



Maryport Church of England Primary School

Newsletter October 2021

Welcome to our October 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.

As we approach the October half term break, I have been reflecting on the many challenges that the new school year has brought. Staff and pupil absence has led to disruption and some changes to routines but as always, everyone in school has pulled together and made it work.

Unfortunately, cases of Covid within our area have continued to rise in recent weeks and many of our families have been affected by this and have needed to isolate. The guidance from Cumbria Public Health has been updated on a number of occasions to reflect the situation and has been shared with parents via email and Facebook. We ask that everyone continues to remain vigilant to symptoms and arranges for a PCR test if displaying any.

As with any illness, please inform the office of the reason for absence.

Visit From Bishop James - 14/10/21

On Thursday 14th October, Bishop James visited school to officially open and bless our new outdoor prayer space. During his visit, Bishop James was also given a tour of the school by our Worship Warriors Group, met with Y6 who asked him questions about his work and participated in a well-being yoga session.



Reverend Susan

After many years serving the community of Maryport, Rev Susan held her last service on Sunday 11th October before retiring. Representatives from the school attended along with many people who have worked and worshipped alongside Susan during her ministry. Everyone in school wishes Susan a long and happy retirement. Susan will however continue on in her role as a school governor so we look forward to still playing an important role in our lives.



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.

Harvest Festival

This year, we are not able to hold a public Harvest Festival in church due to Covid. We will though still be marking the occasion by taking our Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) down to church for a service led by the Year 5 children.

Our Key Stage 1 and Early Years children will also have a harvest celebration in school and staff will record a video to share with parents.

Our Harvest appeal this year is in support of the North Lakes Foodbank who delivered sessions in school this week outlining the job they do. If you are able to donate any food stuff (tins, packets etc NOT fresh produce), then there are collection boxes in both main entrances.

Thank you for your support.



NORTH LAKES foodbank **School Harvest Appeal 2021**

HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH A FOOD HARVEST COLLECTION

PLEASE HELP

Every year North Lakes Foodbank feeds around 6,000 people who are in 'Crisis'. Crisis is a term we use to describe someone who is going through a difficult time which have may a financial impact and leaving them short of money to buy food for a few days. When someone is in 'Crisis' they may be entitled to a food parcel which will give emergency food for 3 days. Please help by donating any of the food items listed.

HARVEST SHOPPING LIST

- Milk UHT full fat
- Fruit Juice UHT 1 ltr
- Tinned Meat Bells
- Tinned Hot Dogs
- Tinned Chicken in white sauce
- Sponge Pudding
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam
- Tinned Veg
- Tinned pasta eg Ravioli
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Baked Beans
- Instant Mash (single packets)

Tring Toot

Please help if you can.
THANK YOU!

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Lorton Street, Cokermouth CA13 9RH.
Tel: 07733338352 Email: stuart@thefoodbank.org.uk
Charity Number: 1067541

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School Council

Our school council have been meeting every 2 weeks since we started back in September. Their role is to feed back on issues affecting all the children in school and to organise charitable work.

So far, they have worked alongside our kitchen staff to revise the menu for after Christmas; they have produced some ideas for a reflection garden to be built later in the year and they have agreed on our focus charities for 2021-22.

As well as the 'usual' charities of the poppy appeal, Children in Need and Maryport Inshore Rescue, the school council have voted and agreed to support the Air ambulance and Poverty Swap.

The first set of fundraising events will begin next week with a colouring competition. Entry sheets will be available to buy with prizes for the best in each class. All children in school will also receive a tube of smarties. Once the smarties have been eaten, the challenge is to then fill the tube with 20p's. Once full, the tube can be returned to school.



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/childrenservices/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.

Out and about!

It has been lovely in recent weeks to resume educational visits. Y5&6 have been to Lakes College for a science show, Y4 have been to Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum along Hadrian's Wall and Y5 visited the Lake district Wildlife Park. All of the children enjoyed their visits and it was lovely to hear that their behaviour, manners and level of engagement were praised by members of the public.





*And finally we break up for the half term holiday on Friday 22nd October at our usual time of 3.15.
School will reopen on Monday 1st November.*
