



Maryport Church of England Primary School

Newsletter March 2022

Welcome to our March newsletter. You can also keep in touch with what is going on in school by visiting our website www.maryport.cumbria.sch.uk or following us on Facebook.

March is always a time of optimism as the days get lighter and the weather gets warmer. Around our school grounds, and in the woods, signs of new life are evident and the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils brighten everything up.

In the coming weeks we will be making the most of our fantastic grounds and will be taking the learning outside as much as we can.

Parents' Meetings

We are delighted to be able to once again offer the opportunity to meet with parents face to face for the first time in 2 years. Appointments for Nursery to Year 6 on the 21st and 22nd of March can be made via Seesaw or Tapestry. Please let staff know if you have children in other classes and they will do their best to co-ordinate appointments.

All meetings will take place in the hall and parents can enter via the front main entrance or via the Camp Road junior entrance.

We look forward to seeing you all!

Applications to join the school



We are now accepting Nursery applications for September 22 admissions. If your child was born between 1st April 2019 & 31st August 2019 they can receive 15 hours free. An additional free 15 hours can be accessed by some parents. Further information and application forms can be downloaded from the CCC website

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

or contact the school office on 812299.

After Easter we will also have places available in our Little Acorns 2 year old provision. If you have a child approaching their 2nd birthday, please contact the office for further details.

Forgiveness



Our focus value for this half term is 'forgiveness'. The children will be hearing about acts of forgiveness through Bible stories and the teachings of Jesus as well as reflecting on how forgiving others can help them.

A sheet with family activities around this value is available on our website -

<https://www.maryport.cumbria.sch.uk/about-us/vision-aims-values/christian-values>

Easter

Easter is an important part of the Christian calendar and we will be developing the children's understanding of what it means over the coming weeks. On 23rd and 24th March, children from Y2-6 will be visiting St Mary's Church to take part in Experience Easter workshops with members of the church community. We also have NISCU Primary Puppets coming in to retell the Easter story.

On Wednesday 30th March, we will again be at St Mary's Church for our annual Easter Service led by the Y4 children. We are hopeful that we will be able to invite parents along to this event and will confirm this soon.

School Council

At our latest school council meeting, the children agreed that they would run another colouring competition, this time Easter themed to raise funds for their chosen charity the Air Ambulance. Colouring sheets will be on sale the last 2 weeks of term and will be 20p each.

The children also agreed that the theme for this year's Comic Relief day on 18th March will be 'wear something red'. Red noses will also be on sale for £1.50 from 14th.

Ukraine



Like the rest of the world, we have been shocked and saddened by the on-going situation in Ukraine. It is a situation that is difficult for children to understand and we have had anxious questions asked this week. BBC Newsround has information presented in a child-friendly way which may be useful to parents also trying to answer these questions.

All the headteachers of the Maryport schools have spoken this week about a joint response to support those who have had to flee their country. We have been in contact with agencies to find out exactly what is needed and how this is to be coordinated to ensure it gets to those in need as quickly as possible.

A joint letter will be going out shortly via email explaining how you can help if you wish to.

Wrap a round care

Following feedback from some parents, we are considering the option of providing after school wraparound care. This is something we have considered in the past but found there was not a need. If this is something you may find beneficial, please use the link and complete the survey. This is for information only and you are not committing yourself to anything.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xr-00tQJSUuClVHlvW4XVfsNaFSAMXZPgErdCMBt3ohUOFExMUwzNkgzQUI3RzNCRVpIU1lYWE9aQS4u>

Home Reading - it really does make a difference!



Home reading is vital regardless of whether your child is in Little Acorns or Year 6. For our early readers, listening to stories and rhymes helps them hear and enjoy the pattern of stories, they pick up vocabulary and develop a love of books. As they begin to learn the letter sounds (phonics), reading a familiar text builds confidence and develops fluency.

As the children get older, hearing them read and asking questions about the text, develops fluency even further (understanding how punctuation is used for effect) and allows them to make inference and deduction of the author's intent.

It is our expectation that children are heard read at least 3 times per week - although more than this would be great. For children in Year 1 upwards, please complete the appropriate section in their home school diary. For further information and support on home reading, please see your child's teacher.

Dates for your Diary

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- 3 March - World Book Day
 - 4 March - non-uniform day in support of Maryport Inshore Rescue

- 7 March - balance due for Y4 Coniston residential
- 9 March - Football Tournament (for those who have received notice)
- 10 March - 10 pin bowling (for those who have received notice)
 - 14-18 March - Book Fair in school
- 15 March - Easter Family Bingo evening - details to follow
- 17 March - Hinduism workshops
- 18 March - Comic Relief fundraising - wear red for a £1 'fine'
- 21-22 March - Parent meetings
- 23 March - Experience Easter workshops at St Mary's
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- 25 March - Balance due for Y6 London residential
 - 28 March - Y1 to Stockwood
 - 29 March - Y2 to Stockwood
- 29 March - Balance due for Y5 York residential
- 29 March - Primary Puppets in
 - 30 March - Easter service at St Mary's
- 1 April - balance due for Y3 Bassenfell residential

And finally we break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 1st April at 1.30. School will reopen on Wednesday 20th April for everyone.
