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Dear Families,

Weekly Newsletter

Earrings and Safety in School

As a school, the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is our top priority. We have **recently reviewed our no earrings policy**, alongside other local schools, to ensure it remains consistent and in line with national guidance from the **Association for Physical Education (AfPE)**.

AfPE advises that:

“The practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson establishes a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings. **Schools have a duty of care to ensure students can participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them.**”

This means that wearing earrings including retainers during school activities can pose a risk not only to the child wearing them, but also to others nearby. We know that our children – and their parents – would never want to risk causing injury to another child, even accidentally. Following this policy helps everyone to take responsibility for keeping each other safe.

We thank parents and carers for their continued support in helping us maintain a safe, caring, and inclusive environment for all pupils.


Fancy Dress Halloween Disco

Thursday 23rd October, 4:00pm – 5:15pm

Join us for our spooky Halloween Disco!
There'll be a **hotdog snack and a ghoulish drink** for everyone.

All children are welcome, but we ask that **parents of very young children carefully consider whether it's suitable**, as it can be **very warm, loud, and sometimes quite scary**.
If you think your child may find it overwhelming, please give this one a miss — unfortunately, we won't have the staff available for 1:1 supervision on the night.

 **Drop-off:** Main Office at 4:00 pm

 **Pick-up:** 5:15pm sharp

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS VIA TRIPS SECTION IN OUR ARBOR APP
There is a £2.50 charge to participate in the event

Harvest Festival

We are still collecting donations for our **Harvest Festival**.
All contributions will be taken to the local food bank next week.
Thank you for your **kindness and generosity!**

Autumn Curriculum

Our year Group **Autumn Curriculum Plans** are now available on the school website.
Please have a look to see what your child will be studying this term.

Diwali Day – Monday 20th October

We'll be celebrating **Diwali Day** on Monday 20th October!
Children will learn more about the different faiths in our community and are encouraged to **dress in bright colours** to mark the occasion.
We hope they'll come home excited to share what they've learned!

Year 6 Mosque Visit

As part of their Religious Education curriculum, **Year 6** visited a **Mosque** today.
Please take a moment to ask them about their experience and what they learned — it was a valuable and inspiring visit!

Half-Term Reminder

School will **close for the October half-term** on **Thursday 23rd October**.
We wish all our families a **wonderful and restful break!**



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Thursday, 23rd October – 3.20pm – School closes for the half-term holiday

Monday, 3rd November – School re-opens after half-term break

Monday, 1st and Tuesday, 2nd December – Parent consultations

Regards

Mr S Brown
Head Teacher

10th October 2025

HARVEST **COLLECTION** **HELP FAMILIES IN NEED**



Please donate non-perishable food items: tinned goods, pasta, rice, cereals and more.



DROP-OFF DETAILS

Blaydon West Primary School



October 1st - 15th

Together, we can make this harvest season a time of hope and nourishment for everyone.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!