



Maryport Church of England Primary School - November

Newsletter November 2021

Welcome to our November 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.

The last few weeks have been very busy in school with so many activities taking place. Thankfully, the number of Covid cases has decreased amongst both children and staff but we remain cautious with some restrictions still in place.

In order to continue keeping everyone safe, we will unfortunately not be having any events open to parents in the lead up to Christmas. Our Early Years unit and Key Stage 1 classes will instead join together to produce a video featuring all of the children which will then be posted on our website for you to enjoy.

KS2 will still attend St Mary's Church for the annual Christingle service but this will just be for the children. Again, we will take lots of photos and videos to share.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas is an important time of year in the Christian calendar and in school we provide many opportunities for the children to reflect on the significance of the birth of Jesus. This year, our friends from the Solway Youth Network will be working with us to develop outdoor prayer spaces in our woodland area. Years 1 and 2 will also be visiting Bassenfell Manor Christian Outdoor Centre to discover the 'Christmas Journey'.

All of the children from Y1 upwards will also receive an Advent booklet to share with their families at home - we hope you enjoy doing some of the activities together.

DIARY DATES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17
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	30	31				

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Christmas Shop

As is our usual tradition, Mrs Jarvis has kindly volunteered to once again run a Christmas shop for the children to purchase presents for their family. Full details will shortly be sent out so keep an eye out for the letter.

Thank you for your support.

Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who purchased and supported this year's Poppy appeal. We do not know how much was raised yet as the collection boxes are sent away to be opened and counted but we had so many children sporting wristbands, snap bands and poppies, I am sure it will be a lot of money.

On Friday 12th November, our school council and Y6 Beech class attended a Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church along with Dearham, Our Lady and St Patrick's and Netherhall. As always the children did us proud.



Children In Need

Another big thank you to everyone who supported our school council nominated charity BBC Children In Need. By donating to come to school in non-uniform and from selling merchandise, we raised an amazing £740!!!



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.

Payments

If your child is going on a school trip and you wish to order a school packed lunch, please make sure this is ordered at least 3 days in advance. Those on free school meals still need to order these. Thank you.

Reminder that snack for all year groups, except years 1 and 2, are to be paid for at the start of each half term via our online payment method. The next half term, January to February, is £5.

Applications to join the school

Applications for Reception and Year 3 places for September 2022 are now open. All Nursery children due to move up to Reception need to apply however current Y2 children will automatically have a place in Y3 and do not need to complete an application. If you know of any parents of children in Grasslot, Netherton or Ellenborough & Ewanrigg Infant Schools, please pass this information on. for further details and application forms please visit

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

We will also have places available in our Little Acorns 2 year old provision in January and can also still accept children into Nursery in January too. Please contact the office for details of how to apply.

And finally we break up for the half term holiday on Thursday 16th December at 1.30 . School will reopen on Wednesday 5th January.
