



# Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School

## Thank you!

I wish to say a public and most sincere thank you to all staff in school. Staff have always worked so hard at Edmondsley but never before have they had to change and adapt routines and systems - all with such a positive attitude. It makes such a difference!

## Reading at home

We are delighted with how your children are settled in school - they seem a lot calmer than many adults I know! It's amazing how they have got used to our new routine of entering school, cleaning hands, seating arrangements, playtime Bubble Zones, lunchtime arrangements etc. They are a credit to you all.

From this week, Staff will be organising reading books for your children to take home. These ideally need to be returned each Thursday so staff can then place them in a quarantine box before giving them to another child. Home Reading Records will not be used. Please carry these books to and from school as we still do not want bags in school - yet. Children will place them into a box as they enter their classroom.

We are still being extremely cautious as we don't want anyone to be ill or have to close our school - I am pretty sure everyone agrees with this.

Thank you all for your support,

Mrs Angela Rees

## Additional Reading at home

We have purchased a subscription to Rising Stars Reading Planet. This is an online library, which offers your child a wealth of texts and learning opportunities in reading.

Your child's class teacher will set them texts to read. These texts are set at the age and stage which is appropriate for your child. As your child explores the book, there will be green clouds that pop up, which, when clicked on, will give your child comprehension quiz questions about what they have read.

The 'results' of these quizzes and the books that your child has read will be recorded for the class teacher to see and used to set subsequent texts. Your child will be able to collect stars on their account when they have completed a book.

Your child's class teacher will text you this week with further information on how to access this online learning from <https://my.risingstars-uk.com>

Mr Glenton  
Deputy Head and English Subject Leader

## Outside areas

We are so lucky to have such lovely grounds. However, please stop your children from using the obstacle course and wandering around to our new allotment area. These areas have been allocated to Class Bubbles and should not be used by anyone else.

## Parents Evenings

Mrs Hume, our Early Years Foundation Stage teacher has trialled communicating with groups of parents via Microsoft Teams online last week. This has worked pretty well for most as an alternative to meeting all new parents face to face in our school hall.

We would like to offer individual parent meetings to our Stag Class, week beginning the 28<sup>th</sup> September via Microsoft TEAMS or if you prefer, a telephone conversation.

If you have a child in Stag Class and having a meeting via TEAMS is something you would be interested in, please e-mail us at [edmondsley@durhamlearning.net](mailto:edmondsley@durhamlearning.net) with the following details.

- title the e-mail **Stag Parents' Evening**
- include **Name of your Child, Name of Parent**, and preferred **e-mail address to be contacted with**.

If you prefer to have a telephone conversation, please let us know either by phone or e-mail.

You will then be contacted the usual way via text message to choose a convenient time.

Your child's class teacher will then send an e-mail invite to you.

### PLEASE NOTE

- Continue to phone school 0191 3710443 with queries or concerns, **do not use** the teacher's e-mail.
- **Do not use** Teachers individual e-mail to contact them. Please continue to use the school account [edmondsley@durhamlearning.net](mailto:edmondsley@durhamlearning.net) Any e-mails from parents to Teachers' professional accounts will be forwarded to the school e-mail address.

## School Lunches

As with many other things, systems and routines have changed - many for the better (still loving the positive comments about entering and exiting our school). However, the ordering of school lunches has become a bit more complicated and we need your help. Wendy, our school cook needs to place food orders 3 weeks before the actual date she is cooking the food. This means that if you want your child to have a warm lunch in the colder weather that is fast approaching, please let us know as soon as possible.

Orders for your child to have a school lunch after half term need to be in by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Menus are available from our school website. <http://www.edmondsley.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/146/2020/09/Interim-Menu-after-Lockdown.pdf>

