



# MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Spring 1 precept:

**'When everything goes wrong...that's when adventure starts.'** *A wise man/woman*

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year...and what a start to the year it has been! We need to 'adjust our sails' and keep going. In the words of Bill Bailey (Strictly Come Dancing Champion 2020), 'It's about not giving up...keeping hope...getting through this...being strong!' Beautifully said Bill! And that is what we are going to do as we carry on in this adventure. Our precept for spring 1 is at the top of this newsletter - this is motivating and inspiring us too. The Marazion School Community always shows outstanding resilience. We can do this!

## NEW National Lockdown Restrictions

A copy of the most recent spring 2021 return to Marazion School letter is attached electronically to this newsletter for your information. Please follow the link below for details of the current restrictions:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

The latest public health advice confirms a noticeable rise in the number of cases of COVID 19 in Cornwall - a rate of increase higher than the rest of the southwest. This is in all areas and with all age groups. It is therefore important that we follow these NEW lockdown restrictions. Once again, we are being told that the single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

## Online Home Learning

Thank you for your brilliant engagement in home learning so far. It was amazing to see so many of you join us for Celebration Assembly today and to be able to celebrate with all of you at home. We had the best time! Please find below the current format of a virtual Marazion School day/week:

**SAME as before:**

- A virtual Marazion School day/week that is as similar to the usual Marazion School day/week as possible
- Learning and teaching follow current medium term planning in all classes
- Pre-recorded videos and activities posted on Seesaw
- Monday morning assembly posted on Seesaw
- Theme Days, for example Marazion Book Days
- Weekly Rainbow Ideas (sent out Friday this week and then with the school newsletter on Thursdays)



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## **DIFFERENT:**

- Daily live sessions via Teams/Zoom for every class, including one to one tuition and one to one catch up sessions for children and/or parents
- Tuesday Staff/Visitor assembly via Zoom
- Thursday Celebration Assembly via Zoom
- Funky Family Fridays, including Friday Family Quiz via Zoom (starting next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January)
- Class Circle Times via Zoom

Please get in touch if you need any support at all to access online learning - see below for ways to contact us.

### **Devices To Support Home Learning**

For any families that have requested a device to support their home learning, please look out for a 'Device Loan Agreement,' which has been emailed to you. As soon as we receive this agreement back, signed electronically, we can deliver a device to you. Please talk to Ed in the school office if you require any more information.

### **Increased Data Allowances**

There is a new Government scheme that temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks if you do not have fixed broadband at home. This is so that children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted. Please follow the link below for more information and get in touch with Edna in the school office if you think that you are eligible for this:

[Increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children - Get help with technology - GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/education/get-help-with-technology)

### **Stay in Touch**

You can contact us in the following ways:

- ✓ You can email staff - staff email addresses are on the school website
- ✓ You can phone the School Office on 01736 710618: Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm; Friday 8am-1pm
- ✓ You can phone the School Office and ask for a member of staff to call you back
- ✓ You can phone the School Office and ask for a more private appointment with a member of staff at the start/end of the day outside on the school site
- ✓ You can have a Teams/Zoom meeting with members of staff to discuss any queries, concerns, suggestions; your child's progress - we can organise the invites for these meetings and they can be arranged at any time

We aim to ALWAYS be available to talk to you so please make sure that you contact us in any of these ways. Although we might meet in a different way in the current circumstances, we are still here to listen at any time. Please note that other external agencies that we work closely with are continuing to offer support - for example Family Workers; Speech and Language Therapy Team; Early Help Team - and referrals can still be made if you need additional support from outside of the school team.

### **Christmas Winners**

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our Marazion Family Treasure Hunt and/or Marazion Zoom Christmas Family Quiz. Congratulations to Talak and Locryn our Treasure Hunt winners and to Caroline Peers and family who were winners in the Zoom Quiz raffle 😊 We raised almost £100 - this is fantastic.



### Say Thank you to Someone Somehow

Lots of us said THANK YOU to lots of different people during lockdown, including taking part in the NHS Clap for Carers. We want to keep doing this, so every week one class will choose who they want to say thank you to. **This week we want to say thank you to our school community for all their support, understanding, care and love during what has been a very difficult week.** We also clapped together as a whole school to say thank you during today's Zoom Celebration Assembly.

### PE and School Sport

**PE and Sport:** Instead of PE sessions and Games Afternoons, Mr Tanner is posting activities to all classes to keep us active EVERY day - ideas which involve the whole family as well as individual challenges. We all need to keep moving! **Optional PE Homework:** For January PE homework, we are asking you to choreograph a 'Kool and the Gang' Celebration dance move, which we can use in celebration assemblies this term. Miss Rainbow and Miss Oliver showcased their move in Celebration Assembly today. Please post your moves on Seesaw. We can also practise together over Teams or Zoom.

### Stars of the Week

**In Class:** Love: **Tiga** for being so very kind and thoughtful to others and for being super brave this week; Hope: **Digby** for creating an amazing salt dough dinosaur; Faith: **Archie A** for his amazing bomb shelter building and for being super caring and kind to others; Courage: **Teddy** for showing truly wonderful dedication and commitment to his online learning; Empowerment: **Olly** for fantastic focus and ownership of his learning and for the wonderful Haka videos that he shared. **Sporting and Music Stars** are back next week.

### Good Manners / Certificates Awards

Good Manners and Merit Certificate awards are currently suspended.

### Happy Birthday

Happy Belated Birthday to **Ohran, Eve, Winnie, Teddy B, Daisy H, Elsie** and **Lacey** who celebrated their birthdays over the Christmas period and Happy Birthday to **Obi** who celebrated his birthday this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

### Dates for the Diary w/c 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January:** Staff assembly (Mr Searle) @ 9.30am

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January:** Zoom Celebration Assembly @ 9.30am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January:** Funky Family Fridays, including Friday Family Quiz from 12pm

