



ETHERLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 14th January 2022

It has been a gorgeous first full week back at school. The children have settled straight back into their routines and have had a fantastic week of learning.

A WARM WELCOME

We are thrilled to introduce to you the newest member of our Etherley Lane team. Her name is Miss Simpson, and she is our Office Manager. She is really looking forward to collaborating with you all and supporting our children.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As you are aware cases of Coronavirus have increased across the UK with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant. Unfortunately, this has therefore impacted on our staff absences. With this in mind, we have had to review the commencement of activities next week and unfortunately it will not be possible. We hope that we will be able to send out letters next week with the aim being for the activities to be up and running again week commencing 24th January. If this is possible, could we please ask you to return your children's reply slips by Friday 21st January if they would like to take part. As always thank you so much for your support, it really is thoroughly appreciated.

COVID -19

We would like to thank all our parent and carers for your support with regards to the ongoing challenges we all face with Coronavirus. As you are aware, our priority is the safeguarding of our children and is at the heart of everything we do. Please see below the updated guidance that we have received from the local authority.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). If positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

If your child has a positive test result but does not have symptoms they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken.

It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day.

This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

What to do if there is a case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your household?

- PCR testing for all adults who are not exempt from self-isolation if they are a close contact of a positive case and are required to self-isolate*.
- Daily LFT testing for 7 days for any adult or secondary age pupil or primary pupil aged 5yrs and older who is a household contact of a positive case and is exempt from isolation and continues to attend school. The testing of primary age pupils is at parental discretion. Testing should start from the day the household member has symptoms or if they don't have symptoms from when they tested positive*.

*Note: People who have tested positive with a PCR test within the last 90 days should not be encouraged to test unless they develop new symptoms

Help, support, and further information.

To help you comply with the requirement to self-isolate, the County Durham Together Community Hub can provide access to essential supplies, financial support, and emotional support as well as other services. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or call the Community Hub on 03000 260260 for further details.

There is also support available the coronavirus section via durhamlocate.org.uk

STAR OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Mia H - Mrs Elder's class	Class 6	William S - Mr Soulsby's class
Class 2	Emily P - Miss Alderdice's class	Class 7	Hunter G - Mrs Burkill's class
Class 3	Rosie M - Mrs Jones' class	Class 8	Josie I - Miss Jones' class
Class 4	Hetta M - Miss Strophair's class	Class 9	James H - Mrs Summerson's class
Class 5	Molly D - Mrs Wakes' class	Class 10	Celeste C - Miss Wilkinson's class

