



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

19 September 2016

Dear Parents

We've received a number of replies concerning this week's meetings with the teachers. If you haven't already done so, please let us know if and when you intend coming and whether you wish to make use of the crèche that we have organised. This will help us to prepare for the evenings – simply call in at the office or email us on office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk. Thank you.

The plan for both meetings is that I will make a short and appropriate (ie tailored for infant and junior news) introduction in the school hall and then parents will move to their children's classes to meet their new teachers, who will explain how the class works, what they aim to achieve this year and how you can help your child. As the y0 team ran 'induction' meetings last term for the reception class, the infants' meeting is intended for parents of children in y1 and y2 only.

Tuesday 20th September	17:00	Infants' Parents	(y1 and 2)
Thursday 22nd September	17:00	Juniors' Parents	(y3 to 6)

Please go to your younger child's class meeting first as a second one for y5 and y6 will follow immediately afterwards for parents who have two children in the same key stage. We do regard these as important meetings and would like to see every family represented.

The class teachers are also in the process of setting up their class blogs, so keep an eye out for these. The first three up and running (or, at this stage, at least walking) are:

Class 5	https://classfive17.wordpress.com
Class 3	https://class3redyear.wordpress.com
Class 2	https://marlborough2.wordpress.com

Packet Points			
1 st	Pelham	32	7
2 nd	Freeling	29	5
3 rd	Chichester	28	4
4 th	Fox	21	3
5 th	Walsingham	20	2
6 th	Swiftsure	19	1

The new packet ship competition is under way with the year's first packet points in and recorded. Anywhere between 40 and 90 points were awarded to each packet in each class last week which, as you will appreciate, would lead to enormous totals so our y6 competition counters note the class packet points, put the teams in order, scoring the first packet 7 points, the second 5 and then 4, 3, 2, 1. These are then carried forward and added for a whole school total through each term.

Sports and some other competition events are held through the year and scored in the same way (essentially points in descending order with a bonus for the winning packet). Details of some of these tournaments can be found on the *Marlborough Diary Dates* attachment (with this letter and under *Term Dates* in the *Information and Policies* section of the website).

You'll also note we've planned for our annual *Apple Day* on 7th October – we'll send details of how to get involved as soon as we're able. The *Oyster Festival* is set for the following week – I am meeting with organisers on Wednesday so hope to be able to pass on arrangements in the next newsletter. The diary dates we sent last term hinted at a possible *Equinox Day*, a time to get together on a *big dig*. We'll talk about an alternative day at this week's meetings.

Staff Team

We've included an updated Staff List with this newsletter. This includes Mr Swiggs who has joined the teaching team, taking responsibility for y4. I should, of course have welcomed him last week, but the truth is we've just been 'running him in to decide whether or not we want to keep him, and I didn't want to announce his arrival until we were sure! I think the conclusion is ... he'll do.

Other new staff that we welcome this term are Angie Douglas in the kitchen and Kay Patterson to the Dining Room team.

Health and Hygiene

Occasionally we will give parents a gentle reminder to do a quick 'health check' on the children, as inevitably, they will come into contact with mild infections during their school years. This week we have included information about threadworms as we are aware of cases in the infants and also some hand hygiene tips. Please do not panic as these are easily treatable, as are head lice!

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