



Friday 22nd March, 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and you have been able to keep up to date with the exciting things that have been happening this week via our social media or letters posted on the school website. Could I ask that if your contact details change please do let us know so that we can update our systems. Our fundraising has gone so well this week with events ranging from Bake Sales, Easter Egg decorating to 'Splash the teacher'! One week left to see how much we can raise for 'Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care' during Holy Week. Thank you for your support.

Prayer Theme

"If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too"
John 12: 20 - 33

- We have prayed together as a community:

**Dear God,
Grant us the grace to embrace the call to follow him wholeheartedly.
May we be like the grain of wheat,
Willing to undergo transformation and sacrifice for the sake of your kingdom.
Strengthen us with your Spirit,
That we may live lives of faithful discipleship
Amen**

Year 7 Football Success

- The Year 7 boys moved into the Gateshead Schools Cup Semi-Final this week with a convincing win over Lord Lawson School.
- The boys totally dominated proceedings and it was an excellent team performance.
- They will meet Cardinal Hume in the semi-final.
- Good luck boys!



Mobile Phone use

- Please find a link to the recent letter I sent regarding Mobile Phone use at St Thomas More.
- We appreciate your support in ensuring that pupils' focus is always on learning and keeping people safe.
- [Mobile Phone use update.](#)

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Year 9 Sikhism talk

- I would like to thank Jas from the NE Sikh community for sharing his time so generously with Year 9 last week.
- As part of their current learning in the Wider Curriculum lesson Year 9 are studying world faiths.
- The emphasis is on respect and tolerance of all faiths and cultures, as we are all one community.
- Year 9 asked some great questions about the 5 K's of Sikhism.



Love Thy Neighbour

Year 11 & 13 Final RAP

- Our final Raising Achievement Plan for Year 11 and 13 has begun.
- This consists of a series of extra intervention and revision sessions for all pupils.
- As a school we pride ourselves in providing additional exam support through 'Walking talking mocks' to alleviate any worries around exams.
- A huge 'Good Luck' to all of our pupils in the final push to exams!



Spring Concert - final call!

- On Tuesday 26th March we are holding our Spring Concert.
- Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.
- Pupils and staff are working hard with the rehearsals and it is set to be a lovely evening.
- Tickets are available on ParentPay



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Year 8 Parents Evening

- Thank you for your attendance at our Year 8 parents evening last night.
- If you have any additional queries please contact us via the House email addresses.
- Please look out for a text with a link to a parent/carer survey that we would appreciate as many responses as possible to.

Holy Week

- If you are not able to attend a service during Holy Week at your own parishes, please find Holy Week Services at St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle.
- [Cathedral Church of St Mary](#)

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community.

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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