



Ovingham CE First School

Weekly News

20th January 2023

Dates at a Glance

Mon 6th Feb – Y2 & Y4
NUFC Dance Sessions
Mon 6th Feb – Y1 Par-
ent Lunch (Group 1)
Tues 7th Feb – Y1 Par-
ent Lunch (Group 2)
Thurs 9th Feb—Y1 For-
est School
Mon 13th Feb – Y3 & Y4
NUFC Dance Sessions
Tues 14th Feb – Safer
Internet Day
Tues 14th Feb – Wear
Red for CHUF
Tues 14th Feb – Valen-
tine’s Lunch
Thurs 16th Feb – Pan-
cake Flip
Fri 17th Feb – Disco
(afternoon in school)
w/c 27th March – Book
Week
Mon 27th Mar – Y3
badminton coaching
Fri 3rd March – Music
workshops

Clubs:

Karate – Mon 3.10 –
4.10 – open to chil-
dren from Y1-Y4
Reception Art Club—
Tues 3.10—4.10
Y2 Multi-Skills—Wed
3.10—4.10
Y3 Story Sack Club—
Thurs 3.10-4.10

Kielder Workshops

We had an amazing visit from the astronomy team from Kielder Observatory. Their inflatable planetarium was amazing and the workshops greatly enjoyed. Hopefully many of our children will decide that when they ‘grow up’ they would like to follow a career in astronomy.



Restart a Heart

The children have taken part in workshops providing them with knowledge on what to do should anyone suffer heart failure. The workshops were interactive and the children enjoyed practising a very useful skill.



Uniform Giveaway

Thank you to the PTA for manning the stalls at the recent Uniform Giveaway. School have gained some valuable storage space and donations in cash raised over £65.

NSPCC Number Day

Today’s number themed activities and dressing up have showed everyone how numbers can be fun, whilst at the same time giving us the opportunity of improving numeracy and bringing attention to the NSPCC.



Portacabin

This weekend will see the long-awaited removal of the Portacabin. We are all very excited at the prospect of having our KS2 playground back and the children are already planning the games they will be able to play. Hopefully the scooters will now be able to re-emerge! Comments from Y3 – “Good because instead of being squashed together we can have our own yard”, “Excited”. “Happy & sad”, “Sad because it’s nice to play with the little ones”. As many children expressed a degree of sadness, we will look at providing joint play sessions in the future.

Library

We have been working on re-opening our school library which was mothballed during the building work. It is lovely to have a space where children can enjoy books and reading, albeit very small!

“I am excited because I love reading”. – Y3 pupil.



Children’s Mental Health Week – Let’s Connect!

Next week we have a series of fun events planned, these events aim to give us all the opportunity to de-stress and enjoy school more:

- Monday 6 Feb: Music Monday - lunchtime conga!
- Tuesday 7th Feb: Odd Socks Day
- Wednesday 8th Feb: To write a postcard of appreciation to a member of our community
- Thursday 9th Feb: Secret Compliments Day
- Friday 10th Feb: Wellbeing Stand 3pm

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Weekly Events:

Monday - Guitar Lessons with Mr Newbrook

Wednesday – PE with Newcastle Utd

Thursday - Keyboard Lessons with Mrs Shevlin

(in the yard if weather permits, otherwise in School hall)

Further information on Children's Mental Health Week can be found at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Y1 Parent Lunch

The invitations have been sent out and Y1 are now set to receive their lunch guests split over Monday and Tuesday next week. Please arrive in school for 11.35 for lunch, afterwards you will be able to share some playtime with your child.

Y1 Forest School

We are planning to lead an in-school session for Y1 on **Thursday 9th February**.

For this day, we would need children to come into school wearing their forest school clothes. We are aiming to be outside for the whole afternoon so please ensure your child has plenty of layers and welly boots if possible. As this comes within our PE offer, children will **not** need to bring their PE kits in on Friday 10th February.

We are also looking into arranging further sessions outside of school, further information will be sent out shortly.

Wear Red for CHUF

CHUF supports the children and families who receive treatment at the Children's Heart Unit based at Freeman Hospital and the many other hospitals providing cardiac care for patients throughout the North East of England. They raise vital fund for pieces of equipment, facilities, aftercare, salaries and research. Freeman Hospital is also one of only two hospitals in the UK performing heart transplants for babies and children.

The annual Wear Red for CHUF day is an excellent way for us to have fun, raise awareness and vital funds for the Children's Heart Unit Fund. On 14th February simply wear red! Whether it's red socks, a red bow or you go all out in ruby red head-to-toe. CHUF are asking for a suggested donation of £1.

Valentine's Lunch

On Tuesday 14th February Mrs Pizzey and the catering will be providing a love themed special lunch. Watch out for the order forms being sent out soon.

Pancake Flip

The PTA are once again arranging the annual pancake flip. This will take place in school on Thursday 16th February. The children will be demonstrating their prowess at flipping a pancake and trying to flip as many as possible within a set time. They hopefully will be sponsored by family and friends, raising money to help the PTA provide treats and equipment for school.

Watch out for further information and sponsorship forms coming from the PTA soon.

Disco

On the afternoon of Friday 17th February, the last day before half-term, we will be holding a disco in school to round of this half-term with a favourite fun event.