



Dear Parents/Carers

After a very successful first half of the autumn term we returned this week ready for the busy seven school weeks which take us up to the Christmas holidays!

Thank you for your continued support

In the weeks before the holiday, as always, your support for some of our key school events was excellent and is not something we take for granted. In particular I wanted to mention:

- **Around the UK Reading Challenge** – our new reading challenge was launched in style at the end of September and we were delighted with the number of parents/carers/family members who came to school on the afternoon of this event. Everyone is now busy working towards their Bronze reading award and we aim to present the first Bronze awards early in December for 10 weeks of reading in school and at home. Your encouragement for this cannot be underestimated and if you have any queries about what is expected in terms of supporting with reading at home then please speak to the year group staff.
- **Harvest Festival** – although the weather was ‘unkind’ on the day that we had planned to walk to St Nicholas’ Church, our festival went ahead in school instead. We were delighted with the response to our appeal for items for the Cramlington Foodbank and had a huge number of tins, packets and jars of food to present to Mrs Buxton, a representative from the church, who came to support us with the Harvest event. Thank you!
- **School clubs** – we seem to have had a ‘bumper crop’ of different clubs on offer for the children so far this term. Your support in encouraging your child to join in as well as making arrangements to have the right kit in school and arranging different drop off and pick-ups at the right times on different days is appreciated! **We had 99 involved in sports clubs last half term**, and if you add to this the other musical, computing and activity clubs this means a huge proportion of Eastlea children are engaged with one (or in many cases more than one) extra-curricular opportunity which is fantastic.
- **Parent appointments** – we had our highest turn out yet for the parent appointments which were arranged just before half term. Thank you for your support with this – the feedback has been very positive and almost every child has made a settled start to the new school year. Some parents still have appointments to come to see their child’s class teacher and when these are completed it means that we will have seen just about every parent/carer, which is always our aim. As you know we offer an ‘open door’ policy so if any issues arise in the coming weeks or months then please do not hesitate to come and talk to us in school so that we can get matters resolved.

PE kits

Considering our continuing focus on PE/Sport, it is important that all children have a PE kit in school during the week so that whenever PE lessons/sports coaching sessions occur, the children are suitably prepared. As the cooler winter weather arrives the children should have suitable outdoor trainers and can also wear plain dark tracksuit bottoms to keep warm. Your support with this is appreciated.

Behaviour Policy

Each year we review our behaviour policy and if any amendments are made then a revised copy is provided for all parents/carers. This year there have been no changes to the systems we already have in place. The only additional information in the policy briefly acknowledges the fact that as a staff we are completing some training this year linked to a philosophy/approach called ‘THRIVE’ which allows us to use different, hopefully more effective, strategies to support pupils who sometimes struggle to manage their emotions and behaviours in school. We know our school behaviour policy works very successfully and is something which regularly receives a very positive response from parents. If as a result of the new THRIVE approach any minor changes are made to our behaviour policy in future years then you will be kept fully informed. *[The latest policy is available on the school website]*

School Lunches

From next week (week beginning 7th November) the winter menus will start on the usual 3 weekly cycle. Copies of the menus are included with this newsletter for your reference and the options include those most popular with the children as well as some hearty warming dishes suitable for this time of year! The Eastlea ‘All Day Breakfast’ remains on the menu each Monday as does the roast of the day on Wednesday. These are always popular options, as is the ‘something and chips’ every Friday!! On Thursdays we will now be offering a choice of starter and main or main and dessert with the return of our popular home-made soup/bread roll as a choice on this day each week. Last winter this was a big success!

Our new Brainwaves (school council) are also ‘looking at’ school mealtimes this term and they will be letting you know soon about their ideas around packed lunches for those pupils who choose this option.

Nursery applications

If you have a pre-school child and would like an application form to secure their place in the Eastlea Nursery please come to the school office to collect a form. These can be completed well in advance and confirmation will be sent out when the form is received to confirm your child's place and their starting date. If you have any queries about this please contact Mrs Johnson in the school office.

Dogs at the gate

Your continuing support with the ongoing issue of keeping dogs away from the school grounds/entrance gates is appreciated. Thanks to those who have arranged different 'dog walking' times and for being more aware of the fear some children and adults have of dogs. This is appreciated.

Lost property

We seem to have more than the usual amount of 'lost property' being created in school. If items have names clearly marked it is far easier for us to get items back to the right person. Please can you support us by making sure that all items of uniform are marked with your child's name – including their coats. If you think that some of your child's missing clothing may be in school then the lost property is mainly stored in two containers at the bottom of the Year 3/Year 4 staircase. Please feel free to come in first thing in a morning or at the end of a school day to take a look and reclaim any items!

Attendance and punctuality

In support of our continuing drive to improve attendance and punctuality the 'weekly attendance champions' trophy and 'punctuality' plaque are awarded each week with great excitement! We are continuing to have real success in terms of encouraging good punctuality and attendance at Eastlea. I hope you will be interested in the following 'headlines' from the first half of the autumn term:

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| Attendance (One winner per week) | Reception – once | Year 1 – once | Year 2 – once | Year 3 – twice | Year 5 – twice | Year 6 – once |
| Punctuality (often shared by 2 or 3 classes each week) | Reception twice | Year 1 – twice | Year 2 – once | Year 3 – once | Year 5 – 7 times | Year 6 – 7 times |

Year 4 have yet to win either the attendance trophy or the punctuality plaque – something to aim for this half term!

- **Year 5** won our overall award for the **best attendance** for the first half of the autumn term – in total they won the weekly trophy twice – and their average for the half term was 97.84% – well done!
- We had joint winners for the certificate for the **best punctuality** – **Year 5** and **Year 6** each had only 1 'late' recorded in total during the half term – excellent!
- We have plenty of pupils who are on track to gain individual 100% attendance certificates for the autumn term – and I hope they have a healthy seven weeks in the run up to the Christmas holiday!

Children whose percentage attendance falls below 90% are classified by the government as 'persistent absentees' and separate letters have been sent to families of those individuals who fell below this figure in the first half of the autumn term.

Data Collection sheets

Before half term we sent out printed copies of the contact information etc which we have on the school office computer system for each child. We are still waiting for a few of these to be signed and returned by parents. **It is important that any remaining data collection sheets are returned as soon as possible** to confirm that we have the right information for your child. Thank you!

Residential visits

We are keen to make progress with planning the details of the residential visits planned for later this school year for children in Year 5 (Hawkhurst), Year 6 (York) and we hope for Year 3/Year 4 (Ford Castle). As you are aware we always subsidise the cost of any visits considerably, but without the deposits to secure your child's place these visits may not be able to go ahead. Please contact me directly, in confidence, if there are difficulties with payment which are causing a delay.

Events planned for this half term – including advance notice of some Christmas dates...as we are aware how important it is to get these key dates in the diary!

| What's on | When and who? |
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| After school KS2 Computing 'Code Club' | From Monday 31 st October to 5 th December 3.15 – 4.30pm (Year 5 and Year 6) |
| Poppies and British Legion items for sale | From 1 st November – as part of the national 'poppy appeal' |
| After school KS2 Basketball club | Tuesday 1 st November – last session (Year 5 and Year 6) |
| Lunchtime 'Professional football coaching' | Tuesday lunchtimes from 1 st November for 6 sessions (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
| Yoga sessions | Wednesday mornings in school time from 2 nd November (Nursery and Reception pupils) |
| Fiddles project – class tuition | Continuing on Wednesday afternoons from 2 nd November (Year 5 and Year 4 pupils with Mr Boyle) |
| After school 'Eastlea Singing club' | Continuing from Wednesday 2 nd November for 5 weeks (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
| Before school KS2 'Street Dance' club | Thursday mornings from 3 rd November - 8am (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
| Lunchtime Lacemaking club | Thursday lunchtimes from 3 rd November (Year 6) |
| Upper KS2 Lunchtime craft club | Thursday lunchtimes from 3 rd November (Year 6) |
| Lunchtime Running club | Thursday lunchtimes from 3 rd November (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) |
| Multi-skills festival at Blyth Sports Centre | Thursday 3 rd November - morning (Year 2 plus 12 Year 6 Sports Leaders) |
| Lunchtime Tag Rugby club | Monday lunchtimes from 7 th November (Year 3/Year 4) |
| Class educational visit to Lal Qila restaurant | Tuesday 8 th November (Year 1 and Year 2) |
| After school netball club | Tuesdays from 8 th November (Year 5 and Year 6) |
| Digital Leaders Hub meeting in Blyth | Wednesday 9 th November (KS2 Digital Leaders – plus Mrs Powells and Miss Betham) |
| Basketball team coaching session | Wednesday 9 th November (upper KS2 basketball teams) |
| Lunchtime Rugby Rocket Tots club | Restarts Wednesday 9 th November (Year 1 and Year 2) |
| Reception hearing checks | Afternoon of Thursday 10 th November (Reception class) |
| Friendship week – 'Power for good' | Week beginning Monday 14 th November (activities coordinated by Brainwaves) |
| Children in Need Day - Pennies for Pudsey 'Spotacular'/Pudsey non-uniform day coordinated by the 'Friends of Eastlea' | Friday 18 th November – morning 'Pennies for Pudsey' [more details to follow next week] |
| Basketball competition at Sport Central | After school on Friday 18 th November (Year 5 and Year 6 basketball team) |
| Our annual evening visit to see an Eagles Basketball match | Friday 18 th November – evening [see earlier letter] |
| After school KS1 Christmas Craft Club | Monday 21 st and 28 th November and 5 th December (group of pupils from Year 1 and Year 2) |
| Flu 'nasal spray' immunisations | Tuesday 22 nd November – afternoon (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 pupils) |

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| Non-uniform day – bring in prizes for the tombola stall at the Christmas Fair | Friday 25th November (all pupils) |
| Presentation of autumn term writing awards | Monday 28 th November |
| Festive lunch prepared by Year 6 in the school hall – <i>more details to follow</i> | Tuesday 29 th November at 2pm for Year 6 parents/grandparents/governors |
| Nursery new intake visit | Tuesday 30 th November: 9.00 – 10.00am (Nursery pupils due to start in January) |
| PE/Sports school kitemark presentation event | Thursday 1 st December – evening (group of 4 pupils plus KS2 singing club) |
| Eastlea Christmas Fair Coordinated by the 'Friends of Eastlea' | Friday 2nd December 3.15pm – 4.45pm |
| Scholastic Book Fair delivered to school | w/b Monday 5th December – parents welcome to come in and have a look/place orders |
| French Christmas Workshop | Afternoon of Wednesday 7 th December (Year 5 and Year 6) |
| Christmas productions <i>(Further details and ticket orders nearer the time!)</i> | Nursery/Reception: Thursday 8 th December (9.30am) Year 1/Year 2: Thursday 8 th December (1.45pm) and Friday 9 th December (9.30am) Yr 3/Yr 4/Yr 5/Yr 6: Thursday 8 th December(2.30pm) and Friday 9 th December (10.15am) |
| Carol Singing at Manor Walks <i>– yet to be confirmed</i> | Monday 12 th December – morning? (Year 6) |
| Nursery and Reception Christmas party | Monday 12 th December – afternoon (<u>No</u> Nursery morning session on this date – further details to follow) |
| Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party | Monday 12 th December – afternoon (further details to follow) |
| Christmas carol singing at Hartford Court care home | Morning of Tuesday 13 th December (KS2 Singing Club members) |
| Christmas lunch <i>(Further details of cost and menu soon)</i> | Tuesday 13 th December |
| Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party | Tuesday 13 th December – afternoon (further details to follow) |
| Presentation of autumn term maths awards | Wednesday 14 th December |
| Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas' church | Wednesday 14 th December at 2pm (Reception to Year 6 – parents/carers welcome to join us) |
| Golden Day | Thursday 15th December (all pupils who have followed our behaviour policy) |
| KS2 Christmas parties | Friday 16 th December – morning (class based events for Y5 and Y6) |
| School closes for the Christmas holiday Early finish at 2pm | Friday 16 th December (early finish at 2pm) |
| School reopens for the spring term | Wednesday 4th January 2016 (N.B. Staff training day on Tuesday 3 rd January) |

Yours sincerely,
E Beeston

Miss E Beeston
Head Teacher

WINTER MENU 2016

EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK ONE

- Homemade Dish
- Celery
- Cereals Containing Gluten
- Crustaceans
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs
- Mustard
- Nuts
- Peanuts
- Sesame Seeds
- Soya
- Sulphur Dioxide

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main Course Choices | Healthy Oven Cooked ALL DAY BREAKFAST Choice of bacon, sausage or ham Scrambled egg | Homemade Mince Cobbler | Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding | Chicken Curry with Naan bread | Oven baked sausage |
| Potatoes Pasta/Rice | Hash brown Bread | Parsley Potatoes | Roast potatoes | Wholemeal Rice | Chips |
| Vegetables | Baked beans Tomatoes Mushrooms | Caullflower Carrots | Cabbage / Swede Peas | Carrots Sweelorn | Baked Beans / Garden Peas |
| Salad Bowl | | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad |
| Starters or Sweets | Fruity chocolate brownie and milkshake | Iced marble cake with oustard | Fruit and Arotlio roll | Homemade Soup with a Bread Roll QB Cheeseoake | ¹² School Steamed Pudding of the week ¹² and oustard |



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- Eggs
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- Milk
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| Main Course Choices | Healthy Oven Cooked ALL DAY BREAKFAST Choice of bacon, sausage or ham Scrambled egg | Savoury Mince with dumplings | Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding | Spaghetti Bolognese | Cheese and tomato pizza |
| Potatoes Pasta / Rice | Hash brown Bread | Creamed potatoes | Roast Potatoes | Garllo Bread | Chips |
| Vegetables | Baked beans Tomatoes Mushrooms | Garden Peas Carrots | Cabbage / Swede Broccoli | Sweelorn | Baked Beans / Garden Peas |
| Salad Bar | | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad |
| Starters or Sweets | Chocolate Muffin and milkshake | Apple crumble with Custard | Cornflake cake | Homemade Soup with a Bread Roll QB Fruit salad and ice-cream | ¹² School Steamed Pudding of the Week ¹² with oustard |


















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
































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| Potatoes Pasta / Rice | Hash brown Bread  | Savoury wedges Sweet chilli sauce / mayonnaise | Roast Potatoes  | Creamed potato  | Chips |
| Vegetables | Baked beans Tomatoes Mushrooms | Garden Peas Carrots | Cabbage / Swede Broccoli | Mixed vegetables | Baked Beans / Garden Peas |
| Salad Bar | | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad | Seasonal Salad |
| Starters or Sweets | Homemade biscoit and milkshake     | Sticky toffee pudding with oustard     | Jelly whip  | Homemade Soup with a Bread Roll    QB Rice pudding/Jam | "School Steamed Pudding of the week" with oustard    |



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