



## November 2022

## Maryport

## Church of England Primary School

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*The first half term of the year saw the children settle into new routines, make new friends and begin their next steps in their learning journey. Across school, we have a big focus on developing writing further and continue to ensure all children become confident readers with access to high quality texts.*

*Our youngest children have enjoyed meeting an owl and everyone enjoyed a trip down to the library. We have taken part in our first sports competitions of the year with the netball team doing exceptionally well. Mr Clark continues to visit twice weekly to deliver music to all classes and our sports coaches have been delivering fun PE lessons.*

*It was lovely to see so many of you attend our parents' evening - we hoped you found it useful to hear about your child's achievements and their next steps.*

*Thank you to everyone who supported our sponsored walk. We raised £1311. £300 was donated to Macmillan (along with the £110 we raised at the coffee morning) and the remainder will go towards subsidising school visits across the year.*

*Thank you also to everyone who donated to the Foodbank during our Harvest appeal. Your generosity will make a difference to those struggling within our community. We will continue to support this charity throughout the year.*

*Before half term, an email was sent out with a link to our annual parent survey. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to complete this by Friday 4th November.*

*This coming half term will see lots of exciting opportunities for our children with visits, visitors and community events to take part in.*

*We also welcome new members of staff to the school - Mrs Chris Freeland is our new office administrator having previously worked at Netherhall for many years, Mrs Okudo is covering Mrs Scholey's maternity leave and as one Mrs Walling moves on to train to become a teacher at Netherhall, we are joined by another Mrs Walling in Y3/4.*

*In the coming weeks leading up to Christmas, there will also be opportunities for family members to join in with events in and out of school. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.*

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## OPAL update



*The introduction of OPAL is already having a big impact on our children's lunchtime play experiences. Throughout school, the children have been telling us that they enjoy playtimes more because there is now something for everyone to do and they have much more fun. In the junior playground, den building is one of the most popular activities whilst in the infants, role play and dressing up are some of the favourite things to do.*

*Staff have also reported less fall outs and accidents and say that children are coming in to class after lunch ready to get on with their learning much quicker.*

*Thank you to everyone who donated items last term. We now need to think ahead to the winter and ensure that the children can still get a rich play experience even when the weather is not great.*

With this in mind, please could we ask that wellies are brought into school and that all children have a coat with them each day. If your child has waterproof trousers and jacket, they would be ideal.

*We appreciate that not everyone has these items so we are now also looking for sponsorship from any local businesses who may be able to donate some money to purchase items. If you know of any potential sponsors who may be able to help, please let one of our play team know (Miss Pape, Mrs Bethwaite, Mrs Bell).*

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1 - role play



*2 - small world play*



*3 - exploration play*



*4 - collaborative play*



*5 - creative play*



*6 - den building*



*7 - role play*



*8 - water play*

## Getting Involved With Your Child's Learning

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*On Tuesday 1st November at 5pm we will be hosting an information session for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The session will provide an overview of our reading programme, Read, Write Inc, and will give parents lots of pointers on how they can support their child's reading development.*

*Mrs Holliday and Miss Mein will also be demonstrating how new sounds are shared with the children and how we teach them to blend using 'Fred talk'.*

*We hope the session will be useful and informative.*

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*On Wednesday 30th November from 2pm onwards, we will be holding a Christmas crafts open afternoon where parents and carers can spend time in their child's classroom having lots of festive fun.*

*Please join us if you can.*

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## Diary Dates

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*31 Oct- 4 Nov - Year 5 Cycle Wise training*

*1 Nov - Parent meeting for years Rec, 1 and 2*



*3 Nov - Y4 level 1 cycle training*

*7 Nov - Y3 to Vindolanda*

*8 Nov - Y5 at Carlisle Cathedral for a Remembrance Workshop*

*9 Nov - Y4 at Vindolanda*

*9 Nov - Y3 Hockey at Netherhall*

*11 Nov - Maryport Schools' Remembrance service in St Mary's*

*15 Nov - Y3/4 Roman Experience*

*18 Nov - non-uniform day - pay £1 towards Children in Need*

*23 Nov - KS2 Boccia at Netherhall*

*25 Nov - photos for those who were absent*

*28 Nov - 2 Dec- Book Fair in school*

*28-30 Nov - Y3/4 STEM workshops*

*29 Nov - Family Prize Bingo evening*

*30 Nov - Y6 to Beamish*

*Week ending 2 Dec - ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH*

*6 Dec - Y6 Bright Sparks workshop*

*6 - 7 Dec - Y3/4 Stocking making workshop*

*12 Dec - Y3/4 Lego We Do workshop*

*13 Dec - Years 1-6 to see Aladdin at the Sands Centre*

*14 Dec - Christmas dinner/Christmas jumpers*

*15 Dec - Infant Christmas production*

*16 Dec - Christmas Parties*

*19 Dec - Junior Christmas service in St Mary's*

*20 Dec - school closes for Christmas holidays*

*4 Jan - School reopens for Spring term*

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## **Our school value for the coming half term**

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

*Our focus values across the year are -*

***Courage Peace Perseverance Friendship Compassion Truth***

***Hope Responsibility Thankfulness Forgiveness Respect Trust***

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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 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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