



February 2023 Maryport Church of
England Primary School



February is always a good month - the days are getting lighter, the weather is improving and the school grounds are starting to spring to life. We currently have a wonderful display of snowdrops in the woodland which brings a smile to everyone's face when they see them.

In the last two weeks I have completed focus visits to all of the classes looking at writing. I was delighted to see the fantastic teaching going on and how engaged the children were with all of the activities. Throughout school, the variety of high level vocabulary being used and the progression of grammar and punctuation is impressive.

We will also be completing our next round of Read, Write Inc (RWI) assessments next week and are anticipating that all children will be moving on to the next level. Thank you to all the parents who support their child in reading at home, it really does make all the difference.

HEALTHY SNACK

*The Local Authority have provided a grant to promote healthy food in schools. Starting after half term, we will be using this funding to provide **free** healthy snack for **all children** for the rest of the school year.*



OPAL UPDATE

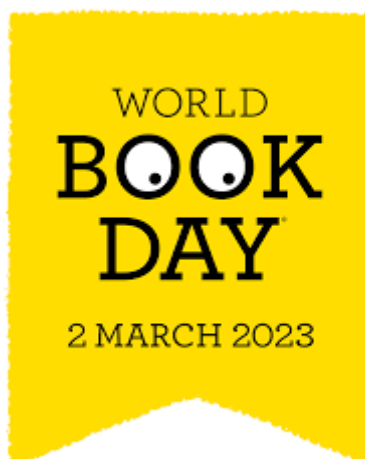


We recently welcomed Ingrid from OPAL play into school for our 2nd development day. She was incredibly impressed with what we have achieved so far and how much the children were getting from their play times. The OPAL team would like to send thanks again to everyone who has donated items or has enabled us to get funding from organisations as this has had a great impact on how well we are doing.

The introduction of wellies and waterproof clothing has, I hope, also made a difference to parents in that the children are not as muddy! Please remember that if your child has their own wellies or waterproofs, it is a great idea to send them into school.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2nd MARCH 2023

This year for World Book Day, our theme is 'Bedtime Stories'. The children can come to school dressed up as a favourite book character or can come in their pyjamas with their favourite book and teddy. We will then spend the day sharing stories and books throughout the school.



Diary Dates

8th February - KS1 dodgeball competition at Netherhall

10th February - Gymnastics competition

13th February - Islam workshops

15th February - Y3/4 dodgeball competition at Netherhall

16th February - Library bus visiting

17th February - break up for half term

27th February - school re-opens

27th February - Y3/4 Knex workshop

28th February - PROPOSED DAY OF INDUSTRIAL ACTION TBC

1st & 2nd March - United Utilities workshops for Y3/4

2nd March - World Book Day - our theme will be 'bedtime stories'

3rd March - y6 Visit to The Beacon

8th March - Y5/6 football at Netherhall

10th March - Go Orange Day in support of Maryport Inshore Lifeboat

13-17th March - Book Fair

15-16th March - PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ACTION TBC

15th March y5/6 football at Netherhall

20 & 21st March - Parents meetings

23rd March - Easter craft open afternoon

27,28,29th March - Y1/2 visits to Stockwood

29th March - Parliament workshops

31st March - Easter service in St Mary's church

31st March - break up for Easter holidays

17th April - school reopens



DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIME SAFETY



*Despite numerous reminders by newsletter, email and text, as well as posts on Facebook, we still have a number of parents/carers who continue to bring their vehicles up the school drive or park dangerously on Camp Road/Church Street. At the start and end of the school day, **NO CARS ARE ALLOWED UP THE DRIVE FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE.** This includes dropping children at breakfast club.*

If you need to come up to school in a vehicle, then please park with due care and attention and not on any zig-zags or on yellow lines.
