



7th January 2022

Dates at a Glance

15th January – Admissions Portal Closes

17th January – Reception Vision Screening

18th January – Y3 & Y4 CSI Event

28th January – Break the Rules Day

Clubs:

Karate – Mondays
3.10 – 4.10 – open to children from Y1-Y4

Reception Art Club – Tuesdays 3.10 -4.10

Y1 Craft Club – Tuesdays 3.10-4.10

Y3 Bat & Ball Skills Club – Wednesday 3.10 – 4.10

Weekly Events

Thursday – Keyboard Lessons with Mrs Shevlin

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022, we are looking forward to another busy term. We are all delighted to have the school open to all pupils, unlike last year and we are looking forward to building on the strong foundations of the Autumn term.

We are still affected by COVID and we are continuing with the same use of bubbles and organisation to minimise the risk of transmission around school. Whilst we are planning to run school as normal, we have been affected by some staff absences already the same as all other schools. Across last term we operated on around 75/80% staffing levels, this obviously adds extra pressure and responsibility but we found solutions and the experience should help us this term. As you all know, COVID is very unpredictable and all we can do is have plans in place to deal with all eventualities but it is possible there will be times we may have to take additional actions.

As we look forward to this term, we are excited by the opportunities we have planned. We are hoping that our Year 3 & 4 pupils will access the CSI workshop, that was planned for the Autumn term but had to be delayed. We are also establishing a small gardening club, run by Mr. Hogg one lunch time a week, to help make sure we make the most of our school grounds. We are also bringing out the scooters for the Spring term, to compliment the time table of break time activities we already have.

We will be working hard to keep the website updated with examples of work from all classes, you will see later in the newsletter, an example of some work from Y4, please do have a look.

I would also like to remind you that the PTA is always looking for help/volunteers, they are a huge and valued support for school, if you would like further information please do see a member of staff or contact the PTA at ovinghamfirstpta@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the school, I would like to pass on our best wishes for 2022 and we look forward to sharing our learning journey with you all.

Take care

Mr Hudson

New Staff

We are happy to welcome three new staff to our school team in January:

Miss Thora Bell, Teaching Assistant, allocated to Y2.

Miss Jade Watson, Teaching Assistant, allocated to Y3.

Mrs Michelle Cooper, Kitchen Assistant.

Throughout the year we are regularly joined by Trainee Teachers from Northumbria University; next week we are expecting a further two students to join us for a period of 4 weeks, Meghan Clark and Hannah Taylor.

Y4 Art

In Year 4 we have just completed an Art topic on Dragon Eyes to link with our English work on How to Train Your Dragon. We started by looking at some famous artwork featuring eyes and tried our best to recreate them. Then we experimented with drawing dragon eyes, focussing on shape, pattern and texture. We then sculpted our eyes in clay, using slip to add on the detail. Finally, we painted the eyes in metallic paints to create a shiny finish. You can see more examples of these fabulous sculptures on the school website.

