



# Ovingham CE First School

## Weekly News

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Harvest Festival

Letters are being sent out via Parentmail today regarding arrangements for our Harvest celebration. This year we will be supporting The Miner's Lamp and Community Hub in Prudhoe and Hexham Foodbank. We will be collecting items over the next week and details of suggested items are detailed in the letter.

### Non Uniform Day

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day to support PTA fundraising.

### Parent Interviews

Children should be bringing home a slip with your appointment date and time for the meetings next week.

### COVID19

We would like to pass on our continued thanks to everyone in helping follow the measures we have in place to minimise the risks of COVID19. Today, the Fire Service has kindly provided us with some new signage regarding keeping safe.

Our main concern is complacency; we all understand that it is easy to feel safe because cases happen elsewhere. To combat this we have been working again this week with all pupils to remind them what 2m distances look like and the additional signs are a helpful and timely reminder to our whole community.

With cases going up in this area we need you to respect these instructions, please avoid coming to school too early, please leave as quickly as you can and please, please maintain a safe distance at all times.

Thank you.

### Teacher Training Day

The last day of this half-term, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, will be a teacher training day. The half-term will therefore finish for children on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

### Middle School Applications

The portal for applications for Middle School September 2021 closes on 31st October. Please be

sure to register your child as soon as possible.

### Photographer

We have arranged for the photographer to come into school to take individual photographs of the children during the school day (further details to follow). Although we will be able to arrange photographs of siblings within school, this year due to Covid restrictions we will not be offering this service to other children outside of Ovingham First School.

### Google Classroom

We are launching Google Classroom as an online learning platform which may be used for homework and in the event of future school closures. A letter will come home with your child today detailing how to access this resource. If you have any difficulties please let us know.

### What's happening and what's planned

The start to this school year has been understandably very different to previous years. We have all got used to the new "normal" which includes lots of curriculum work to "catch up", staggered break times and lunchtimes to maintain bubbles and lots of hand washing.

We have also had exciting changes, this week we have received one class set of Chromebooks and another is on its way. These will be used to support learning across school and are a real boost to the resources we have to offer.

We are also looking ahead to make plans for Remembrance Day, Anti Bullying Week and Children In Need. These are all things we would normally do and with a few minor changes, we will be able to continue with them this year. Watch out for our work to mark Remembrance Day, we hope to have something a bit different to share.

We can't say it enough, but every pupil has been amazing, they have followed the rules and helped us keep everyone safe. We are also appreciative of the patience and support offered from families, it really makes a huge difference to every aspect of school.

### Mr Hudson