



Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School

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Key Stage 2 Porch transformed into a Learning Area

Since the successful completion of Key Stage 1 porch area last summer we have been looking at practical designs for Key Stage 2. After much researching, a company has finally designed an area which meets our needs.

The new design allows the following:

- all children to have their own 'cabinet' (open locker) for their belongings
- a tidier, safer coat and bag storage area
- a warmer, welcoming learning environment

The new design also allows the additional advantages which we were seeking. The main advantage being, Mr Glenton, our new Deputy Head, will be able to teach around 15 – 20 children in the newly designed area each morning for Maths and English. The area will be transformed into a much improved teaching area than it currently is, maximising the best use of space available to us. These children will be from years 4, 5 and 6. This will decrease the number of children being taught in Mr Mander's and Mrs Anderson's classes in the morning sessions. As always, we are committed to achieving the best education for your children and feel as class sizes are at least 30 again in September, this will help significantly the amount of teacher time your child will receive. We are currently considering which class your child will be in, in September. Further information will follow shortly.

The cabinets have been trialled and tested for size and durability. Each cabinet holds a coat, School PE bag and School Rucksack containing everything your child needs for school. We kindly request that any overly large bags which contain non-school items (or no items at all) be kept at home. In addition to this, the fashion bags which many Year 6 children are bringing to school are unnecessarily filled with non-school items. Please view the Uniform ordering page on our School Website which has book bags and ruck sack bags which fit comfortably in our cabinets. Samples are currently available to view from our School Office.

<http://www.totstoteams.com/schools/edmondsley-primary-school/>

Children who bring a Packed Lunch Box to school will continue to use the Packed Lunch Trolley which was purchased over a year ago.

From September, children in years 3, 4 and 5 will be provided with a pencil case and items to go in it. Children will not need to bring their own pencil case. This will stop the low level disruptions of children discussing their belongings in their pencil cases and personal items going missing. A 'special' pencil case can be purchased and used for homework if you wish - this may contribute to making homework time extra special! Year 6 children will also be provided with pencil cases, however, to prepare them for their secondary education, we will allow them to bring their own pencil cases to school. We are always looking for ways to encourage maturity and increase responsibility levels whilst children are in Year 6. I'm sure younger children will look forward to this event as much as being allowed to write in pen rather than pencil when they have shown they are ready!

Please feel free to come in to school via the main entrance to view the prototype of the cabinets.

School Uniform

Please can I thank everyone who is following our School Uniform Policy.

Reminders:

Jewellery

We do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small objects of religious significance, which must be removed before any physical activity including playtimes and lunchtimes. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games.

Footwear

We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this.

Summer Term Dates – Reminder (red are recent updates)

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| Sports Day Reception and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) | Friday 1 st July <u>pm</u> | Time to be confirmed | Further information to follow |
| Sports Day Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) | Friday 1 st July <u>am</u> | Time to be confirmed | Further information to follow |
| End of Year Reports | Week beginning 4 th July | | End of Year Reports will be brought home. |
| Ukulele and guitar concert | 6 th July | 2:30 – 3:00 | Parents and family members of Ukulele and guitar players |
| Transition Day – Reception to Year 5. | Friday 8 th July | | Children will spend the day with the class teacher they will have in September in their classroom. <u>Please collect children at normal time from their normal collection points.</u> |
| School Summer Fayre | Tuesday 12 th July | 3:30 – 4:30 | |
| Whole School Picnic (parents invited) Mrs Cornish Goodbye | Thursday 14 th July | 12:30 – 1:30 | Parents to bring their own picnic. Children who have school lunch will be provided with a school lunch picnic. Further information to follow. |
| Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Educational Visit to Cullercoats Beach. | Friday 15 th July | 09:00 – 15:15 | Further information to follow |
| Eco Presentation | Monday 18 th July | 3:30 – 4:00 | All welcome to Eco-presentation by Mrs Fletcher |
| Foundation Stage Graduation Assembly | Tuesday 19 th July | 2:30 – 3:00 | Reception Family Members |
| Year 6 Leaver's Assembly | Wednesday 20 th July | | Year 6 Parents only. |
| Last Teaching Day | Wednesday 20 th July | | |