



## SEPTEMBER 2023 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Welcome back to the start of a new school year. I hope all of our families have had a lovely summer break and have managed to spend time together in amongst your busy lives.*

*A special welcome to all of our new starters in Nursery, Reception and Year 3, you are joining a fantastic community where your child will 'live life in all it's fullness'.*

*Over the coming week, each class teacher will send out information to allow parents to log in to Tapestry (2s and Nursery) or Seesaw (Rec-Y6) which are our home to school communication tools. Here you will find lots of information about the class, homework, events and, more importantly, share in your child's learning journey by viewing work and their successes.*

*Please be reminded that all children need to be in class for registration at 8.45. Doors open at 8.35 to allow for 10 minutes 'settling'. Any child who is late needs to report to the office and a text message will be sent out informing parents how many minutes late they were.*

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## Classes for 2023-24

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*Our class structure for the coming year is as follows -*

*Little Acorns 2 year old provision - Mrs McCallig and Mrs Scholey*

*Willow - Nursery - Miss Pape*

*Reception - Ash - Mrs Brinicombe*

*Year 1 - Birch - Miss Mein*

*Year 2 - Elm - Mrs Holliday & Miss Lockwood*

*Y3/4 - Lime - Miss Kirkbride*

*Y3/4 - Pine - Mis Harrison*

*Y3/4 - Rowan - Miss Irving*

*Y5 - Maple - Mrs Hurst*

*Y5 - Juniper - Mrs Rowland-Jones*

*Y6 - Beech - Miss Dover*

## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

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*Mrs Mandy Penn is our Business Manager and Mrs Chris Freeland is our administrator. Both ladies work incredibly hard in the office to ensure the smooth running of the school. To help them out, please ensure the following -*

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- If you have changed your phone number, address or email over the summer, please let us know so we can update our contact details. We are required to hold a minimum of 2 emergency contacts for every child.*
  - All absences must be reported to the office by 8.30 on each day of the absence. The easiest way to do this is to leave a message on the answerphone. Where we have not had notification of an absence, this will be followed up by a text message, phone call or home visit.*
  - Dinners need to be ordered before 9am on the School Hub app. It is helpful if you order a weeks worth of dinners before each Monday. If your child is going to be absent, the dinner needs to be cancelled before 9am or you may still be charged.*
  - Breakfast club can be booked using the School money app. This costs £2 per day but is offered free of charge for those children who receive benefit related free meal provision.*
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## PE

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*PE is an important part of the school curriculum. Recent findings from the DfE found that-*

*'where schools provide high quality PE and pupils play sport, they equip pupils to continue that participation into their later lives. This goes beyond the immediate benefits of improved attainment, mental well-being and personal development.'*

*In order to participate safely and comfortably in PE sessions, we ask that all children wear appropriate PE uniform which consists of -*

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- *black shorts/leggings or joggers*
  - *white t.shirt*
  - *optional blue hoody*
  - *trainers*
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*Please ensure your child comes to school in PE uniform on the following days -*

*Monday - Year 1 & Year 2*

*Tuesday - Nursery, Y3/4 Lime & Y3/4 Pine*

*Wednesday - Reception, Y3/4 Rowan & Y5*

*Thursday - all of Y3/4, Y1 & Y2*

*Friday - Y5, Reception & Y6*

*PE will begin on Thursday 7th September*

*ALL JEWELLERY, INCLUDING SMART WATCHES, MUST BE REMOVED FOR PE SESSIONS*

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## **Christian Values**

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*Each half term we focus on a particular Christian value which feeds into our school vision of "Teach children to choose the right path and when they are older they will remain upon it" (Proverbs 22:6)*

*Our focus Christian value for the coming half term is HOPE. Christians believe that hope is revealed in the Bible in the person and life of Jesus. We will hear stories from the Old and New Testaments which reflect hope as well as learning about how people today bring hope into their daily lives. Our main Bible story will be Noah's Arc.*

*Please see our website using the link below, for a family activity sheet based on this value which you can share at home <https://www.maryport.cumbria.sch.uk/about-us/vision-aims-values/christian-values>*

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## FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

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*Each Friday we hold Forest School session in our woodland led by Mrs Rowland-Jones. For these sessions, children will need old long sleeved tops and trousers along with their wellies.*

*Our Forest School timetable for this term is as follows -*

*15th Sept - Year 1 Birch*

*22 Sept - Y2 Elm*

*29 Sept - Reception Ash*

*6 Oct - Nursery Willow*

*13 Oct - Y3/4 Pine*

*20 Oct - Y3/4 Lime*

*3 Nov - Y3/4 Rowan*

*10 Nov - Y5 Maple*

*17 Nov - Y5 Juniper*

*24 Nov - Y6 Beech*

*1 Dec - Y6 Oak*

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## OPAL Play

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*OPAL play is now embedded into our daily activities. Over the summer holidays we have invested in new storage sheds for our resources. We have also introduced wellies as part of our uniform so every child can have access to all the play zones regardless of the weather conditions. Please make sure your child's wellies have their name in.*

*Our OPAL play team are looking to further extend and enhance our different play zones and are asking for donations of the following items -*

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- kitchen utensils - pots, pans, spoons, sieves etc*

- *small world resources eg diggers, trucks, cars etc*
    - *scooters*
    - *garden or camping chairs*
  - *Spades and trowels for the digging areas*
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## DIARY DATES

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*This is what we already have planned and confirmed for the coming half term. Please look out for more events still to be finalised.*

*6/9/23 - Back to school*

*12/9/23 - Y2 visit to the Roman Museum*

*14/9/23 - RWI meeting for parents at 5pm*

*26/9/23 - Y2 visit to the Roman Museum*

*29/9/23 - Sponsored walk, MacMillan coffee afternoon and Book bus visit*

*3/10/23 - Y2 visit to the Roman Museum*

*5/10/23 - Artist workshop*

*9-10/10/23 - Parent's evenings*

*10/10/23 - School photographs*

*11/10/23 - nasal flu immunisations*

*11/10/23 - wheelchair basketball workshops*

*17/10/23 - Y2 visit to the Roman Museum*

*18/10/23 - Harvest Festival*

*19/10/23 - Halloween disco*

*20/10/23 - finish for half term*

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