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The Packet Ship

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Dear Parents and Carers.

Today is **World Kindness Day** and we are taking the opportunity to write messages about each other's positive attributes, skills and talents. We are so lucky at Marlborough that kindness is our number one rule and that our children, staff and community follow this. As children develop their moral compass it is vital to surround them with role models who appreciate the positive in everyone. Being 'positively noticed' is something all our children get at school, with praise being handed out in classrooms, corridors, playgrounds, the lunch hall and assemblies. Maybe practise this as a family this evening; get the children to identify the positive qualities of their family! You all deserve plenty of praise too!

Learning Out and About and in School

REMINDER: Events marked with VC indicate that voluntary contribution payments have been added to Parent Pay.

Children in Need Day – On Friday 15th of November, we will be helping to fund raise for Children in Need. Pupils can come to school in their own clothes and bring in a suggested donation of £1 for the charity.

Class 1 Crocus Planting for the Rotary Club – Class 1 have been invited by the Rotary Club to plant crocuses to raise awareness of polio. They will be heading to Kimberley Park on Tuesday afternoon. If you are able to help with this, please email the office. You are able to collect your child from Kimberley Park at 2.45pm or they can walk back to school with the staff team.

VC Space Dome – We are incredibly lucky to have Space Odyssey's amazing Space Dome in school on Wednesday 20th of November. Class 5 will have a session learning about Space and Class 6 will have a session learning about Evolution.

Into Film Festival – Our children will be attending a free film screening at The Poly as part of the Into film Festival. Classes 1 and 2 are seeing *Migration* on Wednesday 20th November, Classes 3 and 4 are seeing *The Wild Robot* on Thursday 21st November and Classes 5 and 6 are seeing *Kensuke's Kingdom* on Friday 22nd November. All of the screenings are in the morning and children will be back in time for lunch. If you are able to help accompany any of these visits, please email the office.

Class 1 Mad Hatter's Tea Party – Class 1 families are invited to the class outcome on Monday 25th of November at 2.30pm. Feel free to bring along your own mad hat!

Christmas Light's Switch On – Choir will be performing at the Christmas Lights' Switch On on Thursday 28th of November. Please can choristers meet at Event Square at 5.45pm. They will parade through town and perform on the Moor before the lights get switched on.

Staffing Update

Sadly, our wonderful Kerry Finnegan will be leaving Marlborough School after 10 years of teaching at the end of this term. Kerry has been here since qualifying as a teacher and our current pupils have all benefited from Kerry's fantastic teaching, her development of maths across the school and her amazing music and choir leadership. Kerry is taking up an exciting role with the Vision Team, supporting students across the west of Cornwall. We know she will be amazing in her new role but we will miss her all-round brilliance at Marlborough.



Parenting Worker Session – Wednesday 27th November at 2.15pm

Lucy Furlong, our Parenting Worker, is offering a free session in school looking at **Routines and Boundaries** to help with life at home. As children develop, routines and boundaries change and so Lucy will be sharing strategies to support you and your child through these changes. This session is open to everyone. Please come along; tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

PE Days for this half term

Class 1 – Mondays, Class 2 – Wednesdays, Class 3 – Thursdays, Class 4 – Thursdays,

Class 5 – Mondays, Class 6 – Tuesdays

Sort Our School Out Thank You!

Many thanks to the wonderful crew who turned up on Saturday to help get the school looking spick and span! The library is now back in action, music resources are sorted, art equipment is accessible and the staff toilet has had a fresh coat of paint. Massive thanks to Georgia, Rich, Dave, Nicola, Ben, Dan, Thom, Erin, Lisa, Hannah, Chop, Claire and all the accompanying children for pitching in.

Mariners' Phones and Social Media Chat R

Mariners are holding a meeting, particularly focussed on the use of technology when pupils transition to secondary school, on Wednesday 20th November, 8:15-9pm (prompt start and end) on zoom. This is a Marlborough parent-led meeting although some teachers may kindly drop in. We will hear from some parents with older children about their experiences.

The meeting link will be circulated the day before. 🧏 📃 🗏

Marlborough Kitchen's Autumn Term Menu

Please book your child's food choice in advance via Parent Pay.

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Weeks 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
beginning: 4 th Nov 18 th Nov 2 nd Dec 16 th Dec	Macaroni Cheese or Tomato and Basil Pasta Yogurt and Oats or Fruit	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans Or Sweetcorn and Red Pepper Pancakes	Beef Chilli Or Hummus and Breadsticks Fruit	Veggie Spag Bolognese Or Cheese and Potato Pie Cake-of-the Week or Fruit	Roast Ham Or Veggie Roast Fruit
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
beginning: 11 th Nov 25 th Nov 9 th Dec	Tomato Pasta Or Pesto Pasta Yogurt and Oats or Fruit	Margarita Pizza Or Vegetable Soup Fruit	Veggie Chickpea Curry Or Tomato Soup Fruit	Sausages with Wedges Or Veggie Sausages and Wedges Cake-of-the Week or Fruit	Fish Fingers and Wedges Or Veggie Nuggets and Wedges Fruit





Elfridges & Co. is coming to Marlborough School!

Elfridges is the Elfs' Department Store and this December it's coming to Marlborough, but Mariners need your help to make it happen.

We are looking for donations for Elfridges that will fill tables in the hall - each and every Marlborough child will be able to peruse the goods and buy them for friends/family for £1 (we're hoping each child can buy 2-4 presents depending on availability).

Please leave donations in the trugs by the main entrance- we are collecting now.

The items the children buy will be gift wrapped by a team of wrappers on the day (Friday 13th of December) and they will be able to add their own name tags and gift the presents to their families and loved-ones.

We will need items for all age groups and abilities - it can be anything from books, bars of soap, screwdrivers, mugs, colouring pens, games, toys, knickknacks, trinkets, and teddies. We will need hundreds of items to make this happen - nothing is too small; anything you would charity shop or wouldn't put in the bin.

We would also be grateful for old broadsheet newspapers, comics, ribbons and raffia to wrap the donations into special festive parcels.

Many thanks from Mariners, Elfridges & Co.





Dates for the Diary

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 19th November – Class 1 to Kimberley Park (pm only)

Wednesday 20th November – Space Dome for Classes 5 and 6

Wednesday 20th November – Classes 1 and 2 to Into Film Festival (am only)

Wednesday 20th November – Mariners Zoom Meeting – Phones and Social Media, 8.15pm

Thursday 21st November - Classes 3 and 4 to Into Film Festival (am only)

Friday 22nd November - Classes 5 and 6 to Into Film Festival (am only)

Monday 25th November – Class 1's Mad Hatter's Tea Party at 2.30pm

Wednesday 27th November – Parenting Worker Session , 2.15pm

Thursday 28th November, 5.45pm – Choir at the Christmas Lights Switch On in town

Thursday 5th December – Choir at *Carols for Christmas* at the Princess Pavilion

Monday 9th December, 5.30pm - Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity

Tuesday 10th December, 2.15pm and 5.30pm – Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity

Thursday 12th December – 'Nadelik' performance in school

Friday 13th December – Elfridges Christmas Shopping Day

Wednesday 18th December, 6pm – Classes 3, 4,5 and 6 Carol Concert at All Saints' Church

Thursday 19th December – Whole School Winter Walk

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December – Last Day of Term

Monday 6th January – School Closed for INSET day

Tuesday 7th January – Children back to school

Wrap Club

Plymouth Argyle are providing Breakfast Club and Wrap Club every school day which can be booked through this link: <u>Booking Link</u>

