

ETHERLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th September 2019



WELCOME BACK!

It has been wonderful to welcome back our children to a new school year at Etherley Lane!

We were particularly excited as we have had some building work completed over the holidays which means that all of our Key Stage 2 classrooms are now altogether in the same area of the building. We have opened up a corridor which has enabled us to store all of our accelerated reader books centrally so they are easily accessible for the children and we have created lots more group room space. We were delighted with the results but couldn't wait to see what the children thought...

When they arrived back on Wednesday they filled the building with magic – as only they can! It was fantastic to hear their thoughts "Wow! It's like a new school!" being my personal favourite.

We're really proud of the new feel to our building and are excited by the benefits this will bring for the children in the future.

The children have settled brilliantly back into their new classes and our new starters in Reception class have made an excellent start to their school life! Well done everyone!

School Performance

We are very pleased that our school performance over the last academic year has improved. I have attached a summary of results which highlights some of the improvements we have made in school since September 2018.

Attendance

School attendance is so important for your child. Every day at school your child learns something new; from social skills, knowledge and facts, steps in their journey learning to read and mathematical processes, to name a few. When your child misses a day of school, they are missing out on important learning opportunities they will never get back. If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are in the category of persistent absentee.

Let's please work together this year to ensure that your child has the best attendance possible at school. Please contact us if you need any support with this – our family worker, Helen will be happy to help.

There were a number of children throughout the school last year who had excellent attendance – (attendance over 98%) with some children even achieving 100% - this is fantastic and we congratulate all of our children who achieved this. We will also be looking to award prizes this year for most improved attendance. We look forward to working with you – thank you for your support.

Questionnaire Response

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who took the time to complete our questionnaire – we have looked carefully at your responses including comments about homework and after school clubs. This is something we are looking to develop immediately – with part of next week's staff meeting focussing on our homework policy. We want the homework that our children do to be relevant and purposeful to their learning and to be motivating and manageable. Thank you for your support as we work to change the policy for the better.

Exciting News!

Congratulations to Miss Wilkinson who announced her engagement this week! Best wishes for the future!

PE Kits and Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child has a named PE kit which they can leave in school and a water bottle filled with water daily.

Star of the Week

In celebration assembly today, teachers awarded a Star of the Week to one person in each class –

Mrs Elder's Class	Hollie J	Mrs Coxon/Miss Navin's Class	Harry S
Mrs Jones' Class	Jimmy-Joe Y	Mrs Burkill's Class	Brooke N
Mrs Jeavons' Class	Leon S	Mr Holt's Class	Alex S
Mrs Wakes' Class	Hannah K	Mrs Summerson's Class	Ella A
Miss Strophair's Class	Megan D	Mr Soulsby's Class	Tyler B
Miss Wilkinson's Class	Megan D		

Congratulations to all of the children - Keep up the good behaviour everyone – it could be you! ☺

Mrs K A Lee
Headteacher