



## Maryport Church of England Primary School

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## Newsletter 2 Summer Term 2020

Over the course of the last week, we have been in contact with the majority of our families to 'check in' and make sure everyone is as ok as they can be in these difficult times. We send our heartfelt condolences to those of you who have sadly lost family members; please know that you are in our prayers.

Hearing from you all has really highlighted that everyone is coping in a range of ways and that family circumstances are very different. Some of you are managing to access and complete lots of the home learning suggestions, some of you are finding it difficult due to working from home, reluctant children or issues with technology. The one thing I really want to stress to you all is not to worry about what you have or have not been able to get through. The suggestions we have put on the website or signposted to on Facebook are just that – suggestions. The most important thing right now is that your child feels as safe and secure as they can so they do not become too anxious or worried.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to get in touch with you all and ask that if you need any support, you also contact us. We may not be able to help with everything but will try our best to point you in the direction of support if we can't do it ourselves. If you need help or support with work, please contact your child's teacher via Tapestry (2's, Nursery and Reception) or SeeSaw. If your child has an EHCP, either Mrs Holliday or myself will be in touch on a weekly basis to offer support.

The government has also today released some additional guidance which can be found at –

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

### Home Learning

The staff wish to pass on to all the children how much they are enjoying seeing their activities that have been uploaded to Tapestry and SeeSaw. We are amazed by the creativity and fun you all seem to be having. We cannot share every piece of work on Facebook but over the coming weeks we will try to ensure that examples are shared from anyone who sends work in.

A new set of activities will be uploaded onto the class pages of the website each Sunday evening. Again, please do not worry if you don't get through everything – just do what you can!

### Contact details

There are a very small number of parents for whom we still do not have the correct contact details. Please ensure that if you change your phone number or start to use a different email address, you let the office know. The best way to do this at the moment is via email. Thank you.

### Free School Meal Vouchers

Mrs Penn has been working very hard to ensure that everyone eligible for these will receive the next lot of vouchers shortly. The new government online system has been inundated with schools

trying to access it and unfortunately it has been very difficult to get through. We have now had notification that our order has been completed so the vouchers should be out this week. Any problems with these, please contact Mrs Penn on [admin@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Y6 Leaver's Hoodies

Following on from conversations had with some Y6 parents last week, we are looking into ways to provide an option to still purchase our traditional hoodies for our Y6 leavers. The office will be in touch shortly with details on this.

### Refunds

All refunds for the Big Dance event have now been issued so everyone who had bought tickets should have received the payment into their bank. Mrs Penn will be sorting out the Y4 residential refunds in the coming week so please look out for an email about that. The other residential

refunds are still in the hands of the insurance and will be processed soon. Again, thank you for your patience with this.

### Christian Values

Our focus Christian value for this half term is **RESPECT**. We believe that people are made in the image of God, that everyone is special, everyone's opinion matters, everyone's contribution is important, everyone's feelings should be considered and everyone's faith is sacred.

The Bible teaches us to respect differences in our world through stories like The Good Samaritan and Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. We use these stories to think carefully about how we treat others.

Within our school, we encourage all, " to treat others as you would want them to treat you." (Matthew 7:12) Respect can mean simply treating each other with politeness and courtesy, and recognising that everyone's contribution is important and that everyone's feelings should be considered. We regularly discuss how respecting someone does not mean that we always agree with the other person but that we are prepared to listen and share our views without rudeness or impatience.

**Please see the website for ideas of things you can do at home to promote this value.**

**NEW EMERGENCY  
SUPPORT HELPLINE**

**0800 783 1966**  
**COVID19support@  
cumbria.gov.uk**

**Only for people at  
high risk of becoming  
seriously ill as a result of  
COVID-19 and who do not  
have support available  
from friends, family or  
neighbours.**

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