



# Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School

## Welcome back

A warm welcome to everyone—old and new!

We have yet another exciting term ahead of us which has started really well. Children have settled into their new year groups and learning is continuing already! I am delighted how smartly dressed children have returned to school. The sense of belonging our school uniform creates is wonderful.

OUR SCHOOL SEPTEMBER EVENTS	WHO IS INVITED?	WHAT DAY AND TIME?
<u>Meet and Greet</u> Another opportunity for you to informally meet your child's class teacher and for questions to be answered.	Nursery – Year 6	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 3:30 – 4pm

### Reminder: **Hairstyles**

To prepare our pupils for their Secondary Education, we ask that hair should be tidy, clean and suitable for a working environment.

We ask that extreme hairstyles are avoided as this may be a distraction to learning in class.

If you require further information, or a copy of our school uniform policy, please do not hesitate to ask.

### Which Castle achieved the most coins and Jewels this week?

New kings and Queens were crowned during today's Celebration Assembly.

The coin and Jewel collections start next week!

(New families—All children are split into Castle Teams. Each child receives a coin for their castle worth 2 points and jewels from our lunchtime supervisors—worth 5 points! Kings and Queens count jewels and coins and the winning Castle is announced each Friday during our Celebration Assembly. Reception and Nursery children will be joining us soon for Celebration Assembly.



## Let's Celebrate!

Who has kept our **School Promise** exceptionally well this week?



**Polite and Caring, that's what we are.**

Best Break time Buddy Award was achieved by Lily-Rose



**Respect and Kindness, takes us far.**

Edmondsley's Environmentalist Award was achieved by Isadora and Will



**Open and Honest, we don't tell lies**

Playful Pupil Award was achieved by May

**Manners are important, everyone tries.**

Etiquette Award was achieved by Thomas



**I is in united, teamwork's the prize**

Terrific Teamwork Award was achieved by Milly, Amelia and Lexi



**Strive to be the best we can be,**

Supreme Citizen Award was achieved by Leon

**Everyone aims high at EDMONDSLEY**

## Attendance

Butterfly Class = 99.3%  
Hedgehog Class = 93%  
Squirrel Class = 95%  
Rabbits Class = 99.4%  
Deer Class = 94%  
Stag Class = 98%



Lunchtime Supervisor Spotters Who has been spotted this week for exceptional behaviour?  
A wonderful start to the new year. Well done everyone!

Mkenna, Olivia, George, Eliza, Isadora, Leo, Chloe, Dylan, Will, Charlie, Tom and George

School Crossing Patrol

Durham County Council are continuing to recruit a new School Crossing Patrol.

Thank you to everyone who is parking sensibly so that visibility is not reduced further around both our school gates.

Arrivals and Departures Policy

For the complete policy please contact our school office or view on our School website.

Pupils in Foundation Stage or KS1

Our agreed school policy is that no pupil in Foundation Stage or Key Stage 1 should walk to or from school on their own or be left on their own on the school premises either before or after school.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

When deciding whether your child is ready for the responsibility to keep themselves safe whilst walking to and from school, you might want to consider the following:

1. Do you trust them to walk straight home?
2. Do you trust them to behave sensibly when with a friend?
3. Are they road safety aware?
4. Would they know what to do if a stranger approaches them?
5. Would they have the confidence to refuse to do what a stranger asked?
6. Would they know the best action to take if a stranger tried to make them do something they didn't want to do (scream, shout, kick, fight)?
7. Would they know what to do if they needed help?
8. Would they know who best to approach to get help?

If you are not confident about how your child would react then you should seriously consider whether you should allow them to walk on their own.

If you decide that your child is ready for this responsibility then you must inform the school by letter or complete the form below.

Your child will also be responsible for their behaviour whilst on the school premises either before or after school. Should their behaviour not be acceptable you will be asked to accompany or collect them until they have proved they can be trusted again.

IF AT ANY TIME YOU NEED TO CHANGE ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE PLEASE ENSURE YOU LET US KNOW IN WRITING IMMEDIATELY.

Permission for pupils to walk to and from school unaccompanied

Person with parental responsibility to complete and return this reply slip to school as soon as possible.

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Name of child:

Year:

I wish to inform you that my child will be walking to/from school on regular basis. I will notify you immediately should this arrangement change.

Signed.....

(Name print).....

Date:



**International Eco-Schools**  
**Award Certificate**  
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**Edmondsley Primary School**

for continued excellence in improving environmental performance and learning

11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Date

**Allison Ogden-Newton**  
Chief Executive, Keep Britain Tidy

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11<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Date of renewal



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A few words from the assessor ...

“Once again what a pleasure and privilege it was to visit Edmondsley Primary school and witness a whole school approach in everyone embracing the eco schools programme and education for sustainable development. It would be great if special praise could be given to the following members of staff—Mrs Fletcher (ECO- co-ordinator) and all the other staff who I met on the day as their drive and enthusiasm in supporting sustainable development at the school was clear to see and a joy to witness. Mrs Rees (Head Teacher) for showing great enthusiasm and leadership re-education for sustainable development of the school.

Last but certainly not least all the children who I had the pleasure to meet when I arrived at the school and supported my tour around the school as their knowledge base is fantastic. I am sure all these children will continue to be sustainability ambassadors throughout their educational life”.

Well done Team Edmondsley!