



Dear Parents / Carers

As always at this stage of the year we have lots of things planned for the children – **the following list of dates is one to keep for future reference!!**

What's on	When and who?
Cricket coaching sessions	Monday afternoons from 4 th June (Year 6)
'Trumpets' tuition – part of our continuing instrumental input led by Mr Vallance	Monday afternoons in music lessons from 4 th June to 2 nd July (Year 3 and Year 4)
Writers workshop/author visit at Shanklea	Tuesday 5 th June (group of pupils from Year 1/Year 2)
Kwik Cricket tournament at CLV	Tuesday 5 th June (group of pupils from Year 5/Year 6)
Lunchtime 'Professional football coaching'	Tuesday lunchtimes from 5 th June (pupils from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Dance coaching sessions led by Cheryl Day	Tuesday afternoons from 5 th June (Reception and Year 1)
After school 'boxing club'	Tuesdays from 5 th June 3.15 – 4.15pm (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Lunchtime Rugby Rocket Tots	Wednesday lunchtimes from 6 th June (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Athletics competition at Northburn Sports Centre	Afternoon of Wednesday 6 th June (Year 5 and Year 6)
After school 'Eastlea Singing club'	Wednesday 6 th , 13 th , 20 th and 27 th June 3.15pm – 4.15pm Plus concert for parents on 27th June at 3.45pm (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Before school street dance club	Thursday mornings at 8am from 7 th June (all classes - Reception to Year 6)
OWLETS parent and toddler group	Thursdays from 7th June 9am – 10.30am in the school hall
Educational visit to Segedunum	Thursday 7 th June (Year 3)
Y4 Tennis tournament at Alexandra Park	Morning of Thursday 7 th June (group from Year 4)
NHS 70 th anniversary art project launch	Morning of Friday 8 th June (Year 2)
Dance academy session	Afternoon of Friday 8 th June (group from Year 3/Year 4)
KS1 National Phonics screening check	Week beginning 11 th June
Eastlea summer disco (see separate letter sent out this week)	Monday 11th June – £2.50 per ticket Reception/KS1 3.15 – 4.00pm; KS2 4.15 – 5.15pm
Music Play Day at CLV	Tuesday 12 th June (group from Year 5/Year 6)
Transition assembly led by CLV staff and ex Eastlea Year 7 students	Wednesday 13 th June – morning (Year 6)
Lunchtime Woodland Walk club	Wednesday lunchtimes from 13 th June (various year groups)
Y3 Tennis tournament at Alexandra park	Afternoon of Wednesday 13 th June (group from Year 3)
After school netball club	Wednesdays from 13 th June 3.15 – 4.15pm (Year 2)
After school cycling club	4 sessions on Wednesday 13 th / 20 th June and 4 th / 11 th July (group from Year 5 and Year 6)
Educational visit to St Mary's Island	Thursday 14 th June (Year 2)
Lunchtime running club	Thursday lunchtimes from 14 th June (Years 4, 5 and 6)
School Nurse PSHE/Puberty workshops	Afternoon of Thursday 14 th June (Year 5)

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Revd Wullie to lead whole school assembly	Morning of Monday 18 th June
Eastlea Sports Day <i>(children need PE kits for the afternoon or a t-shirt/accessory in their rocket group colour)</i>	<u>Monday 18th June – Reception to Year 6</u> (plus 30 hour Nursery pupils) School sports afternoon – all welcome on the field from 1.30pm (fingers crossed for fine weather!)
CLV Computing workshop at Eastlea	Morning of Tuesday 19 th June (Year 4)
Science transition workshop at CLV	Morning of Wednesday 20 th June (group of Year 6 pupils)
County Finals of Kwik Cricket tournament Following our WIN at the area competition this week – WELL DONE!!!	Wednesday 20 th June (girls Year 5/Year 6 team)
Educational visit to Rising Sun Country Park	Thursday 21 st June (Year 1)
Year 6 residential visit to York	Monday 25 th – Wednesday 27 th June (all Year 6 pupils plus Mrs Stafford, Mrs Tarbuck and Mrs Weatherson)
Partnership Digital Leaders meeting – hosted at Eastlea	Afternoon of Monday 25 th June (KS2 Digital Leaders)
Possible home visits for new Nursery pupils	Afternoon of Monday 25 th June
Chloe Daykin – author visit to Eastlea	Afternoon of Monday 25 th June (Year 5)
Additional Transition visit to CLV	Thursday 28 th June (group from Year 6)
Maths and Science focus visit to CLV	Morning of Friday 29 th June (group from Year 6)
Non-uniform day – no ‘theme’ but a ‘fine’ of a tombola or raffle prize per child for our summer fair	Friday 29th June
Summer term writing awards presented	Monday 2 nd July
Lal Qila Indian Meal	Lunchtime on Monday 2 nd July (Year 1/ Year 2)
Nursery new intake visit	Tuesday 3 rd July – 9.00am <i>(Parents/carers of new Nursery pupils for September will receive a separate invitation for this session)</i>
Cricket festivals	Tuesday 3 rd July – Year 3 (morning) and Year 5 (afternoon)
Multi-skills festival hosted at Eastlea	Tuesday 3 rd July – morning (Reception/Year 1/Year 2 plus Year 6 Sports Leaders)
Partnership Transition Day for all Year 6 pupils	Thursday 5 th July – all day (Year 6 pupils spend the full day at CLV as ‘Year 7’)
‘Step up to next year’	Thursday 5 th July (Pupils spend time in their new classrooms and meet the staff who will be working with them in September) <i>[This will also include an opportunity for new Reception pupils to meet staff – see separate invitation to be sent nearer the time]</i>
Eastlea ‘Summer Fayre’ <i>(more details will be sent nearer the time)</i>	Friday 6th July : 2.00pm – 3.30pm (non-uniform day with a ‘football world cup’ theme!!)
Summer term maths awards and Ninja certificates presented	Monday 9 th July

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Sports transition event at CLV	Monday 9 th July – afternoon (Year 6)
French workshop led by Mme Taylor	Afternoon of Monday 11 th July (Year 5 and Year 6)
Judging of the 'school planters' by the Town Council	Monday 16 th July
End of year 'celebration of success' assemblies	Tuesday 17 th , Wednesday 18 th and Friday 20 th July (the whole school)
Leavers Assembly Year 6 parents/carers all invited	Tuesday 17th July – 2pm (Year 6 special assembly to celebrate their journey through Eastlea!)
Golden Day	Thursday 19th July (all pupils who have followed our behaviour policy)
School closes for the summer holidays Early finish at 2pm	Friday 20 th (<u>early finish at 2pm</u>)

Educational visits

For those classes with educational visits still to take place, pupils will have/had separate letters to provide more information about the details and price of these events – so look out for these! As in previous years the school will be subsidising the transport costs/price for activities as far as we can to keep the cost for parents as low as possible. All of them have been planned to extend the learning of the pupils linked to their humanities/arts/topic work so we hope that all children will be able to take part.

School budget situation

As I'm sure you will be aware, school budgets are being faced with national cuts (in common with lots of other areas in the public sector). We continue to strive to provide as many experiences as we possibly can for the children at Eastlea but are 'feeling the pinch' and are having to embark on some more fundraising ventures to help us to further develop and extend what we offer the children. We are always very grateful for the support of parents/carers and the extended network of 'friends of Eastlea' who attend our fayres, performances, curriculum events etc in such large numbers – we really appreciate this high level of support.

One of the biggest things which would help at the moment, would be to attract more families/children to Eastlea. We get such positive comments from parents/carers and know how highly you value what we offer here in terms of a broad and ENJOYABLE 'educational experience', but we need to widen this out and encourage more children to join us. Do you know anyone who is undecided about where to send their child to school? Are there families living around your area who might consider coming to see what Eastlea has to offer? We are going to be launching an advertising initiative to get our name known more widely – in the new housing developments, community groups, local businesses etc and if anyone could support us with this – delivering leaflets, spreading the word or sharing information we would be very grateful.

A couple of examples of what we are trying to do:

- The new **Owlets Parent and Toddler Group** on Thursday mornings is being overseen by Mrs Holdsworth, and run by some parent volunteers and we want to attract as many people as possible to come to this group so that they can get into school and make friends/contacts with people in the area
- **Sprucing up the front of the school/outdoor areas** – we have the town council planter at the front of the school, the no-smoking area at the gates and an ongoing fundraising campaign to get some more signage for the school to welcome families and make the access areas more attractive. We are also looking at the possibility of having an extra gateway/entrance and perhaps even 'sponsoring the nearby 'underpass' (but this may take some time as the county council are involved!!)

As part of this we want to make the gateways/doorways/school approach paths calmer at the start of the school day. Many families have started to arrive earlier and earlier for school which leads to some younger children getting irritable while they wait for the doors to open with their parents, and groups of older pupils congregating outside the front of the school and by the doors. I know you are all keen to get here in the morning, but long periods of standing around at the gates or the doorways can lead to games getting out of hand which is then unsafe and can be tricky to manage. **Please can we ask that you do not arrive too early in the mornings, and if your child walks/cycles independently to school then don't let them set off too early! 8.40am is early enough as the doors do not open until 8.50am.**

Punctuality and attendance

- The weekly attendance champions' trophy and punctuality plaque winners for the six weeks of the first half of the summer term are included in the table below:

Attendance	Year 2 – twice	Year 3 - once	Year 4 - once	Year 5 - once	Year 6 – 3 times
Punctuality	Year 2 - twice				Year 6 – 5 times

- **Year 2** won our overall award for the best attendance for the first half of the summer term – and their average for the half term was 97.83% - well done! Year 6 were second with 97.65%.
- **Year 6** won the certificate for the **best punctuality** during the half term – congratulations! Year 2 were second and Year 5 were third.
- As a school we try hard to maintain a low level of 'persistent absentees'. We have only 12 pupils currently at Eastlea with **attendance below 90%** which is something we are very pleased with.

Sunny weather and uniform reminders...!

We have a large number of sporting events as you can see from the calendar above, so PE kit is regularly required for all children – and is probably best kept in school for ease of access whenever required. Many girls are choosing to wear blue striped/checked summer dresses and this is fine, but please can we ask that leggings are not worn as school uniform – they are not appropriate for school. School shoes rather than trainers are still expected when in school.

We hope to have plenty of summery weather in the coming weeks. Please can we also remind you to apply sun cream where required for your child before they come to school and remember that named bottles of water are allowed for PE lessons or sporting activities.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Beeston
Head Teacher