



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails.”

— Elizabeth Edwards

Dear Parents,

Following the Prime Minister's address on Sunday we now have a roadmap of how the lockdown measures may start to ease and change. As is usual with announcements like this, there are now many more questions that remain unanswered and government guidance is changing daily. Again, we want to reassure you that we aim to keep you up to date about how things are changing, in particular regarding the reopening of schools. We have already spoken to lots of you this week and we want to say a massive thank you for all of your continued positive engagement with us, including when we have tricky and challenging decisions that have to be made. Your brilliant continued support means so much in these unprecedented times.

Reopening of Marazion School

A letter is attached electronically to this newsletter with information about the current planning for the reopening of Marazion School. Please note that any reopening of Marazion School will be phased and will be part-time for pupils in Reception/Year 1 and Year 6 for the foreseeable future. This is due to:

- the necessity of making sure that our current reduced provision continues as a priority
- staffing capacity, which now needs to support smaller numbers of pupils in separate school populations and separate classes - the separate school populations should not mix at any time
- the need to thoroughly and effectively deep clean the school daily
- only having one set of children's toilets

Please also note that Marazion School may also have to close to all pupils for 2 to 3 days in order to make sure that all areas of the school are safe for more pupils and adults to return. This will include changing the layout of classrooms; organising and managing resources and equipment - choosing to only use the resources and equipment that can be used safely; setting up outside classrooms/staff rooms; planning for robust health and safety measures, including effective deep cleaning. All of this will take time and needs careful and thoughtful consideration.

Virtual Sports Day (VSD) - NEXT Monday 18th May

VSD is NEXT Monday - information about the day is attached electronically to this newsletter and has also been sent out by post with paper copies. Hope you have been practising!



Help generate funds for the school by doing your shopping through 'The Giving Machine'
- register today at <http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>



Free School Meals (FSM) Food Vouchers

As you already know, Marazion School has now moved to food vouchers. Thank you for your patience while we have been setting up this new system. All seems to be working well now. Please email Ed if you have any queries or concerns. Please note that food vouchers are NOT being issued for half term week. If you think that, in these current times, your child is now entitled to FSM then please also contact Ed for more information about how you can check your eligibility.

Marazion Book Day (MBD) – Tuesday 2nd June

Our MBD will be on Tuesday 2nd June (the first Tuesday back after half term). For this day, we are focusing on the book 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' by Charlie Mackesy. This is a book of hope for all of the times - including uncertain times like now - and helps us think about and reflect on important life lessons. More information about the day and the day's activities will be sent out via SeeSaw and in next week's postal packs, ready for the first week back after half term. Please note, you may want to keep a jar for one of the activities and have ingredients for a cake ☺

Staying in Touch: Staff

Marazion School has now mostly moved to email contact only. However, the School Office can be contacted between 9am-3pm on Mondays and Wednesdays - 01736 710618. Class teachers, Headteacher and Edna are available 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. Sara Oliver is available 9am-3pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please note that you can email us at any time but usually replies will be between 9am-3pm. Please note for any urgent enquiries, if you are unable to contact us, you can call the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on **0300 1231 116** or email multiagencyreferralunit@cornwall.gov.uk for advice. Mrs Fox will be available to call on the school mobile 9am-12pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you would like a chat. Mrs Fox may also surprise you with a call. Emails for HT, AHT and Edna are at the top of this newsletter along with the school mobile number. Please note that all our contact details are also on the school website.

Staying in Touch: Governors

If you wish to get in touch with any of our governors, there are several ways to do this: contact the School Office and they can get a governor to phone you back or email Caroline Peers, our Chair of Governors at chair@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk

Rainbow Ideas

Please find attached electronically the next set of 'Rainbow Ideas' for w/c 18th May - these offer optional activities (from Miss Rainbow) - children can do 1, a couple, all of them! Miss Rainbow is doing them as well.

Coronavirus Update

Public Health England information regarding Covid-19 advice for schools and educational settings in the South West is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Staying Safe - #YouAreNotAlone - UPDATE

People living with domestic abuse are now able to access safe spaces at Boots pharmacies. Those needing help can ask staff at the counter to use the consultation room, where they will be able to contact services for help and advice. Staying at home shouldn't mean you are at risk so please make sure that you get support if you need it to stay safe in your own home - the support is still there and you need to use it. If you or someone you know is suffering from Domestic Abuse, isolation rules do not apply. Police response & support services remain available. You can find more information, helplines and support at gov.uk/domestic-abuse or call 999 if you are in immediate danger.

Bicycle For Free

We have a bike for a 4-6 year old offered FREE to a good home - it is in good condition and is perfect for that daily exercise. Please email secretary@marazion.cornwall.sch.uk if you are interested or call the School Office on a Monday or a Wednesday for more information.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to *Logan C* and *Dillianne* who celebrated their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you both 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c 18th May 2020

W/c Monday 18th May: Marazion School open for reduced provision – **please note the advice remains that every child who can be safely cared for from home should be**

Monday 18th May: Virtual Sports Day

Friday 22nd May: Funky Friday starts