



NOVEMBER 2024 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to Autumn 2

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. The diary section of the newsletter has lots of important dates, so please make sure you read this carefully as it includes some Christmas events!

At the end of last half term, we said goodbye to Mrs Armstrong who has now started her maternity leave. We wish her and the family all the best for the birth of their new baby. Beech's new class teacher will be Mr Sam King who joins us with a wealth of experience in teaching years 5 and 6.

Whilst Mrs Armstrong is on maternity leave, Mr Stockdale will be taking on the role of junior lead teacher and Miss Pape will be looking after the infants.

Our Focus Christian Value this term is *PEACE*

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God' (Matthew 5:9). Within this value, we will think about what peace means for us, for our family, for our community and for the world.

Psalm 34:14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

For family activities around this value, please visit our website [here](#).



Governors

Following our recent request for a new parent Governor, I am pleased to inform you that Elizabeth Kett has now joined the Governing Body. Elizabeth has children in Years 1 and 2 and has previously volunteered at many school events.

For the current academic year, our Chair of Governors is Mike Kidd with Steve Newton-Lister as Vice Chair. The other members of the Governing Body are - Jeanette McCallig, Leanne Rogers, Rev Bernard Noghio and Tracy Bell. Mrs Freeland is the clerk and any communication to the Governing Body can be made via clerk@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk



Home- School Communication

Staff have recently reviewed our home school communication protocol which is shared below.

*Please note that all messages regarding absences, illness, after-school clubs etc need to come in via the office (phone 01900 812299 or email admin@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk) NOT via Seesaw or Tapestry.
Thank you.*



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COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL

Our school endeavours to ensure that communication between school and home is informative and consistent across all platforms we use. Below is an overview of the communication platforms we use and how each should be used by both staff and parents.

Parent to school communication

Parents are encouraged and reminded to use our various platforms appropriately. Please do not message staff directly via Tapestry or Seesaw as these platforms are not always monitored.

PLATFORM	EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATION
Tapestry/Seesaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to work/achievements that have been shared Comment on any homework task
Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General queries to be sent to admin@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk and office staff will respond or forward on to appropriate staff member.
Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ring to inform of absence (before 9am), appointments or other attendance issues. General queries/concerns - office staff will respond or pass on to appropriate staff member. Please note that teaching staff will be unable to take calls during teaching time. Inform when a child will not be attending an after-school club

School to home communication

PLATFORM	EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATION
Tapestry/Seesaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing of pupil achievements with parents Sharing of weekly overviews Setting of homework Home learning (when appropriate)
Text message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class or school announcements eg change of PE days Individual messages eg dinner orders, late notice Reminders of events eg Forest school clothing To inform of a bumped head (alongside paper slip)
Email (via Scholarpack)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters to parents Newletters



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Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform of illness or accident that requires parent attention Responding to parent emails or calls To discuss individual pupils (also logged on CPOMs as contact with parents)
Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share achievements with the community Sharing of school notices Promotion of local events
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share curriculum, policies and introductions to the school Newletters Letters to parents

All events/trips/visits etc to be shared with parents with as much notice as possible.

Our School Council

Our school council recently met to discuss charity events for the year. With BBC Children In Need approaching on 15th November, they made the decision to invite children to come into school wearing their PJs for a £1 donation. They also agreed that they would run a colouring competition (25p per entry) and also hold a raffle.

For their next meeting, they have been asked to discuss with their class which charity to support in the Spring/Summer. This can be local, national or international but the nominations must be presented to the rest of the council for discussion and voting.

Also at the next meeting, a representative from Orian, our caterers, will be attending to hear the children's thoughts on school dinners.



Meet our new Worship Leaders

Our Worship Leaders have a very important job to do in school. It is their responsibility to dress our worship table each day with the correct liturgical colours and objects of significance - the bible, the cross and the candle to represent God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The Worship Leaders introduce each collective worship session and once per term they will lead the service too.











Forest School Dates

4th November - Beech class

11th November - Maple class

18th November - Birch Class

25th November - Willow class

2nd December - Juniper class

9th December - Pine class

Learning in the Woods



13th January - Ash class

20th January - Oak class

27th January - Beech class

3rd February - Maple class

10th February - Lime class



Getting ready for the colder, and wetter, weather!

As we move into the colder and wetter months, it is important to make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear. All children should bring a waterproof coat with them each day, even if it is looking sunny in the morning (we know how quickly the West Cumbrian weather can change).

Part of our OPAL pledge is that the weather will not stop outdoor play and learning. As such, the children will be out whatever the weather at break and lunchtimes. As it gets wetter, children will only

be allowed to access the muddy grassed areas if they are wearing the correct clothing so wellies and waterproofs are important. We do have some that children can use but if they have their own, even better.

Remember, please write your child's name in all uniform so it can be returned if lost or mislaid.

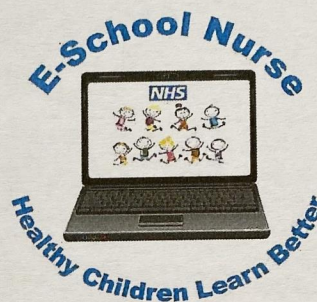


Do you need advice from the school nurse?

NHS
North Cumbria
Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust

E-School Nurse Video Clinic

(by appointment only)



Twice weekly **online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.**

Tuesday and Thursday

You can **telephone** for an appointment **Mon-Fri 8-4pm**

01228 603973

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using MS Teams. The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient, your appointment link will be sent by email on the day of your appointment.

In consultation with you, the nurse will discuss the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic** please visit our website <https://www.ncic.nhs.uk/services/healthy-child-hub-0-19/public-health-five-nineteen/e-school-nurse-video-clinics>



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DIARY DATES

5 Nov - Y4 visit to Vindolanda

6 Nov - Y3/4 Hockey competition

8 Nov - Y3 visit to Vindolanda

11 Nov - Y5 Cyclewise

16 Nov - choir singing at the town light switch on

18 Nov - Oceans art project for KS1

20 Nov - Oceans art project for KS1

20 Nov - KS2 Boccia competition

27 Nov - KS1 dodgeball competition

3-5 Dec - Prayer spaces

4 Dec - KS1 visit to the Panto

7 Dec - PTA Christmas Fayre

12 Dec - KS1 Christmas show

16 Dec - Christmas party day

18 Dec - Christmas service in St Mary's

20 Dec - break up for Christmas

More events will be added as the term progresses.

