



# MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL OCTOBER 2023



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*We have had a great first month back at school, with some classes going out on their first visits of the year as well as welcoming lots of visitors into school too. I have been delighted to hear lovely feedback from staff and visitors about the positive behaviour the children display and how they are respectful and well-mannered.*

*As we head into the Autumn, please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and wellies with them as we will be outside as much as possible for OPAL lunch times as well as Forest Schools and other outdoor learning opportunities.*

*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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## **Our Positive Behaviour Policy**

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*Throughout school we have 3 simple rules linked to our vision statement of 'teach children to choose the right path and when they are older they will remain upon it' Proverbs 22:6. Those rules are -*

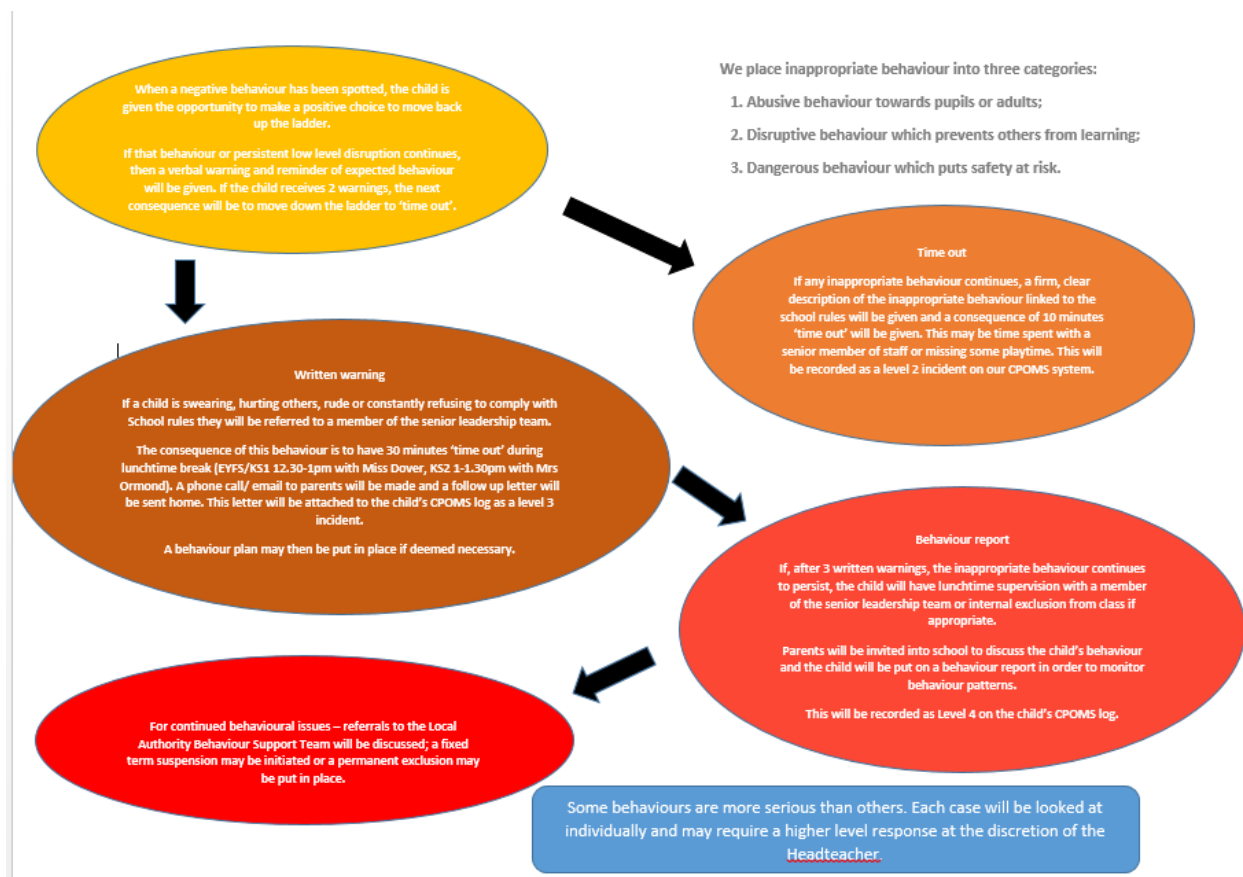
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- *be respectful*
  - *be safe*
  - *be ready*
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*Each day, the children and staff live out these behaviours and around school we see 'awesome appearance' and excellent attitudes to learning. Children who demonstrate they are on the 'right path' are recognised and praised, with dojo points awarded in class.*

*Occasionally however, some children may display behaviour which is not in keeping with our high expectations. Where this happens, we have an agreed set of follow up actions to encourage and support pupils to reconsider their behaviour choices.*

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## Friends of Maryport CE Primary

*We are delighted that we once again have an active PTA committee who have recently met to agree on a range of fundraising events. They will shortly be setting up a PTA specific Facebook page - so keep your eyes peeled for that.*

*Below are the events already planned, if you are able to volunteer to help out at any, please get in touch with Miss Pape or Miss Dover who will pass on your details.*

*19th October - Halloween trick or treat bag stall at the end of the day for the infants and at the disco for the juniors*

*Friday 17th November - adults only quiz night - details TBC*

*Saturday 2nd December - Christmas market with Santa's Grotto*

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## Parking around the school grounds

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*Once again, despite constant reminders, we are having issues with parking around school. For the safety of the children, please do not park on the yellow zigzags on Camp Road and take extreme care when turning cars at drop off and pick up times.*

*We also ask that cars are not brought up the drive, including for Breakfast Club and that our neighbours' driveways are not blocked.*

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## Whole School Art Project

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*During the week beginning 16th October, everyone in school will be contributing to a whole school art project themed around 100 years of Disney. Each class will take inspiration from a different Disney film and we will then hold an exhibition of the art work after half term.*

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Thank you.....

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*Thank you to everyone who baked cakes or came and supported our coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan. We had a fabulous turn out and raised an amazing £385.50.*

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## Harvest

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*We will once again be supporting the local Foodbank as our Harvest Appeal this year. Donations of tinned and dried food stuffs can be brought into school and will then be taken down to St Mary's church on the day of our Harvest Festival celebration. Stuart from the Foodbank will be in school in the coming weeks to talk to the children about the work they do in our community.*

*Our Year 5 children will be leading the Harvest worship in church on 18th October and parents and relatives of Year 5 are invited to join us to share the service.*

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## We are a nut free school

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Due to some pupils having severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products, we ask that you carefully check any items brought in for packed lunches or snacks. This includes chocolate spreads. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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## Halloween

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*On Thursday 19th October, our infant children can come into school in their costumes to take part in some spooky activities throughout the day.*

*We will then be holding a fancy dress Halloween disco for the junior children in the evening. Tickets will go on sale next week.*

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## Keeping in touch.....

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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 in advance using the School money app. We do have some places available for those who have not booked and need a place on the day. Breakfast club costs £2 per day but is offered free of charge for those children who receive benefit related free meal provision.*
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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 -*

*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.*

*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*

*Y2 visit to the Roman Museum*

*11/10/23 - nasal flu immunisations*

*11/10/23 - wheelchair basketball workshops*

*Y5/6 netball competition*

*Foodbank assembly*

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

*18/10/23 - Harvest Festival*

*19/10/23 - Halloween dress up for infants; evening disco for juniors*

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

