



Ovingham CE First School

Weekly News

3rd April 2020

Combination of Mickley and Ovingham First Schools

This week we have taken the decision to combine pupils and staff from Mickley First School with those at Ovingham C of E First School. This isn't a decision we have taken lightly but allows us to maintain a full childcare offer as well as ensure the health and wellbeing of pupils and staff. This temporary arrangement has worked extremely well but as soon as the opportunity arises, we will return staff and pupils to Mickley.

Home Learning

Teachers will be uploading some Easter themed activities onto the school website. This can be found under the tab 'Home Learning' and your child's year group. These are not formal learning as we realise the children would normally be on holiday over the next two weeks, however they are suggestions of things that the children may wish to do.

Twitter Launch

The school launched a new Twitter account this week: twitter.com/OvinghamCEFirst

This will be another way for us to share what everyone is up to, work they are proud of etc.

If you would like us to share your photos here, please email admin@ovinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk, putting 'Twitter' in the email subject line and add

- I am happy for this to be shared on twitter (and/or) the website

to indicate your consent.

We are very much enjoying everything shared with us both here and on the website, so please continue to send in details of how you are keeping yourselves busy.

Easter Egg Competition

At this time of year, we would normally be holding our 'decorate an egg' competition as part of our Easter celebrations. Even though we can't be together at the moment, it would be nice to continue this tradition in

some way. As it would be wasteful to suggest using real eggs in the current climate, Miss Moore has created a new competition, details of which can be found on our Twitter site and the school website. We have organised prizes for the most inventive entries from each year group.

Staff Online Meeting

As a way of keeping in touch and endeavouring to ensure everything is running as smooth as possible, the staff have started to take part in weekly online meetings. Although this week we encountered some technical problems, it was nice to see everyone and we will be continuing with weekly meetings throughout the school closure.

Rainbows

The children who have been attending school, both from Ovingham and Mickley, have created their own rainbows. Mr Hogg has cut them to shape, mounted them and they are now displayed outside the main school entrance.



Photo of our rainbows outside school.

Key Workers

We continue to plan for school remaining open for the children of key workers over the Easter holiday including Good Friday and Easter Monday. As the government advice clearly states, if parents/carers can facilitate this, children are best served staying at home. However, if you do have any requirements please send details to the admin email address as normal and someone will be in touch to confirm the options available. As you will understand, at times it may not be possible to offer childcare at Ovingham but we will do our very best to find an alternative within the Trust schools who are all committed to offering a service where ever possible.