



Ovingham CE First School

Weekly News

11th November 2022

Dates at a Glance

Tues 15th Nov –
Open the Book
Assembly

Wed 16th Nov – New
Starters Open
Evening

Fri 18th Nov –
Children in Need

Wed 23rd Nov –
Reception Parent
Lunch

Mon 28th Nov—
Thurs 1st Dec—
Scholastic Book Fair

Fri 2nd Dec – PTA
Christmas Fair

Tues 13th Dec – Y1/
Y2 Christmas Perform-
ance (afternoon
and evening)

Wed 14th Dec - Re-
ception Christmas
Performance
(afternoon only)

Thurs 15th Dec – Y3/
Y4 Christmas Perform-
ance (afternoon
and evening)

Fri 16th Dec – Christ-
mas Jumper Day

Fri 16th Dec – Christ-
mas Lunch

Tues 20th Dec –
Christmas Service at
St Mary's

Thurs 22nd Dec – Non
-uniform (School
closes for Christmas)

Building Work

We are nearing the end of the repairs to the school building and we are sure you will agree that the work carried out to the front of the school is a great improvement. We are expecting the work to be completely finished within the next two weeks and the Portacabins removed on or around 4th December. We are very grateful for the way in which the builders have carried out the work, whilst taking care that the children have been disturbed as little as possible.

Remembrance

Today the children took part in a Remembrance Service at St Mary's church. We then held a two-minute silence at 11.00 am with all the adults in school (including the builders) which was immaculately observed.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's Poppy Appeal, the collection will be picked up shortly and we shall be informed of the amount raised in due course.

New Starters Open Evening

The Reception staff welcomed prospective parents to the school on Tuesday evening this week. We had a good response and parents/carers were able to get a good view of what we provide at Ovingham and we look forward to welcoming them into school in September '23. A further evening will take place next week, Wednesday 16th November, 5.30-6.30 pm.

Disco

The children enjoyed the Halloween Disco on Friday 4th November. Much

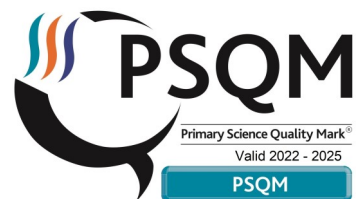
excitement and "ghoulish" dancing took place. Thanks to the PTA for organising this.

Multi-Skills Festival

Our Y1 children attended a Multi-Skills Festival alongside other Year One and Two pupils from other schools on Monday morning this week at Ponteland Community High School. The event, organised by NUFC gave the children the opportunity to improve their skills in throwing and catching, kicking balls etc.

PSQM Award

We are delighted to announce that our commitment to delivering a quality science curriculum has been recognised by achieving the prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark. Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) is the only national award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary schools. Schools achieve a PSQM through a year-long process of initial audit, followed by action and evidenced-based reflection. Both staff and children have worked very hard to raise the profile of science in school, we feel this is a real strength in our curriculum and we will continue to find ways to enhance Science across school. Well done to everyone involved!, this is an achievement to be proud of!



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Clubs:

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

Y3 Multi-Skills – Wed 3.10 – 4.10

Whole School Bible Explorers Club 3.10 – 4.10

Weekly Events:

Monday - Guitar Lessons with Mr Newbrook

Wednesday – PE with Newcastle Utd

Thursday - Keyboard Lessons with Mrs Shevlin

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 28th November to Thursday 1st December (inclusive).

Opening hours are 8.30am—8.50am on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 2.45—3.10pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Children will have a browsing session with their classes.

School earns commission on every book sold, so you can support school whilst buying your Christmas gifts!

Thank you.

Climbing Frame

Our exciting new climbing frame was installed last week (behind the mobile classrooms). There has been a slight delay in using the equipment, as we needed to ensure we had taken all the safety checks necessary for this and the smaller climbing wall which was delivered earlier in the year. We hope that the children will be able to start using these soon, possibly once the building work has been completed. Thank you to the PTA for their fundraising contributions and our local councillor Holly Waddell for her generous funding towards the total cost.

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November it will be Children in Need Day. The theme for the day is 'Be Spotacular'. It has been decided that in exchange for donations for Children in Need, the children can come to school in their own spotty clothes or designs. They will also learn more about the event during assemblies next week.

Christmas Performances

Planning and practices for our Christmas Performances have now started. We are looking forward to welcoming everybody back into school for these festive events.

The Reception class pupils will be performing on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th December

Y1 and Year 2 will be taking part in two performances on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 13th December.

Y3 and Y4's performances will be held on the afternoon and evening of Thursday 15th December.

Further details of the performances and how you will be able to purchase a programme will be issued by the end of this month.

Car Safety

Local residents have expressed concern at small children being left in cars parked on the road whilst older children are being dropped off and picked up from school. We appreciate that taking younger children with you can be time consuming and difficult, but it is safer for them not to be left alone.

Thank you.