



Ovingham CE First School

Weekly News

13th March 2020

Dates at a Glance

- Y4 Trip to Vindolanda—16th March
- Open the Book Assembly—17th March
- Y1 Village Walk—18th March (may be rearranged dependent on weather)
- Y3 Forest School—19th March
- Anthony Wooton, author, visit—20th March
- PTA Quiz Night—20th March

Clubs

Karate Monday

3.10-4.10pm

Craft Club—Wednesday

3.10-4.10pm

Grass Roots Multi-

Sports—Friday

3.00-4.15pm

Corona Virus

Updated advice for parents/guardians

We are sure that you are all aware the HM Government yesterday **announced** that we are moving from the contain phase to the delay phase of their strategy. As we said in our last letter we will continue to follow advice from the Department for Education (DFE) and Public Health England (PHE) which can be found [here](#). We have continued to maintain our high standards in our daily cleaning routines to minimise the risk of infection, with additional specific systems to further reduce any risk. At the moment there is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel abroad. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> & <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The latest govt advice on what to do if you have symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
 - ◇ This will help to protect others in your community while you are infectious.
 - ◇ Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
 - ◇ You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home.
 - ◇ They will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms.

PTA Quiz Night

Don't forget to booked your table for the Quiz night.

Email ovinghamfirstpta@yahoo.com

£25 for the winning team, a bar and spot prizes. Always a fun night!

Food Banks

More people than ever are expected to require the use of food banks in these uncertain times. We shall therefore be collecting on behalf of the Hexham foodbank and supporting the Miners Lamp café and community hub. Donations of dried and tinned foods, together with household items would be extremely welcome.

Stem Week

During STEM week this year classes have been focussing on water. Classes have been carrying out their own experiments and yesterday we had a visit from the Fire Service showing everyone how they used water in their fight against fire.

Today we had a visit from a Mrs Baty, a scientist, who showed the children how to extract DNA from a strawberry. We would like to pass our thanks to Mrs Baty for the class sessions.

Photographs of this week's activities will be put on the web site in due course.

Mental Health Awareness

Mind Ed has a free website for online advice and education in child and teenage mental health for the use of parents, families and adults working with young people. The website address is: mindedforfamilies.org.uk

Football Match

Despite the wind and rain yesterday both teams put in a good performance, with Ovingham the overall winners, 3-2 against Mickley. Well done to everyone.

Zumbathon

Our Zumbathon this afternoon was a very enjoyable and energetic event. We will continue to accept donations for Sport Aid over the next week.