



Friday 13th September 2024

## Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been great to have our first full week of teaching and learning in school. I have enjoyed visiting lessons and talking with pupils about their summer holidays and what they are looking forward to this term. I have added the 'Parental Engagement' and 'Keeping in Touch' documents once more as a reminder of how we can work well together to ensure our pupils can all flourish, make progress and are happy. I look forward to meeting many of you next week at our welcome evenings too.

### Prayer Theme

**"And immediately his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke right"**  
**Mark 7: 31 - 37**

- We have prayed together as a community:

**Dear God,**

**We thank you for all your miracles in the world that we sometimes do not notice. We ask for you to open our hearts and minds to witnessing your love through the voices and actions of others. Help us to remember that with faith, anything is possible.**

**Amen.**

### Welcome Evenings

- We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to next week's year group welcome evenings.
- Please see a link to the details and timings of the evenings per year group:

[Year group Welcome Evenings](#)



**Year Group Welcome Evenings**

**Please join us on the following evenings:**

- Year 7:** Monday 16th September
- Year 8:** Tuesday 17th September
- Year 9:** Tuesday 17th September
- Year 10:** Wednesday 18th September
- Year 11:** Wednesday 18th September
- Year 12:** Monday 16th September
- Year 13:** Monday 16th September

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### Arbor App

- Please find a reminder of our letter to families about the new Arbor system and app we are using.
- Please read it carefully and if you have any issues please get in touch.

[Arbor app letter to parents](#)



### Soft Plastic Recycling

- We are pleased to be working in partnership with the Coop to provide soft plastic recycling in the canteen.
- Our Eco Club and pupil voice activities suggested pupils wanted to be able to recycle even more, so this is a great step in that direction!
- Pupils and staff can recycle any item from the list below:

[Soft plastic packaging - Co-op](#)

### Personal Development 'Pop Up'

- Each week in school we feature a different theme linked to our Wider Curriculum and Personal Development programme at our 'Pop Up' in the canteen.
- Last week's theme was 'Well Being' linked to returning to school and starting a new school.
- This week has been on Democracy and British Values - look out for updates on our social media!





### Parental Engagement @STM

- Please use the document linked below for all parental engagement opportunities this academic year:

[Parental Engagement Opportunities 2024 - 2025.pdf](#)

### Keeping in Touch @STM

- Please use the document below to ensure you use the correct email address when communicating with school:

[Keeping in Touch.pdf](#)

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

Yours sincerely,

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