



Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 22 - 13th March 2020

Coronavirus

With more and more reports about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the news, we would just like to inform you of the steps we have in place as a school and some of the things you can do at home. All of this will help prevent the spread of any virus.

At school:

- We have hot running water and soap available across the site
- All children are reminded to wash their hands at key points (see below)
- Each class will have a lesson in the next few days about germs and how to have good hygiene
- We have ordered extra tissues for each class and extra hand gel for the site

At home:

- Talk to your child about good hygiene
- Teach them how to sneeze and cough into a tissue / into their elbow
- Reassure them if they are worried about anything they hear on the news
- Keep them at home if they are unwell
- Get them to wash their hands just before leaving for school and as soon as they get home from school.

We are receiving daily updates from Public Health England and the Department for Education. We have a risk assessment and core control measures in place.

Please note - we do not have any cases of Coronavirus and this information is just to ensure general good hygiene which will help protect everyone from a variety of viruses such as colds and flu.

What if my child has flu like symptoms such as a fever, cough or difficulty breathing?

If your child has a persistent cough or fever, they cannot come to school and need to stay at home for **7 days**. This is the latest government guideline. You should seek medical attention and phone your doctor but do not attend surgeries or hospitals unless advised to do so.

Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent or delay the spread of viruses and other infections.

Football

What a great start to the season- 2 wins in 2 games! 3-0 and 2-1. Well done team Edmondsley and a huge thank you to Mr Daghish for his refereeing skills and Mr Glenton for organising!



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have had 3 parents show an interest in the Parent Governor vacancy in school. Next week, a letter will be sent out explaining a little information about each potential governor and why they would make a good parent governor. A ballot sheet will be included so that you can vote for our new Parent Governor.

Our School's 50th Birthday!

What an amazing day we had on Tuesday for the 50th anniversary of our school being built. We had visits from Mrs Shiels and Mrs Cornish who talked about our school in the past. Children and staff loved listening to the stories and it was wonderful to share these memories. We enjoyed our retro lunch and everyone looked fantastic in their fancy dress and party clothes. We had a great display of photos and artefacts from our school through the ages and it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers in school to view



this memorabilia. A huge thankyou to everyone involved in making this day so special.



A special mention to Mrs Webb for making a beautiful commemorative cushion and to Mrs Boundy for making some fabulous celebratory bunting. They both will take pride of place in our school- thank you so much!

Hedgehog Class

A letter was sent out to Year 1 parents earlier this week explaining that Mrs Coates has had to start her maternity leave earlier than expected. In order to ensure as much consistency as possible for the children, we have secured a supply teacher to teach the class up until Easter, Mrs Redshaw. We have appointed a teacher to cover Mrs Coates' maternity leave, Mrs Graham. She will be teaching Hedgehog Class when we return from the Easter holidays until Mrs Coates returns. Mrs Graham has been in school this week getting to know the children and staff and familiarising herself with our policies and procedures. I think she will really complement our school and I'm sure you will enjoy getting to know her.



Hi, I'm Mrs Graham and I am married with two daughters a horse and a dog. I have taught mainly in Year 1 and Year 3 but I have experience teaching across both key stages. During my time in education, I have worked with children of all abilities and I love my job. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my family, outdoor pursuits such as horse riding and walking my dog. I also love to cook. I am really excited about joining the Edmondsley family and look forward to meeting you all soon.

Easter Egg Competition

This half term, we will be running our Easter egg competition where children are welcome to decorate eggs to create a display linked to their topics. Children are asked to bring their creations to the school hall on Wednesday 1st April with a donation of £1.00. Prizes will be given out in assembly that day. Please see below for a list of themes for each class:



Nursery - Springtime

Reception - Nursery Rhymes

Year 1 - Australia

Year 2 - Superheroes

Year 3.4 - Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Year 4.5 - Witches and Wizards

Year 5.6 - Vikings

Role Play Resources

We are in desperate need of some real-life items to complement our role play resources in Nursery and Reception. If anyone has anything lying around the house or at work that you would like to donate, please send them into school. For example: medical equipment, builders hats, hi-viz jackets, walkie talkies (they don't need to work), artificial flowers, cake making equipment. We would also love any unwanted fancy dress outfits.



This week's Celebration Results

This Week's Attendance

Butterfly Class- 87%
Hedgehog Class- 86%
Squirrel Class- 94%
Rabbit Class- 95%
Deer Class- 92%
Stag Class- 98%

Overall Attendance this week - 92%

Well done Stag class.
Enjoy your extra playtime.

Lexie/Nessie Champions

1st place- awarded which a book of their choice from the Book Prize box
2nd place- awarded with two gold coins
3rd place- awarded with one gold coin



Who has spent the most time on Lexia/Nessy this week? - **Isadora**- happy reading!



Lunchtime Spotters

Who has been spotted this week for exceptional behaviour?
Isabella F, Alfie Joe, Ella Grace Chloe Reece & Sam.

Which Castle achieved the most coins and Jewels this week?

Points for this week are:

Bamburgh 103
Lumley - 123
Alnwick - 102
Durham - 102



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 Mia H & Samantha

Respect and Kindness, takes us far

Edmondsley's Environmentalist Award was achieved by Rabbit, Deer & Stag classes

Open and Honest, we don't tell lies

Playful Pupil Award was achieved by, Lucas J

Manners are important, everyone tries

Etiquette Award was achieved by Leo W

I is in united, teamwork's the prize

Terrific Teamwork Award was achieved by Mia P & Robyn

Strive to be the best we can be,

Supreme Citizen Award was achieved by Thomas C

Everyone aims high at EDMONDSLEY

Life Long Learner Award was achieved by Lily G



Dates for the Diary - Spring 2

All events are during school hours unless stated

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's involved</u>
Mon and Tues 16 th and 17 th March	Parents Evenings	All classes (except Y1 Hedgehogs and Y6 Stags)
Wednesday 18 th March	Relax Kids Taster Session	KS2 Classes
Monday 23 rd March	Dance Festival at the Gala	Rabbit Class children
Wednesday 25 th March 11.30am	Mother's Day Lunch for Reception	Reception parents and children
30 th March - 3 rd April	Easter Enterprise Week	All children
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Egg Entries to be brought into school by this date	All children
Friday 3 rd April 3.30pm	Easter Fair	Everyone
Friday 3 rd April	Break up for Easter	Everyone
Monday 20 th April	Back to school	Everyone

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wilkinson