

ETHERLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2020

As always, we would like to thank you for your continued support at this sometimes difficult and unprecedented time. If there is anything school can help you with please do not hesitate in contacting us.

PE in school

Can children please come to school wearing their PE kit on the day their class will be having a PE lesson.

Monday – Class 7 Mrs Burkill and Class 4 Miss Strophair

Tuesday – Class 2 Mrs Jones and Class 8 Miss Jones

Wednesday – Class 3 Mrs Jeavons

Thursday – Class 5 Mrs Wakes/Mrs Walker and Class 6 Mr Soulsby

Friday – Class 9 Mrs Summerson and Class 10 Miss Wilkinson

On the day your child has PE they should come to school dressed in suitable clothing. They will still be able to wear their school sweatshirt and jumper with either plain joggers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms – no designer logos. They will also need to wear suitable footwear ie. Plimsoll shoes, trainers.

School Meals

As promised we are reviewing the steps in place on our risk assessment on a weekly basis and are pleased that we are now able to offer a wider variety for lunch. From Monday we will be starting our new menu which is available to view on the school website. Now the new menus are in place they will roll over each week. Can we please ask that any children who would like to change their lunch option from either packed to school meal or school meal to packed lunch to contact the school office giving 2 weeks' notice.

Year 6 Children – Applying for Secondary School

You can now apply for your child's place for secondary school in September 2021. Applications will close on 31st October 2020 – a late application ie. After 31st October 2020, greatly reduces your chances of getting your preferred school. To apply for your child's place, you will need to register with the Durham County Council Parent Portal via the following link:

<https://education.durham.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

To find out more about our local secondary schools please log onto their websites where you will find Virtual Open Evenings.

Applying for a Reception School Place – September 2021

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31 August 2017 they are eligible to start in reception year in September 2021. Applications will close on 15th January 2021 – a late application, ie. After 15th January 2021, greatly reduces your chances of getting your preferred school. To apply for a place, you will need to register with the Durham County Council Parent Portal via the following link:

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Packed Lunches

A reminder to all parents/carers that packed lunches must not contain nuts – this includes chocolate bars etc. that contain nuts. When preparing your child's packed lunch can you please be mindful to choose healthy options for them. Can we also please ask that children only bring cold food in their packed lunches. If you need any advice or guidance please contact Helen our Family Liaison Worker who will be happy to help.

School Bags

It is not necessary for children to bring bags to school; any reading books will be sent home in a plastic wallet and children should wear their PE clothes to school on the day they are having PE. Children are also being provided with stationery at school so they do not need to bring a pencil case etc.

See Saw

From next week we will be using See Saw again to post activities. Parents will receive an email with their new login codes, please watch out for it.

COVID 19

Reminder Parents/Carers and pupils should ensure that they adhere to staying alert and social distancing guidance as well as the new local lockdown measures when around the school site and away from the school.

Any child in school displaying symptoms – parents/carers will be contacted and the child will be sent home and a test recommended.

Where a pupil or a member of their household displays symptoms of coronavirus, please follow the Guidance for Households with Possible Coronavirus Infection.

Pupils or a family member displaying symptoms are advised to self-isolate and will not be permitted into school until 10-day isolation is completed and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). If a negative test result is received pupils may return to school. Siblings without symptoms must also stay at home. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Testing for COVID-19 is available through the NHS to everyone whatever their age.

We ask Parents/Carers to inform the school immediately of the results of a COVID-19 test for anyone in the household.

Have a lovely weekend!! ☺

Mrs KA Lee

Headteacher

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-opens
Summer 2020	Friday 17 July 2020	Wednesday 2 September 2020
Autumn half-term 2020	Friday 23 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020
Teacher Training Day	Thursday 3 December 2020	Monday 7 December 2020
Christmas 2020	Friday 18 December 2020	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring half-term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 March 2021	Monday 12 April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30 April 2021	Tuesday 4 May 2021
Summer half-term 2021	Friday 28 May 2021	Tuesday 8 June 2021
Summer 2021	Friday 16 July 2021	

Dates for the diary...

School Holidays - September 2020 to July 2021