



Friday 7th March 2025

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term. It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils and staff back to school this week. On Wednesday we began the season of Lent. Can I ask that you keep our school community in your prayers as we take time to pray, fast and give alms to our chosen charity, CAFOD. Please find some Lenten prayer resources here: [Liturgy & Prayer - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#). Lent is a time where we can strengthen the journey of hope in this Jubilee Year.



Prayer Theme

“Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but pay no attention to the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Please, brother, let me take that speck out of your eye,’ yet cannot even see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”

Luke 6:39-45

- We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

help us to see when we are doing something that hurts or upsets others. Help us to say sorry and to make a change. Fill our hearts with your love and goodness. Help us to focus on our own wrong doings rather than judging others.

Amen

Year 10 Parent Survey

- Thank you if you were able to attend our parents evening for Year 10 this week
- Please look out for the link to a parent/carer survey to complete
- Your support is very much appreciated



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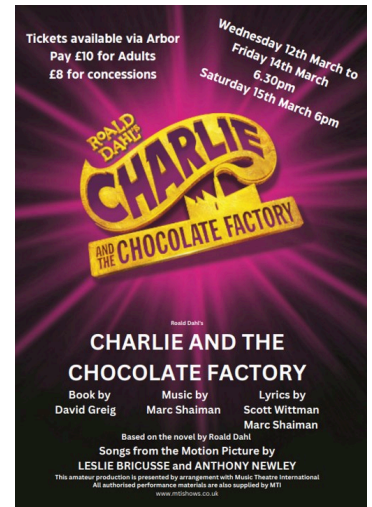
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School Show - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

- We are very excited to showcase the talents of our staff and pupils next week when we present Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Everybody has been working very hard and can't wait to put on the show!
- It runs from Wednesday 12th March to Saturday 15th March
- Tickets are available to buy via Arbor
- Please support our fabulous pupils as they take you on a journey to a 'world of pure imagination!'



Fire Safety

Due to an increase in anti-social behaviour fires in Gateshead so far this year, Gateshead Fire Service have asked us to share the following important information. As we approach the lighter spring nights when young people stay out longer with their friends it's important for parents and guardians to be aware that the Fire Service experiences an increase of incidents associated with anti-social behaviour. Please consider the following points:

- Know where your child/children are playing in the local community.
- Advise that your child is home for a pre-arranged time.
- Try to sign up your child for organised groups or clubs delivered in a controlled environment.
- Fire setting is not only a danger to people in the surrounding vicinity, including the fire-setter themselves, but materials such as plastics can emit harmful toxic gases once alight which can prove deadly.
- Deliberate fires can prove fatal for everyone involved as our firefighters can't be in two places at once, which means that potentially resident's lives could be put at risk through repeated thoughtless fire-setting.
- Inform your child about the importance of water safety and not to play or swim near ponds, lakes, rivers or even abandoned quarries.
- If anyone wishes to report incidents of anti-social behaviour relating to deliberate fire-setting in their local community then people can call Firestoppers anonymously by ringing 0800 169 5558 or by completing an online form www.firestoppersreport.co.uk



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Yours sincerely,

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