



Ovingham CE First School

Weekly News

9th September 2022

Dates at a Glance

Wed 21st Sept –
Careers Visit Y3

Thurs 29th Sept –
Commonwealth
Games Athlete Visit
– Y3/Y4 (tbc)

Fri 30th Sept – Mac-
Millan Coffee Morn-
ing

Tues 18th Oct –
Harvest Festival
Service, St Mary's
Church

Clubs:

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

Y4 Football – Wed
3.10 – 4.10

Y2 Science Inves-
tigators – Thurs
3.10 – 4.10

Y3/Y4 Choir – Fri
3.10 – 4.10

Weekly Events:

Monday – Y3
swimming les-
sons

Wednesday – PE
with Newcastle
United Founda-
tion

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see the children this week and hear about all the wonderful things you've been up to.

They've all made a fantastic start in their new year groups and I know that all the teachers have been really impressed with their attitude to all aspects of school life- especially with the upheaval of the building work.

We are delighted to have had 100% attendance this week, which is a great start to the year.

The week after next, we are looking forward to welcoming all parents to our curriculum meetings. This will be a chance for you to find out about class routines, learning for the term and curriculum enrichment opportunities. Dates and times of these will follow next week.

Death of Queen Elizabeth II

We are all saddened to hear of the death of Queen Elizabeth. We have used our worship with Father Tom this morning to reflect on the news. As a whole school, we shared the understanding that her death will affect everyone in different ways and that there are always adults to talk to, whatever your feelings. We also highlighted the Queen's sense of duty and determination, as well as her role as mother, grandmother, great grandmother within her family. All staff are aware that this news may raise questions or cause concerns, where this happens

we will of course inform families and provide whatever support we can offer.

Exciting News

We are very excited to share the news that we are expecting a new member to our Ovingham team. Mrs Barber is expecting a baby in December

Reading In School

This year, as ever, we put reading at the heart of everything we do. The ability to read is not only the key to learning but it also has a huge impact on children's self-esteem and future life chances. We strive to ensure that our children are taught to read with fluency, accuracy and understanding. Above all, we want to teach our children to become enthusiastic, independent and reflective readers. To support this, we will be taking every opportunity to celebrate reading in school.

We are very excited to be adopting a new phonics scheme in school and will be sharing information about how you can support your child with this. We'd also love to hear about the books children have been reading at home. We'd like to add some book reviews to the newsletter so if your child has a book recommendation, please encourage them to share it either with their teacher, Mrs Ward or via the admin email address.

The children will be bringing an 'Our Book' home over the next few days to

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share with you and our school library has been restored in the school hall after the building work over the summer.

Reception

The children in Reception have been amazing this week and already seem very settled. Please look out for a Tapestry activation email over the next few days.

Lunch choices for Reception will be displayed outside the year 3 classroom. Please help your child to choose a lunch before they come into school.

Service of Prayer and Reflection at Hexham Abbey

Following the very sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth 2nd yesterday, a service of Prayer and Reflection will be held in the Abbey this evening, Friday 9th September, at 6.30pm and all are welcome to attend.

There is a portrait of HM The Queen in the Sanctuary. We welcome people to come and pray and have quiet reflection in the North Transept where they can light a votive candle and leave a prayer. If people would like a quiet area they can use Wilfrid Chapel or the old Choir Stalls

For people wishing to leave flowers, there is a dedicated area for this between the War Memorial and our front car park and people are encouraged

not to leave any plastic wrap on the flowers. They cannot be left in or outside the Abbey.

Flu Vaccinations

You will shortly be receiving a parentmail regarding the Flu Vaccination programme in school.

The Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Thursday 20th October** to vaccinate those children from Reception to Year 4, **where parental consent has been given.**

Parental consent will be given online this year, by following the link on the letter. There are no paper forms or letters to return to school. Consent must be given at least 48 hours before the vaccination date or your child will not be able to receive the vaccine in school.

If you require a paper copy of the letter please contact the school office. There is a contact telephone number for the Immunisation team on the letter for any queries.