



Ovingham CE First School

Weekly News

25th September 2020

A great start!

After a busy start to the term, we can't quite believe we are at the end of week 4 already. We continue to be impressed with the way all our pupils are observing the new rules and systems; they really have helped everyone stay safe.

Across school, each class has been busy focusing on getting back to normal. We have a daily worship, and Fr Tom joins us each Friday, to reflect on the theme for each week, celebrate birthdays and find out this week's winning House (St. Cuthbert's this week), all via Google Meet. We are seeing wonderful examples of art work spring up on displays across school, we are seeing everyone trying hard with their handwriting and we have even been able to start singing again, it was wonderful to hear around school.

We are beginning to cautiously plan ahead for this term, we are exploring how we can celebrate Harvest, hold parent consultations (letter coming next week) and raise money for the PTA. Everything will continue to be a bit different, but we hope to be able to provide the rich and varied ranges of opportunities for all our pupils.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr Hudson

Cauliflower Cards

Over the next week, each class will be sending out via Parentmail a photograph of your child's Christmas card design, together with an online link where you can place your orders. It is difficult this year for the PTA to carry out their normal fundraising activities, but this project is one that can be carried out safely. Further details of how to place your order will be contained in a letter from the PTA which will accompany the artwork.

Harvest

There has been some excitement this week when the children were able to harvest the first potatoes from the class grow-boxes. We have also had a bumper crop of tomatoes and cucumbers; it is lovely for all our pupils to see our Harvest (and it is another example of how the Autumn season is creeping up on us!)

New Scooter Rack

Mr Hogg has been busy again, this time creating a new scooter rack to accommodate the increasing number of children coming into school this way. This is only the start of a project to improve access to school for both pedestrians and pupils coming by scooter. We have successfully applied for a grant of £1000, which will be used to fund signs and additional scooter storage areas. The new scooter rack is located at the rear of the school beside the sheds. We have one request, *that scooters are not ridden*

on the school yard when parents/carers are waiting before and after school.

School/Eco Councils

Our council members have now been chosen for this year. These are as follows:

School Council

R	Matthew and Amelie
Y1	Rowan and Freya
Y2	Evan and Mae
Y3	Lucy and Riley
Y4	Lucas, Nancy, Gethin and Liv

Eco Council

R	Rory and Cecily
Y1	Rowan and Freya
Y2	James and Ellie
Y3	Evie H and Charlie
Y4	Lexi, Betsy, Ted and Lewis

Playground equipment before and after school

Due to the measures needed as a result of COVID19 we need to ensure that playground equipment remains in the class bubble it has been allotted to. Please help us to keep this system safe by leaving the items in the playground storage boxes at the start and end of each day. We are trying to collect any stray pieces of equipment and ensure they are kept centrally, but sometimes things are left out by mistake and we really do appreciate your help in ensuring children don't play with them whilst waiting on the yard. Thank you.

Our School Vision and Values

We have recently worked on our school vision statement to better reflect our aims and ambitions for our school community. The school values that support this have also been developed and refined further to better reflect our place as a Church of England school.

In brief our vision is to ensure that we are a fully inclusive community, with high aspirations for all, whilst being proud of being a Church of England School.

We have already shared this with governors, staff and pupils and would now like to welcome any feedback or comments you may have. You can find this at http://www.ovinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk/website/consultation_on_school_vision_and_values Please share your thoughts with school by Friday 9th October. You can send an email to admin@ovinghamfirst,northumberland.sch.uk or telephone school to talk with a member of staff.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and share your thoughts.