





# Maryport Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter September 2021

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*Welcome to our new look newsletter - we hope you enjoy finding out a little more about our school.*

*The new school year has gone well and all the children are settled in their new classes. I have been very impressed with the positive attitudes to learning which are evident around the school which I am sure will continue to grow even more.*

*It has been lovely to be able to have the children mix a bit more freely than they have been allowed to for a while now but we still remain cautious and continue to promote hand-washing and good respiratory hygiene. All of the rooms in school are being kept well ventilated and Anita, one of our wonderful cleaners, is in each lunchtime to do an extra clean.*

*Like all other schools in Cumbria, we are following the advice of Public Health and the DfE as and when any positive Covid cases are brought to our attention. There is no longer a requirement for children to isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case and they therefore need to continue to attend school. If you think your child has symptoms or has been a close contact, then please take them for a PCR test.*

*As with any illness, please inform the office of the reason for absence.*

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## Our Vision and Values

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*As a Church of England school, our Christian vision and values underpin all we do. Our vision '**Teach children to choose the right path and when they are older they will remain upon it**' is taken from Proverbs 22:6. We talk regularly with the children about basing their decisions and choices around staying on the right path - the path of the Lord. In collective worship and in class we use the teachings of Jesus to illustrate some of the values which, when lived out, allow them to choose this path.*

*Our school values are -*

*Courage Peace Perseverance Friendship Compassion Truth*

*Hope Responsibility Thankfulness Forgiveness Respect Trust*

*Each half term, we will have a focus value throughout school and the children will reflect on what this value looks like in their life, around school, in the community and in the wider world.*

*Our focus value for this half term is **HOPE**.*

*A family activity sheet to explore this value further can be downloaded from our website [here](#)*

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*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*

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- choose the path to be ready*
  - choose the path to respect*
  - choose the path to be safe*
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## Home Reading

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*Home reading is vital regardless of whether your child is in Little Acorns or Year 6. For our early readers, listening to stories and rhymes helps them hear and enjoy the pattern of stories, they pick up vocabulary and develop a love of books. As they begin to learn the letter sounds (phonics), reading a familiar text builds confidence and develops fluency.*

*As the children get older, hearing them read and asking questions about the text, develops fluency even further (understanding how punctuation is used for effect) and allows them to make inference and deduction of the author's intent.*

*It is our expectation that children are heard read at least 3 times per week - although more than this would be great. For children in Year 1 upwards, please complete the appropriate section in their home school diary. For further information and support on home reading, please see your child's teacher.*

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## Sponsored Walk

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*We will be completing our annual whole school sponsored walk on Friday 17th September. Depending on their age, each class will be going out to do their walk at some point in the day. Please make sure your child has comfortable shoes and a coat with them.*

*Sponsor money can be paid in via the teachers2parent app. We are looking to work alongside HSBC bank to secure matched funding so the more we raise from pupil sponsors, the more we can get into school fund. All money raised will be used to subsidise trips and visits as well as curriculum enrichment activities.*

*Thank you for your support.*

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## Change to term dates

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*Cumbria County Council have changed the Christmas finish date to Thursday 16th December to take into account the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee next year. For a full overview of term dates for the year please click [here](#).*

*Please remember that holidays in term time cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.*

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