



# FEBRUARY 2024 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*This month's newsletter has lots of information about how we take care of our children's emotional and social well-being and how we keep them safe. Please take the time to look through any resources that are linked.*

*Thank you*

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## OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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*We take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously at Maryport Church of England Primary School. All staff are Level 1 trained and we have a team of designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) who are further trained to deal with any incidents or allegations made.*

*What is safeguarding?*

*Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.*

*Safeguarding means:*

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- *protecting children from abuse and maltreatment*
  - *preventing harm to children's health or development*
  - *ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care*
  - *taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.*
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*Our DSLs will make referrals to relevant agencies and will attend any follow up meetings to represent the best interests of the children affected by any issues such as neglect, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, including being witness to domestic violence.*

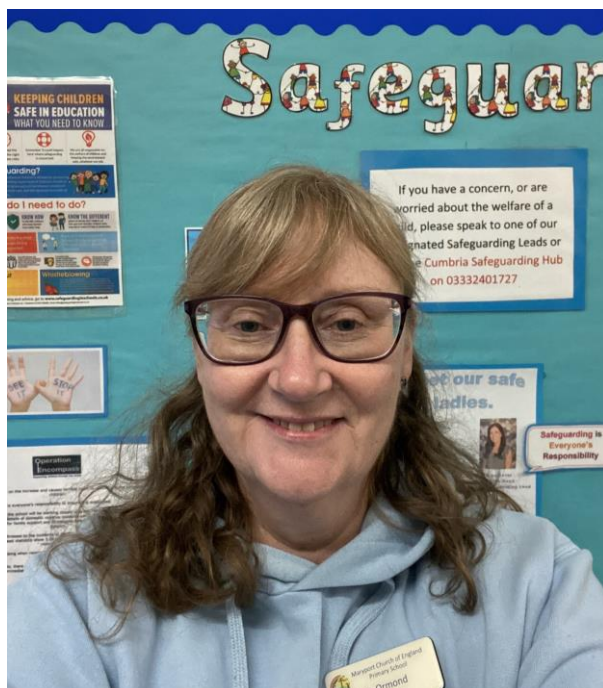
*Safeguarding however is everyone's business and if you are worried about a child, please speak up. Our safeguarding team are available to talk through concerns or you can call the Cumbria Safeguarding Hub direct on 03332401727*

*For further information on safeguarding, please visit the NSPCC website [here](#)*

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**Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are Mrs Ormond, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Bell and Miss Pape**





## KIDSAFE

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*At Maryport Church of England Primary, we are very proud to be a KIDSAFE school.*



*Kidsafe is an age-appropriate, engaging, fun and effective safeguarding programme. The purpose of the programme is to build children's confidence, self esteem and equip our children with skills to keep themselves safe from various forms of abuse without shattering their innocence. The programme is age appropriate and delivered within the classroom by trained Kidsafe tutors, using KS (a puppet), games, singing and worksheets.*

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**Our Kidsafe tutors are Mrs Bethwaite, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Walling**





## PASTORAL CARE

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*Mrs Bell is our Learning Mentor and ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) working across all the classes in school to provide additional emotional support for children who may need it. Her role primarily focuses on supporting children overcome the things that may prevent them from*

*gaining the most benefit from their time at school. Mrs Bell is based in our Rainbow room, a safe space for our children to relax and talk through any worries they may have.*

*Mrs Bell is here to:*

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- *Listen*
  - *Offer support*
  - *Promote positive behaviour*
  - *Offer encouragement and build self-esteem, resilience and confidence*
  - *Identify any barriers to learning and set targets to overcome them*
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*Who does Mrs Bell work with?*

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- *Individuals and groups of children*
  - *Teachers and other members of staff i.e. support/welfare staff*
  - *Parents/carers*
  - *Other Schools*
  - *External agencies such as; Social Services, Police, Health Professionals, Education Welfare Service, Family Action, School Doctor/Nurse/ CAMHS*
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## SCARF: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship

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*Our school uses a programme called SCARF to deliver a comprehensive and progressive scheme of work which starts in Nursery and runs through to Year 6. SCARF stands for*

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- *Safety*
  - *Caring*
  - *Achievement*
  - *Resilience*
  - *Friendship*
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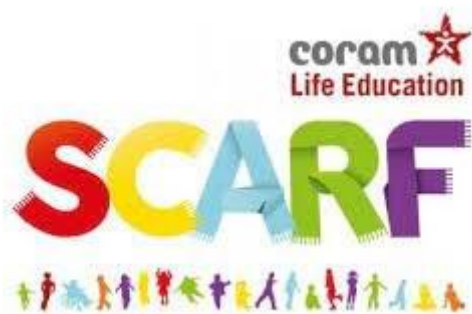
*SCARF's whole-school approach promotes positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement – and covers all the Relationships Education and Health Education statutory requirements.*



*To find out more about what we cover and how you can use activities at home to support, please visit -*

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf>

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## HAPPY NINJAS

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*Our ninjas have had a very important job of improving wellbeing in our school and in the community. They first of all attended a workshop with Dr Andy Cope, Founder of The Art of Brilliance. He said: "This really is a world first for Cumbria." The aim of the programme is to instil positivity and resilience into the schools and get the children to take charge of their own wellbeing.*

*Our ninjas have been busy visiting care homes, playing games, reading and singing karaoke with the residents. Each week, they stand up in assembly and give stickers to others who have followed our school values and have helped to spread happiness across our school.*

*We were really proud to have recently received our recognition banner which informs everyone we are an outstandingly happy school. Thank you to Mr Ross for putting this out on the school fence for everyone to see.*

*The happy ninja scheme will continue with new ninjas invited to join the group. As our ninja team grows they will continue working to promote positive wellbeing and happiness in school and around the community.*

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Come along to our Reading Cafe

## ALL WELCOME READING CAFE

NURSERY - YEAR 2 = MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 3.15-4.30  
YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 = TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 3.15-4.30

The sessions will begin with a brief overview of how we can work together to foster a love of reading for your child.

- The school library will be open to explore.
- Story sacks, story boxes and books will be available to loan
- Enjoy a cuppa whilst spending time reading and exploring the books we have on offer with your child.

## RESIDENTIAL VISITS

*Arrangements are well under way for our very popular residential visits and final payments will soon be upon us. Please check below when your son / daughter's residential payment is due and arrange to pay on School Money (Teachers2Parents app).*

*Year 6 London - Balance due Wednesday 27th March*

*Year 5 York - Balance due Friday 1st March*

*Year 4 Keppleway - Balance due Wednesday 27th March*

*Year 3 Hawse End - Balance due Friday 31st May*

*Year 2 Bassenfell Manor - Balance due Wednesday 1st May*

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## Little Acorns 2 year olds

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*Our 2 year old provision, Little Acorns, now has a new time slot of 8.45am - 11.45am each day. We still have a few places remaining so please share with anyone who has a child approaching 2. Visits to look around and meet the staff are most welcome.*

*Children from 2 years old can soon access 15 hours free places and applications for this are now open - see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for more details and to apply. Alternatively, contact our school office to speak to Mrs Penn.*

*Our baby and toddler group also has a new time slot - 1.30pm-3pm each Wednesday of term time.*

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## Pupil Premium Funding

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*A reminder to all families to check if you are eligible for your child to access pupil premium funding at -<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>*

*If you qualify for this, not only will your child receive free school meals and clothing voucher for uniform, school also gets additional designated funding which we use in the following ways -*

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- free breakfast club*
  - free trips and visits during school time*
  - 50% reduction in the cost of residential visits*
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*Even if you are not sure if you will qualify, it is worth filling in the form ..... you never know!*

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## DIARY DATES

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***FURTHER DATES WILL BE ADDED TO THE CALENDAR AND DETAILS SENT OUT AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED***

*6th Feb - Gymnastics competition*

*7th Feb - Y6 Young Voices in Manchester*

*7th Feb - Starting phonics meeting for Nursery parents in the hall at 2.30*

*9th Feb - Y1/2 football at Lakes College*

*12-16th Feb - HALF TERM*

*19th Feb - KS1 road safety workshops*

*21st Feb - Y3/4 dodgeball at Netherhall*

*20th Feb - Nursery parents RWI meeting*

*22nd Feb - Year 1 parents phonics check meeting*

*26th Feb - Early years and KS1 reading cafe open*

*27th Feb - KS2 reading cafe open*

*5th March - Y2 visit to Senhouse Roman Museum*

*6th March - Y5/6 football at Netherhall*

*7th March - World Book Day*

*11 - 12th March - United Utilities Water workshops*

*11th March - Y5 Viking workshop*

*13th March - Y5/6 football at Netherhall*

*15th March - school council to visit Maryport Town Council*

*18-22nd March - Book Fair*



*18-19th March - Y5 Play in a Day workshops*

*20th March - Y6 UDance festival*

*21st March - Easter craft open afternoon*

*25-26th March - Parent-Teacher meetings*

*27th March - Easter Service at St Mary's church*

*27th March - Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Netherhall*

***SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE EASTER BREAK ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH AT 1.30 AND RE-OPENS ON  
TUESDAY 16TH APRIL***

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