



## An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents and Carers,

The most asked question from children this week has been... "When can we wear our Christmas jumpers?!" And the answer is... next Thursday and Friday! We have Christmas dinner and our festive Winter Walk and it would be lovely to see everyone in festive clothing. Please don't go out and buy anything new, especially for school, a bit of colour or tinsel is all that's needed. With the current financial worries, it is worth remembering that Christmas for children is about the excitement and togetherness, not about the amount of money spent. We had so many smiley faces during the nativity and the Festive Fundraiser, it must mean we are well on the way to a very happy Christmas!

### Learning Out and About and in School

**Swimming Sessions for Classes 5 and 6** – The last swimming session is this Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Choir Concert** – The choir are performing at Source FM's *Carols for Christmas* Concert at Princess Pavilion tomorrow evening alongside other school choirs. They will need a packed tea and can be collected at the end of the concert from Princess Pavilion at around 8.30pm.

**Class 2's Advent Adventures** – Class 2 will be spending the morning at All Saints Church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December for an Advent Adventure workshop with Jane Wheeler and her marvellous team.

**Key Stage 2 Church Rehearsal** – All of Key Stage 2 will be rehearsing in All Saints Church on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon.

**Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert: *Have Yourself a Marlborough Little Christmas!*** – Pupils from Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be treating us to a Christmas concert, guitar performance and poetry at All Saints Church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Please can children arrive by 5.45pm. Please can they wear festive wear.

**Sleeping Beauty** – On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December, the whole school will be walking to the Princess Pavilion to see Miracle Theatre's performance of *Sleeping Beauty*. The show is advertised as being suitable for age 7+, however it will be adapted for the schools' performance to make it suitable for all of our children. The cost of the performance is £10. This has been added to Parent Pay. **All children will need a packed lunch on that day. The show finishes at 3.30pm and therefore we will be returning to school at the later time of 4pm.**

**Whole School Winter Walk** – On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of December we will be heading out on a Winter Walk in the morning. Children can wear festive clothing.

### **Class Outcomes Dates –**

<b>Class 3</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 3pm
<b>Class 4</b>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December at 9am
<b>Class 5</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 9am
<b>Class 6</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

### **Sleeping Beauty Crowdfunder**

Due to the cost of living crisis, the Mariners have set up a Crowdfunder campaign to raise money to help families who are unable to pay for Sleeping Beauty tickets. If you are able to put any money in the pot to support this event, and other arts events in the future, please contribute using this link: [Sleeping Beauty Crowdfunder](#) The link is also on our [Facebook page](#) Please share this far and wide to support our children's arts education!

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### Club News

After-school clubs finish this week. From the 12<sup>th</sup> of December we will still be running Breakfast Club and Wrap Club. The last karate club will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Wrap Club

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

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## Marlborough Kitchen

**REMINDER: It's Christmas Dinner on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of December!**

Thank you for the feedback regarding Marlborough Kitchen and our menu. The team are busily developing a brilliant menu for the spring term!

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?		
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Overnight Slow Roasted Ham SULPHITE	Homemade Fish Fingers and Potato Wedges FISH and WHEAT
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Not Meatloaf with Roasted Squash WHEAT, CELERY, SULPHITE, SOY & OATS	Veggie Sausages and Potato Wedges
SIDES <small>Where main includes, portion will be offered as optional extra</small>	Roast Potatoes and Applesauce Wholemeal Bread WHEAT	Hummus, Tomato Salsa and Spicy Rice SULPHITE & SESAME
VEGETABLES	Seasonal Vegetables & Salad	Seasonal Vegetables & Salad

Christmas Dinner!				
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Mac 'N' Cheese WHEAT, MUSTARD & MILK	Chicken Curry		Roast Turkey and Pigs in Blankets	Panko Crumbed Fresh Fish of the Day FISH, EGGS & WHEAT
Tomato & Basil Pasta WHEAT & SULPHITE	Coconut, Sweet Potato & Red Lentil Curry	Packed lunches for everyone- Sleeping Beauty outing	Not Meatloaf with Roasted Squash WHEAT, CELERY, SULPHITE, SOY & OATS	Crispy Fried Sweetcorn Fritters
Roasted Garlic & Olive Oil Wholemeal Focaccia WHEAT	Lemon Infused Brown Rice, Flat Breads & Lime Yoghurt WHEAT & MILK		Roast Potatoes	Skin on Chips & Homemade Ketchup SULPHITE & SOY
Seasonal Vegetables & Salad	Seasonal Vegetables & Salad		Carrots, sprouts, red cabbage	Seasonal Vegetables & Salad

### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm and 5.30pm – Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert at All Saints' Church

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school - Sleeping Beauty at Princess Pavilion - £10 per ticket

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Winter Walk and last day of term

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## Attendance and Illness

Our school attendance this term is 93%, which is low due to the many illnesses around at the moment and some unauthorised absences. Our Education Welfare Officer, Ali McGee-Harrison, will be contacting parents where attendance is concerning to see if there are any support measures we can put in place.

Please see below for Cornwall Council's Advice for dealing with cases of scarlet fever and Strep A. **Scarlet fever** is a common childhood illness caused by bacteria. Most often symptoms are mild and children recover well.

However, cases are higher than we would expect to see at this time of year, which is most likely related to high amounts of bacteria circulating and people mixing socially. Look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. Early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important, so contact NHS 111 or your GP if you think your child has it. If a GP diagnoses your child with scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

There are lots of viruses that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating, but these usually get better on their own. However, children can sometimes develop a bacterial infection on top of a virus and that can make them more unwell.

On very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive **Group A strep (iGAS)**. While still uncommon, there have been more cases of invasive Group A strep this year, particularly in children under 10. As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement and seek medical support.

### **Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:**

- your child is getting worse
- your child is very tired or irritable
- your child is eating (or feeding) much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty

### **Call 999 or go to A&E if:**

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

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