Classes will be completing tasks and sending work, kit and materials home – it would help us if you could send children in with a carrier bag each day to bring loose items home. We aim for the corridors and drawers to be empty by Thursday so that we can go ahead with our traditional morning at Swanpool Beach on Friday: children will not need their uniform on Friday, but should bring suitable beach-wear and sun protection with any buckets and spades they wish. We'll have barbecue food available (see the week's menu on the website) before our final celebration assembly and final home time at 14:00.

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y0 Portraits

I hope you've enjoyed seeing the reception class children's amazing self portraits in the entrance and main halls. They make a very colourful and generally impressive display with which to end the term and it will come as no surprise to anyone to know that these works of art are highly sought after. Interested parents are invited to make a bid to secure the paintings. Watch out as the sold buttons appear on the pictures through the week and everyone, please keep your eyes open for the book of the exhibition, complete with artist notes, due to be issued in the autumn! Again if you'd like a closer look, you can turn to the school's on-line gallery at:

http://marlborough.eschools.co.uk/website/y0_self_portraits_2017/294568/cHJldmld3x8MjAxNy0wNy0xNyAxNDoxMToxOQ

Newsletter and Website Parents meetings

I'm sorry this final newsletter has been an inevitably long one but I thought it was important to share as much of the year's achievements as possible and to begin to make preparations for the new school year. *An Lester Trumach (The Packet Ship)* is an important means of communication and I hope that parents value it. I have been made aware of some of the issues with regard to accessing it on smart phones and will attempt to continue to try to make it more user-friendly in the autumn. For a number of reasons, next term the weekly emails will include a link to the newsletter in its place on-line, rather than sending it as an attachment. This will save a little office time, but hopefully too, it will encourage parents and families to get to know their way around the school website and to turn to that more readily when looking for information.

Many people now click habitually on the Kitchen pages to check for the menu and there is a lot of other essential information to be found, especially under the website's Information and Policies section. This includes an updated diary for the whole year (see the Diary Dates 2017-2018 tab) as well as term dates, important forms, etc. We also keep the past year's newsletters on-line for reference... and if you look back over the last few weeks you'll see that the following two items have been flagged up before!



Please don't miss out on your first edition copy of **Feed**, and if you've friends and family who you think would like a copy do direct them to the link on our website.

Tuesday	19.09.2017	17:00-18:30	Infant Parents Meeting
Thursday	21.09.2017	17:00-18:30	Junior Parents Meeting

These meetings are particularly important this year with a lot of important developments to share to everyone and specific class meetings for parents of children in the new y1 to y6 classes. We'd also like to welcome parents of the new y0 children to the Tuesday meeting – a chance to meet others in the school family. There will be crèche on both nights, so please note this in your diary, sign up early next term (so we know numbers) and... be there!

And so...

Summer term ends at 14:00 this Friday, 21st July 2017.

School reopens at 08:30 for 08:45 on Thursday, 7th September 2017.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy summer...

... and don't miss the gathering at Swanpool this Friday evening !

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