



Ovingham CE First School

Weekly News

6th November 2020

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a great half term and it is lovely to see everyone back in school. This has been a busy first week back, all the classes have settled back into the school routine again and it has been lovely to end the week with some sunshine.

As you know from the news, we are now entering tighter restrictions and whilst schools are expected to remain open, we do need to review our systems to keep us all safe and well. As part of this process we have looked at our collection and drop off arrangements to ensure our school community can enter and leave the school site as quickly as possible.

- We are still aware that the entrance/exit areas can quickly become crowded, please do be patient and follow the social distancing rules.

-We also know that areas of the playground can become quite crowded at times, our measures do generally work but we would ask that you use all the available space in the playground and footpaths whilst waiting to come into school.

- Please can adults also ensure you come to school as close to drop off and pick up times, I can't emphasise enough that we are more than willing to wait a few minutes if you are delayed.

Our aim is always to keep our whole school community safe through following the social distancing rules at all times. We hope to avoid congestion and therefore reduce the chance of spreading COVID19 within our community. In line with other schools in the area, we would also encourage adults to wear a mask when in the school grounds.

Many thanks for all your support

Mr Hudson

Remembrance

Prudhoe Town Council have sent us a message to say that they feel it is very important to our town that Remembrance is marked, and whilst we cannot have a Remembrance Parade and Service, they have made alternative arrangements to support the message 'Remember at Home'.

They have a dedicated Remembrance page which is on the Town Council's website. The page will be updated with a Commemorative video showing the Act of Remembrance and Wreath Laying for 2020, pre-recorded under COVID-19 Restrictions. There are also a few resources that families may like to try at home and a link to the RBL website that has more.

Thank you for your support.

<https://www.prudhoetowncouncil.gov.uk/services/remembrance/>

Poppies

Once more the pupils have created lovely remembrance displays around school. Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's Poppy appeal; there is still time to make a donation if you wish.

Children in Need

Next Friday (13th November) will be a non-uniform day in exchange for donations to Children in Need. If children would like to follow it there is a suggested theme of spots and stripes.

Our Classes

Teachers have been updating the Class Information page on our school website for this half term. Please take a look to find out about learning and routines in your child's year group over the coming weeks.

Google Classroom

This half-term we will start to set homework via Google Classroom. We shall also use this system should school have to close at all during the pandemic. Please let us know if you have any problems with using the system.

Catering Manager Vacancy

Prudhoe Castle First School currently have a vacancy for a Catering Manager and have asked that we share the following link with parents who may be interested in applying.
https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Catering_Manager_School/201146

Prudhoe Youth Project

Prudhoe Youth Project will be continuing to support as many young people from Prudhoe and the surrounding area as possible during the current lockdown. Many of their activities will take place online, via post and telephone. We will be forwarding a letter from them detailing how your child can become involved later today.

Car Parking

We are still aware of some issues with parking outside school. We are grateful to parents who follow the road markings and park safely. Remember that it is possible to park in the middle school car park rather than on the main road outside school. Please use the safe parking spaces and be patient, we would rather a pupil be a few minutes late if that avoids an upsetting incident and walking wherever possible is a helpful option.