



Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am happy to write to you once more with an update on some of the key events from this week in school. We have had another wonderful week with a range of experiences and opportunities for our pupils.

Prayer Theme

- Monday 20th March marked the feast of St Cuthbert, the patron Saint of our diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This week we have been inspired to reflect on the pilgrim nature of Faith. Faith is a journey that we are undertaking together as a school community.

“ Faith is not being sure where you're going but going anyway. A journey without maps.”

May we follow the example of St Cuthbert in prayer and service to others..
May we nurture our 'inner' life with God in order to see God more clearly around us.
May we seek God in our hearts in order to better serve God in the world.

School Show - The Addams Family

- What an incredible show! I would like to extend my congratulations and thanks to everyone involved this week. I really hope you had the chance to come and watch the fantastic performance.
- A special thanks goes to Mrs Olsen and Ms Caffull for their tireless efforts to produce such a fabulous show. I am very proud of every pupil involved. We have such a broad range of talents, skills and interests in our school and the show is a perfect example of that.
- There is still the final night to go, so I'd encourage you to see if there are any tickets left!

Mock Trial Competition

- A group of our wonderful year 9 pupils attended a 'Mock Trial' competition at Peterlee magistrates court last Saturday 18th March. They performed with skill and confidence in both 'defence' and 'prosecution', and they were a credit to the school.
- I would like to thank Miss Jobson for very kindly agreeing to support them there. Well done to all involved.

Sporting Events

- Netball: Congratulations to our Year 9 netball team who won their match against Emmanuel school on Monday night and played brilliantly. Very well done to our Year 8 netball team who competed valiantly against Thorp on Tuesday night to a narrow defeat, and beat both Whickham and Emmanuel. Thank you



to Ms Bowles for taking them and a huge well done to all the players who excelled!

- We would like to extend our best wishes to two of our pupils in particular. One of our Year 11 boys was selected to compete in the National Schools Cross Country competition last weekend, and one of our Year 10 girls will be competing in a national Golf competition. Such great talent!

Uniform

- Can I please remind all parents/carers of our uniform expectations. The vast majority of pupils attend school in full and correct uniform and look extremely smart.
- Trainers are not permitted as footwear. Trainers are for PE lessons only.
- Pupils must not wear or bring jewellery into school.
- If you need to purchase any items before the start of the next term please find attached details of suppliers below on our school website:

<https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/students/key-information/school-uniform/>

Spring Concert

- A reminder that tickets are on sale via Parentpay:



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THURSDAY 30TH MARCH
MAIN HALL

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£5 Adults and £3 Concessions

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As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch using the pastoral email addresses below:

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Yours sincerely,

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