



ETHERLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 9th September 2022

Happy New School Year & Welcome Back Everyone!

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time at Etherley Lane Primary School and this year has been no exception. It has been a delight to welcome back all of our children into their new classes - everyone has settled in so well. The children have enjoyed starting their new school year, getting to know their classrooms and their new teachers. We'd also like to take the opportunity to welcome back all of our parents and carers - please remember we are here to help if there's anything you need.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

We were saddened as a school to hear the news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth. In the coming days throughout the mourning period, our children will look at the remarkable life of the Queen and her dedication to her country.

PE DAYS

The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day. Our PE kits consist of a white t-shirt, black or blue shorts and trainers. During the cold weather we would also highly recommend that the children wear black or blue joggers. Classes will do PE on the following days:

Monday – Miss Strophair's class (Y3) and Mrs Clark's class (Y5)

Tuesday – Mr Soulsby's class (Y2) and Miss Hepple's class (Year 4/5)

Wednesday – Mrs Elder's class (EYFS) and Miss Jones'/Mr Mattison's class (Y4)

Thursday – Mrs Wakes'/Miss Fareed's class (Y1)

Friday – Mrs Summerson's and Mrs Mooney's class (Y6)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week we will be sending out letters about the after school clubs we will be offering this term, we can't wait to get them up and running again! If your child would like to participate then please send the reply slip back by the date that is stated on the letter.

Y6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The application process for the Secondary Admissions 2023 Intake began on **Monday 5th September 2022**.

Parents can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The Closing Date for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October 2022.

If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form, and these are available on request from the School Admissions Team from **05 September 2022**.

These application forms can be requested by e-mail to schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS MOONEY

We are thrilled to share with you that over the Summer Miss Wilkinson got married and is now Mrs Mooney. We would like to congratulate her and wish both her and her new husband the very best for the future.

REMINDERS

Can you please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day and that it has water in it rather than juice. Can you also ensure that your child has a coat in school each day please.

Term dates:

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-opens
Autumn half – term 2022	Friday 21 st October 2022	Monday 31 st October 2022
Teacher Training Day	Thursday 1 st December 2022	Monday 5 th December 2022
Christmas 2022	Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Spring half-term 2023	Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 27 th February 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day 2023	Friday 28 th April 2023	Tuesday 2 nd May 2023
Summer half -term 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023	Tuesday 6 th June 2023
Summer 2023	Thursday 20 th July 2023	To Be Confirmed



STAR OF THE WEEK



EYFS - Mrs Elder's class – All of the children.	Year 4 – Miss Jones'/Mr Mattison's class - Hollie J.
Year 1– Mrs Wakes'/Miss Farred's class – Jacob B.	Year 4/5 – Miss Hepple's class – Mia T.
Year 2 – Mr Soulsby's class – Lily D.	Year 5 – Mrs Clark's class – Louie C.
Year 3 - Miss Strophair's class – Mya B.	Year 6 – Mrs Summerson's class - Isla C. Year 6 – Mrs Mooney's class – Persia R.

