



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

2016-2017

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Dear Parents

Sports Day 2017



The forecast is 'good enough' for Thursday with some cloud cover to help keep temperatures and glare down and no serious rain beforehand so that we can hope for 'good to firm' going underfoot. Certainly we will attempt to run Sports Day this week (Thursday 15th June) and only if it does rain overnight with further downpours threatening will we postpone.

For those parents for whom this is their first sports day, the event is held at the school field (off Silverdale Road – Marlborough Avenue turn). The timetable is as follows (although times are approximate):

- 10:15 children's Packet Ship Speed-Agility-Resilience and Teamwork activities.
- 12:00 lunch
- 13:30 Junior Relay
- 13:40 Packet Ship flat running race heats (all y1-y6 children who wish to participate)
- 14:20 Sprint Finals (winners from heats representing each packet in each class)
- 14:30 Reception Class flat running races
- 14:40 Pre-School Fun Race
- 14:50 The Grand Caterpillar Race (all children)
- 15:00 Sports Day Winners' Presentation

You are welcome to join us for as much of the day as you wish and are able. Essentially, the morning provides an opportunity for children to work towards their own PBs (personal bests) in the supportive atmosphere of mixed age groups from their packet ships. This is also a good time for parents who'd like to see their children participating in a range of athletics based activities.

The afternoon session is the more traditional competitive session. Every child is given the opportunity to race in their packet ship heat and the winners go on to the representative race finals. The crowd does usually build up on the embankment for the afternoon and we ask that parents stay on that side of the field until asked to collect their children following the results presentation.

Last Week				Total		
1 st	Pelham	29	7	1 st	Swiftsure	27
2 nd	Fox	27	5		Pelham	27
	Chichester	27	5	3 rd	Fox	25
4 th	Freeling	25	3	4 th	Freeling	21
	Swiftsure	25	3	5 th	Chichester	20
6 th	Walsingham	17	2		Walsingham	20

Sports Day scores will be added to the other tournament results held throughout the year, and along with the termly packet point competition, this will determine the overall Packet Ship champions for 2017 at the end of the year.

Last year the overall winners for 2015-2016 were **Fox** which is why the 'packet boat' in the hall (in actual fact, it's a traditional Falmouth Oyster Boat) has worn purple ribbons all year. If you are uncertain of any of the arrangements, please do not hesitate to ask me at the gate in the morning, or call in at the office.

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Lunch on Thursday

We will be providing a special Picnic lunch at the field. This will include a range of baguette filling sandwiches, cake fruit and drink. Please choose with your child the baguette meal they would like and return orders by tomorrow (we've sent a slip home by satchel post to be returned to the office post-box or you may prefer to reply by email to office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk. In the unlikely event that we do have to postpone until the following week, we will repeat this lunch option.

Toilets at the Field

The temporary toilets are there for the use of the children generally during a class lesson or a smaller group break-time visit and they are unlikely to cope with everyone in the whole school family over a short period such as Sports Day. They will, of course, be kept available for children through the morning and as necessary during the afternoon session. At lunchtime we will walk classes back to the school for them to take a 'comfort break'. Please could parents not use them.

Outdoors

Work is continuing on the old trim trail area and the space is taking shape very nicely now. Unfortunately, delays in the turf delivery mean that it would be best to keep access to the Infant Garden closed until the grass has taken and the new surfaces settled. We will take infant children out to it as soon as possible as classes, but the current restrictions and collection for families at the end of each day will need to stay in place until the start of the new school year.

Win £5,000 for your school library

Our focus from September will be the refurbishment and restocking of the school library and reading resources. We would very much welcome help with fund raising for this. However a fantastic start would be for us to win the national Book Token offer. Please follow or copy the following link and nominate Marlborough:

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=Direct#.WT2FncaZP64.



It's a very straightforward form asking only for your email address, post-code and nominated school (there is also the opt out button for future mail). Do please also share this link with family and friends – you supported us amazingly with the Tesco Bags of Help scheme and this would be a great start to help rejuvenate the school library.



Thank you for supporting the y6 Rummage in the Jumble Sale!

You helped the parents raise £343 towards the leavers' party.

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