



SEPTEMBER 2024 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see the children return and our new starters settling in so well. As I have visited each of the classrooms, there has been a lovely atmosphere around school with each class eager to engage with their new learning.

This first newsletter of the year will contain important information about PE, Forest School sessions, wraparound care and much more.

Keeping in touch

Having a positive relationship between home and school is incredibly important and communicating effectively helps to keep everyone happy.

Please make sure that you inform us of any changes to your contact details - phone number or email - so our systems can be updated and you do not miss any information.

Our newsletters come out monthly and the office will send out text messages or emails about any upcoming events that need your action. In addition to this, our Facebook page will also keep you up to date with all of our children's achievements and will also signpost to local events or support networks.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the office, 01900 812299, of the reason and then do so on each day of any continuing absence. We ask that you do not use Tapestry or Seesaw for absence reporting.

Tapestry and Seesaw are used by class teachers to share with you any class information or work your child has done. Although you may comment on these platforms, they are not to be used as a form of official communication and a call or email to the office is recommended. Staff are not able to respond to messages immediately and may need to wait until the end of the day to get back in touch.

If you have a concern or query about anything at all, in the first instance, contact the office who will be able to answer your questions or pass your concern on to the most appropriate person. In most instances, it is advisable to speak about any concerns to the class teacher.

Wraparound Care

As from Monday 9th September, we are expanding our wraparound care offer.

Breakfast Club runs each morning from 8am and is open to all children in school. Children are provided with a choice of breakfast items and activities are available for them to play with. The cost of breakfast club is £2. Children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals do not need pay.

Our new after school wraparound care is our 'Tree Tops' club which will run each week day during term time from 3.15-5.15. This is available for children from Reception through to Y6. The cost of each session is £7.50 and is part government funded to support working parents. We are therefore unable to offer any free places for this scheme.

To access Tree Tops', parents will need to initially register their child and then book the days they require at least 48 hours in advance. Full details and a link to the registration form can be found on our website page at <https://www.maryport.cumbria.sch.uk/key-information/tree-tops-wraparound-after-school-care>

Home Reading

The importance of reading cannot be underestimated - the more a child reads, the more proficient they will become.

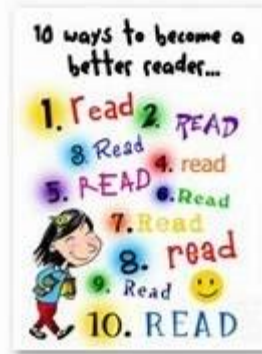
From the earliest of ages, it is vital that books are shared with children, listening to an adult tell a story introduces them to new vocabulary and the 'song' of the words.

Our youngest children in school will bring home books to share with their family and as they progress through Reception and our Read, Write Inc (RWI) phonics scheme, they will also bring home books that they can begin to read themselves.

Our 'strive for five' initiative promotes home reading - we would like parents /carers to read or listen to their child read 5 times across the week. Please take a quick minute to fill in your child's home school diary to let us know how you are getting on.

Information to support home reading can be found using the link below.

[How to support your child's reading at home - BBC Bitesize](#)



Attendance

As from the start of this term, new rules have come into effect around attendance. You may already have seen information on this in the press or online.

The Local Authority have recently appointed new officers who will be working directly with schools and families to support with attendance issues.

The new rules mean that the parents of a child who has 10 or more sessions (equivalent to 5 days) unauthorised absence in any 10 week period may be issued with a fixed penalty notice. The fine for school absence penalty notices across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. If you do not pay the fine you may be prosecuted in court.

Full details of the new attendance strategy can be found at [Resources for families | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resources-for-families/)

As was previously the case, holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Healthy Eating

May we kindly ask that sweets are not brought into school for mid-morning snacks and that packed lunches include healthy options.



OPAL

Our OPAL play zones are in full swing at lunchtimes with the children already getting excited and creative outside. Please remember that the children will be going out in all weathers so wellies and a waterproof coat are needed.

We do have a stock of wellies and waterproofs but if your child has grown out of any at home, please consider donating them to school. Thank you.



PE

PE days for this term are as follows -

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Tuesday

Year 1 Birch - Monday & Thursday

Year 2 Lime - Monday & Thursday

Y3/4 Juniper - Monday & Thursday

Y3/4 Pine - Tuesday & Thursday

Y3/4 Ash - Tuesday & Thursday

Y5/6 Maple - Tuesday & Friday

Y5/6 Oak - Wednesday & Friday

Y5/6 Beech - Wednesday & Friday

On PE days, children should come into school already wearing their PE kits. Please note that sports club tops and shorts are NOT to be worn.



FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

Forest School sessions have now moved to Mondays for this term. Remember that your child needs to bring old clothes and shoes and these need to include long-sleeved tops and long- legged trousers. Forest school clothing is not to be worn for the whole day and must be brought to get changed into.

Sessions for the first half term -

- *9th September - Y3/4 Juniper*
 - *16th September - Y3/4 Pine*
 - *23rd September - Y3/4 Ash*
 - *30th September - y5/6 Oak*
 - *7th October - Y5/6 Beech*
 - *14th October Y5/6 Maple*
 - *21st October - Y2 Lime*
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Friends of Maryport Primary School PTA Group

After a great start last year, our PTA group (Friends of Maryport) are on the look out for more volunteers to help support the school in holding events to raise money. The next meeting is at 5pm on the 11th September where new members are welcome to come along to the main entrance to begin to plan out the year ahead.

Some upcoming events have already been penciled into the calendar where we hope to see lots of parents and children coming along to join in the fun.

The Friends of Maryport Group would like to take this opportunity to thank additional helpers and parents who have donated, sponsored and helped in any way over the last year.



Is your child up to date with their vaccinations?

When children are in close contact in school, bugs and illnesses can spread quickly so it is important to ensure your child has all the vaccinations available to them. To find out what they need and when follow the link [here](#)

DIARY DATES

- *12th September - RWI meeting for Reception parents*
 - *20th September – PTA non-uniform day*
- *24-26th September – Coram life education workshops*
- *26th September – Y6 to React Science Show at Lillyhall*
 - *27th September – sponsored walk*
 - *27th September – Macmillan coffee afternoon*
- *2nd October – Y3/4 – Primary Business Partnership workshops*
- *3rd October – Experience Easter sessions at All Soul's church*

- *9th October – Wheelchair basketball sessions*
 - *9th October – Y5/6 netball competition*
 - *16th October – Harvest Festival*
 - *21st October – nasal flu immunisations*
 - *21-22nd October – parent meetings*
 - *22nd October – School photographs*
 - *24th October – Halloween Disco for KS2*
 - *28th October – half term*
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More events will be added as the term progresses.

