



Ovingham CE First School

Weekly News

21st April 2023

Dates at a Glance

Tues 25th Apr – Open the Book

Tues 25th April—Y4 to OMS for Challenge Morning

Tues 25th Apr Y3 Parent Lunch

Wed 26th Apr Y3 Parent Lunch

Thurs 27th Apr—Y3 Trip to Badminton Centre

Thurs 27th March—Y1 Forest School at Glebe Woods

Fri 28th Apr—pm, Music Workshops

Mon 1st May—Bank Holiday

Tues 2nd May – Y2 & Y3 Visit to Mosque

3Wedrd May – Y1 Visit to Synagogue

Thurs 4th May – Reception & Y4 Visit to Hindu Temple

Fri 5th May—Coronation Picnic

Mon 8th May—Bank Holiday

Tues 9th May – Y4 Residential

Tues 16th May – Y4 Parent Lunch

Wed 17th May – Y4 Parent Lunch

Fri 19th May – Reception Heights & Weights

Mon 22nd May—Y4 to OMS to view Annie rehearsal

Tues 23rd May—Open the Book

Fri 26th May – Break up for Half-Term

Staffing

I wanted to provide you with an update on staffing arrangements for the summer term. Mrs Aldridge has been on maternity leave since March 2022 and is now returning to work. Mrs Aldridge will be returning to work two days a week; however as Mrs Aldridge's working hours have changed, this means that Miss Kendal will continue as our Year 2 teacher until the end of the summer term. As a result of the change in hours and other staffing changes in the Spring term, Mrs Aldridge will move to Mickley for the summer term on a job share basis, meaning that she will not normally be working in Ovingham.

Over the coming weeks, we will be considering the options for staffing in September and we will aim to provide an update by the end of June. Our partnership with Mickley and as part of the Trust allows greater flexibility with staffing and more opportunities for staff to develop.

Mr Hudson

Parking Outside School

Please could we politely request that parents don't park in front of the gate opposite school. The farmer has been unable to access his field on several occasions due to cars being parked there. We understand that parking outside school can be difficult at busy times but would request that you remember that access is needed at all times.

Climbing Frame

We are a little concerned regarding the use of the school climbing frames at drop-off and pick-up times. We would draw your attention to the school's statement on the use of the climbing frames which was published in an earlier newsletter and which has been posted under 'Links and Downloads' on our web pages: <http://www.ovinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web>

STEM Week

The children had an exciting time at the end of last term celebrating STEM week. There were CSI workshops, investigations and design and making activities...great fun was had by all and we hope they weren't too eggshasted!!!!



Coronation Picnic

On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles in school. The children will be having a special picnic lunch at lunchtime and then from 2pm onwards we would like to invite parents and carers to join us for tea and cake on the school field. Everyone is welcome - please bring a picnic mat or camping chairs and plenty of sunshine!

Coronation Poster Competition

Ovingham Parish Council are holding a competition for the best posters designed to celebrate the Coronation. Entries can be left in a labelled box in the school hall. Further details of age groups and prizes can be found on the notice posted under 'Links and Downloads' on our web pages: <http://www.ovinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web>

Y3 Trip to Newcastle Badminton Centre

On Thursday 27th April Y3 at both Ovingham and Mickley schools will be visiting the Newcastle Badminton Centre for an activity day. Please remember to send children into school wearing their PE kits.

Y1 Forest School at Glebe woods

On Thursday 27th April Y1 will be visiting Glebe Woods with Mrs Ward for a full day of forest school activities. If you have agreed to transport your child yourself please ensure they are dropped off at Stocksfield railway station between 9 and 9.15 and collected at 2.30. Please refer to previous communications for clothing details etc.

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Clubs:

Karate – Mon 3.10 – 4.10 – open to children from Y1-Y4

Reception Multi-Skills—Wed 3.10—4.10

Y2 Gardening Club—Wed 3.10—4.10

Y3/Y4 Dance Club—Fri 3.10-4.10

Weekly Events:

Monday - Guitar Lessons with Mr Newbrook

Monday—Y3 Badminton Coaching

Wednesday – PE with Newcastle Utd

Thursday - Keyboard Lessons with Mrs Shevlin

Whole School Reading Challenge

Monday 24th April- Monday 8th May

As part of our ongoing drive to promote reading in and out of school, we will be holding a whole school reading challenge over the next few weeks. We hope that you will support your child/children to take part as the activities will cover a range of skills linked to the requirements of the National Curriculum as well as supporting our long term aims to encourage the children to read for pleasure.

We would like children to read on ten occasions within the two weeks of the challenge and record it in their green reading record book. This record could be a comment from either yourselves or the child but should be dated with a signature please. The children will also then have a further option to complete some additional challenges either with support or independently.

At the end of the challenge all children will be given one raffle ticket for each completed part which will be entered into a class prize draw. The winner from each class will receive a book token. All entries will receive a certificate.

Entries must be returned to school no later than Monday 8th May 2023.

Challenge 1- Read on ten separate occasions between Monday 24th April and Monday 8th May

Challenge 2- Complete any of the following activities (one raffle ticket for each one completed). Photographs and or written pieces of work should be sent into school at the end of the challenge.

<p><u>Read for an Audience</u> Read to a cuddly toy or a sibling or a grandparent.</p>	<p><u>Read in an Unusual Place</u> Send photographs please or via email to school.</p>	<p><u>Visit a Library</u> Go to the library with an adult read a book there or borrow some to take home</p>
<p><u>Draw a Character</u> Draw a picture of your favourite character. Add a description and the character's name.</p>	<p><u>Title Page</u> Create a title page for your reading book. Include a picture, the title, author and illustrator.</p>	<p><u>Missing Poster</u> Create a wanted poster for a character from your book. Include a description, what they did and a reward.</p>
<p><u>Comic Strip</u> Choose the five most important events that happened in your book and turn them into a comic strip.</p>	<p><u>Quiz</u> Make up at least five questions about your guided reading book. Make sure you know the answers! Test your friend/family or teachers!</p>	<p><u>Acrostic Poem</u> Choose a character in your book and write an acrostic poem about them. Read it to the class or a friend.</p>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Ward