



Welcome Back!

We are delighted to welcome all of our children back to school this week! As always, they have brought the magic back into the building!

So many smiles, stories, laughter and learning, a great start to the new term at Etherley Lane.

We have not chosen individual stars of the week this week, as **ALL OF OUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SUPERSTARS!**

Coronavirus Update

New guidance has been issued to schools by the Department for Education. This guidance has informed the school's risk assessment, which is available on the school's website.

We are no longer required to keep our classes in separate bubbles - this means we can remove the staggered start and end of the school day (a letter with further detail will be sent home tonight), children will be able to once again, use the school hall for their lunches and classes will play outside at the same time.

Staff are no longer required to wear facemasks, though some may still choose to do so.

Your child will be able to bring a school bag to school if they wish.

We will continue to follow all guidance to keep school as covid safe as possible. Regular handwashing will continue in all classes as will frequent cleaning of surfaces and touch points around the building.

Windows will be opened frequently throughout the school day to allow air flow and ventilation.

If your child shows any symptoms of coronavirus: high temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell, you must keep your child at home and arrange a PCR test. Please contact the school if you require any support or advice with this.

If your child develops symptoms in school, you will be contacted to collect your child and they will be isolated until you do. They should then be taken for a PCR test.

We have a contingency plan in place, should the number of positive cases substantially increase, in line with new government guidance for schools, it may be necessary to once again step up measures within school.

We are so proud of how well we have all worked together - governors, staff, parents, carers and children to keep Etherley Lane as safe as possible during the pandemic - everything you do is appreciated 😊

Birthday Treats

We know that some parents/carers chose to send a treat to school to be shared within the class when it is their child's birthday. There is absolutely no expectation for parents/carers to do this, however, in future, if they do wish to do so, we ask that the treat is something that is individually wrapped eg. a small packet of sweets, so that it can be easily handed out at the end of the day.

PE Days

For the first half term we are going to continue asking children to come to school in their PE kit on their designated PE day. Can you make sure your child wears appropriate clothing to take part in physical activities.

Monday	Miss Strophair Class 4	Mrs Burkill Class 7
Tuesday	Mrs Jones Class 3	Miss Jones Class 8
Wednesday	EYFS Reception	
Thursday	Mrs Wakes Class 5	Mr Soulsby Class 6
Friday	Mrs Summerson Class 9	Miss Wilkinson Class 10

Wishing you a wonderful weekend from everyone at Etherley Lane

