



# Ovingham CE First School

## Weekly News

10th March 2023

### Dates at a Glance

Mon 13th—Thurs  
16th March—Parent  
Consultations

Fri 17th—Red Nose  
Day

Fri 24th March—Y1 &  
Y2 Tennis Tasters

Mon 27th March—  
STEM workshops

Thurs 30th March—  
Easter Egg Comp

Fri 31st March—  
Easter Service

Fri 31st Mar—Easter  
Lunch

### Clubs:

Karate – Mon 3.10 –  
4.10 – open to chil-  
dren from Y1-Y4

Y1 Multi-Skills—Wed  
3.10—4.10

Y3/Y4 Dance Club—  
Fri 3.10-4.10

### Weekly Events:

Monday - Guitar  
Lessons with  
Mr Newbrook

Monday—Y3 Bad-  
minton Coaching

Wednesday – PE  
with Newcastle Utd

Thursday - Keyboard  
Lessons with  
Mrs Shevlin

### Visit by High Sherriff



On Tuesday 9th March we welcomed the High Sherriff of Northumberland into school. He explained the difference between the Sheriff of Nottingham and a modern High Sheriff, and his role as part of law enforcement in the county. The High Sheriff has since sent us a lovely letter where he said he was impressed with our lovely school, this now on our Community noticeboard in school.

His visit gives us the opportunity to be in the draw for a charity donation of £1000. All we have to do is to help him get over a thousand followers on Instagram (he's currently at 992). If you are able to, please follow James Royds at highsheriffnorthumberland.

### World Book Day

We had great fun on Book Day by dressing up and creating book characters from potatoes!



### Music Workshops

Unfortunately, the workshops planned for 3rd March were cancelled by the provider but we hope to reschedule these sometime in the future.

### Visit by Paralympian

We were delighted to welcome Stephen Miller into school on Tuesday as part of our school sports programme for this year. Stephen gave an inspiring and moving account of his life, both sporting and personal, which really resonated with all our pupils. Stephen focused on the challenges he faces and has faced, but his positive attitude and perseverance really shone through.

The particular highlight for me was the way he described everyone's uniqueness and how this should be celebrated, allowing everyone to succeed even when the odds are against us. His example, of being taught to throw the club in his Olympic Sport just didn't work for him, he simply wasn't very good, but when he changed and threw the club backwards, he became Olympic Champion! This was a truly lovely assembly, the children gave it their total attention and their responses were thoughtful and positive, we are really looking forward to welcoming Stephen back to school soon.

Dominic & Grace, Y4 said "I thought it was quite inspiring"

Grace & Isabella Y1 – "We liked learning about how he threw backwards!"



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### **Easter Food Collection**

We shall be starting an Easter collection for the Miner's Lamp foodbank next week. They are particularly short of the following items:

Tinned Carrots  
Tinned Potatoes or Packet Smash  
Tinned Spaghetti  
Tinned Meatballs, Stewed Steak or Mince  
Tinned Rice Pudding and Custard  
Pot Noodles  
Packet Instant Noodles  
Microwave Packet Rice  
Hot Chocolate  
Coffee  
Long life milk  
Biscuits  
Dog & Cat food  
Non-food items like;  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Ladies and Men's Deodorant  
Washing up Liquid  
Washing powder or liquid

Should anyone need to contact them for help this can be requested by messaging them via their Facebook page

### **Parent Consultations**

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school next week for consultation meetings with class teachers.

Everyone should have had the chance to book their appointment by now. If you are having problems please contact your child's class teacher.

### **Red Nose Day**

We have had a lot of themed days recently so have decided that for Red Nose Day we will have a non-uniform day and assembly and various activities throughout the day will be on the subject of Red Nose Day, explaining to children why help is needed. Any donations you are able to make will be gratefully accept-

ed and passed on to the organisation.

### **Y4 Residential – Parents/Carers Information Evening**

There will be an information sharing session for parents/carers outlining the plans for our Residential at Dukeshouse Wood on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm.

There will be a short presentation and a chance to ask questions, if you are unable to attend the session we will find a way to share slides and answer any queries with you.

### **Tennis Tasters**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we have arranged for Y1 and Y2 to take part in tennis tasters. More information will follow shortly.

### **Pancake Flip**

Could all sponsorship money please be either brought into school brought into school, or paid directly to the PTA via Bacs:

Account name: Ovingham First School  
PTA  
Sort code: 20-40-09  
Account number: 90678961  
Ref: Pancake

Thank you.