



Maryport Church of England Primary School

Newsletter January 2022

Happy New Year to all of our families, I hope you all managed to have a lovely Christmas break despite the on-going Covid issues. As we have returned to school, we have found ourselves once again having to manage a large number of absences of both children and staff and I need to thank all of the staff for their help in keeping learning going at this difficult time.

Infection rates in the area remain high and we ask that parents remain extremely vigilant to signs of any possible symptoms in their children. The omicron variant is very transmissible and we wish to prevent as much as possible it spreading through classes.

The rules on testing and isolation are constantly changing but Cumbria Public Health are still advising that close household contacts do not come into school. If you do choose to send your child in if they are a contact, they need to do a lfd test daily.

Please keep the office updated with any absence information.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our popular Breakfast Club is open from 8am each morning for all children whether they are regular daily attenders or just the occasional one off visitors. The children are able to choose from a selection of toast, waffles and crumpets alongside a selection of cereals. There is also milk and fresh orange and apple juice too. The cost is £2 per session (free if your pupil is in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium) which can be paid via teachers2parents. Booking not necessary.

Can you help????

After 2 years of covid, our garden areas are looking rather bedraggled! Miss McKeating is looking to get them back to their former glory this year but is looking for volunteers who can come and do the initial digging over and pruning back. All equipment can be provided and a cuppa and a biscuit (or two) will also be in ready supply if any parents or grandparents can help out.

Please contact the office if you have an hour or two to spare and would like to help out. thank you.

We are also looking to brighten up our entrance and terraced areas this year with lots of pots of flowers and plants. If you have any large pots or planters you can donate, we would also be very thankful for these.



Our Vision and Values



Our positive behaviour policy reflects our vision and values. Our children are encouraged to live out the values to remain on the right path. We have 3 basic rules that we expect the children to follow. These are -

- choose the path to be ready*
 - choose the path to respect*
 - choose the path to be safe*
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Our focus value for this half term is THANKFULNESS. In our collective worship we will be hearing stories from the Bible which demonstrate this value and we will reflect on how we can show our thankfulness to God, to our family and friends.

There is a link on our website to a worksheet which has on ideas of things you can do as a family around this value.

Life-long Learning

At Maryport CE Primary School, learning isn't just for the children. Encouraging our staff to further develop their learning is also important. It is therefore fantastic to share with you that Mrs Holliday has just been awarded her National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership (NPQSL) and Mrs Scholey has passed, with distinction, her apprenticeship. Congratulations to both.

DIARY DATES

Given the current circumstances, we do not have a lot of events or trips planned as of yet. We are however hopeful that we will be able to resume our usual enrichment activities very soon.

- Monday 17th January - Y3 Lego workshop
- Wednesday 26th January - Y5/6 netball tournament
- Wednesday 9th February - Y5/6 Tag rugby tournament
- Wednesday 9th February - Oak class Lego robotics workshop
- Friday 11th February - Beech class Lego robotics workshop
- Friday 11th -Monday 21st - half term
- Tuesday 22 February - Y4 Knex engineering workshop
- Wednesday 9th March - football tournament
- Wednesday 16th March - Y5/6 football tournament
- Thursday 17th March - Hinduism workshops
- Wednesday 30th March - Easter service
- Friday 1st April - break up for Easter
- Wednesday 20th April - summer term begins

We will keep in touch if anything else is planned.

A BIG thank you to anyone who bought from our Christmas shop or got tickets for the hamper raffle. We made a fantastic £1214 from this fundraising. A special thank you also goes to Kerry Jarvis who gave up her own time to organise and run the Christmas shop.