

MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL OCTOBER 2023



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.

Our Positive Behaviour Policy

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 -

be respectful
be safe
be ready

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.



When a negative behaviour has been spotted, the child is given the opportunity to make a positive choice to move back up the ladder.

that behaviour or persistent low level disruption continues, hen a verbal warning and reminder of expected behaviour will be given. If the child receives 2 warnings, the next onsequence will be to move down the ladder to 'time out'.

Written warning f a child is swearing, hurting others, rude or constantly refusing to comply wit School rules they will be referred to a member of the senior leadership team.

he consequence of this behaviour is to have 30 minutes 'time out' during htime break [EYFS/K51 12.30-1pm with Miss Dover, K52 1-1.30pm with Mrs ond). A phone call/ email to parents will be made and a follow up letter will em home. This letter will be attached to the child's CPOMS log as a level 3

A behaviour plan may then be put in place if deemed necessary.

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We place inappropriate behaviour into three categories:

1. Abusive behaviour towards pupils or adults;

- 2. Disruptive behaviour which prevents others from learning;
- Dangerous behaviour which puts safety at risk.

Time out

If any inappropriate behaviour continues, a firm, clear description of the inappropriate behaviour linked to the school rules will be given and a consequence of 10 minutes 'time out' will be given. This may be time spent with a senior member of staff or missing some playtime. This will be recorded as a level 2 incident on our CPOMS system.

Behaviour report

If, after 3 written warnings, the inappropriate behaviour continues to persist, the child will have lunchtime supervision with a membe of the senior leadership team or internal exclusion from class if appropriate.

Parents will be invited into school to discuss the child's behaviour and the child will be put on a behaviour report in order to monitor behaviour patterns.

This will be recorded as Level 4 on the child's CPOMS log.

me behaviours are more serious than others. Each case will be looked at ividually and may require a higher level response at the discretion of the Headteacher.

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Authority Behaviour Support Team will be discussed; a fixed rm suspension may be initiated or a permanent exclusion ma be put in place.

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



Parking around the school grounds

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.



Whole School Art Project

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.



Thank you.....

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.



Harvest

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.



We are a nut free school

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.



Halloween

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.

Keeping in touch.....

• 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.

Forest school sessions

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

OPAL Play

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 -

- 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

DIARY DATES

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

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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

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