




Friday 18th October 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I am pleased to let you know that in addition to our parental support opportunities, shared at the start of the year, we are providing some online webinars on a range of topics that we hope you will find useful in supporting your child linked to their wellbeing, keeping safe and curriculum progress. We will share the dates and topics each half term and hope you are able to join us. Please see the letter attached for further details on how to access our first one next Wednesday 23rd October 5.30-6.00pm on the topic of 'Healthy sleep patterns - Sleeping your way to success'

 [Parent Engagement Launch Letter.pdf](#)

Prayer Theme

'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.'

Mark 10: 17-30

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear God,

We thank you for the examples that Jesus gave to us in the Gospels on how to enter the kingdom of God.

We ask for strength and guidance when reflecting on our own lives to focus on your teachings so we too can enter your kingdom.

Amen.

Kooth assemblies

- We invited Michael from Kooth to speak to our pupils this week about their free online tool designed to support young people with their mental health
- Pupils spoke really positively about the assembly and we would encourage parents and carers to speak about the importance of seeking help when we don't feel good
- [Kooth](#)



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Firework Safety

- Representatives from the Tyne and Wear Fire & Rescue service are coming to school on Monday to speak with our Year 7 & 8 pupils about the importance of staying safe around Fireworks and Bonfires
- Please follow the safety advice: [Use fireworks safely - Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service](#).



Fundraising Walk - Friday 25th October

- We are looking forward to ending our Autumn half term 1 with our annual fundraising walk/readathon
- We just need to pray that the sun shines ideally!
- It is always a great success and a lovely thing to do as a community [Fundraising Walk/Readathon](#)

Helping your child prepare for Mock examinations [Year 11 and 13]

- Our Year 11 and 13 have their mock examinations starting the first Monday back after half term, Monday 4th November
- Please see details in the letters below and a parents guide to supporting young people during exam times

[YR 11 Mock Examinations Letter - October 2024](#)

[YR 13 Mock Examinations Letter - October 2024](#)

[Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)

Half term dates

- A reminder that our last day of the half term is **Friday 25th October** and pupils return to school on Monday 4th November.



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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