



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you!

The six weeks since the half term holiday have been an action packed half term at Eastlea. Your support with all of our events has been much appreciated by all the staff and pupils at Eastlea...

- Our **'World Book Day'** celebration of reading event was a huge success with everyone getting involved, some fabulous costumes and a chance for Year 3 to share with us their favourite books! We raised **£197** for our library funds – thank you!
- The **Sports Relief Day** fundraising event on 21st March raised a fantastic total of **£225.86**. The weather was kind to us and every child ran/walked the mile – fun was had by all and we had some super runners who gained certificates for coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their classes!
- The **Eagles basketball match** on the evening of 21st March was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils/family groups who attended. Our record of never having seen the Eagles lose continued and we were lucky enough to have our picture taken with the team after the match!
- The **Year 5 residential visit to Hawkthirst** last weekend was a fantastic success – just about everyone in the class chose to go on the visit and thanks to the efforts of the staff involved everyone had a brilliant time!
- Our **Easter raffle** this week raised an amazing **£228** towards our Golden day funds. The prizes (mostly of the 'chocolate' variety) were eagerly claimed yesterday in the hall when the raffle was drawn! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.
- **Family Maths Activities** and **Parents' appointments** – the turn out for these this half term has been very high – your support for these events is so important and much appreciated – thank you!

Golden Day – reminders

Almost every child has earned the right to attend our Golden Day events tomorrow which I am delighted about. If your child is taking part please remember that as outlined in the previous letter there are certain things which they need with them – especially in the light of the cooler than expected recent weather!

Details of the visit for Reception to Year 6	<u>ALL</u> Children will need (except Nursery)	Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children <u>ONLY</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date – Friday 4th April 2014 • Leave Eastlea – shortly after 9am • Activities at Silksworth – 10am – 2.30pm (2.45pm for Y4, Y5 and Y6) <p><u>Arrive back at Eastlea:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.15pm (Rec, Y1, Y2 & Y3) • 3.30pm (Y4, Y5 & Y6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To come to school wearing appropriate sports gear including trainers and a coat (no school uniform is required on the day and NO JEWELLERY PLEASE) • A packed lunch including an extra snack/biscuit/chocolate bar and drinks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also need to ensure they have long trousers, long sleeved tops, hats, gloves – for the skiing and/or tubing activities

N.B. Bounce visit: Nursery children should come to school on Friday 4th April wearing appropriate clothes (not school uniform) – long trousers (tracksuit bottoms/leggings are better than jeans), t-shirts that cover the shoulders, warm jumper/coat, appropriate footwear and **socks**.
No jewellery at all should be worn please.

Reading awards

I am delighted to tell you that we have had a bumper crop of reading awards to present each week this half term. We now have **197 pupils who have achieved their bronze awards** (which has exceeded last year's total) and **110 who have their silver awards**. Don't forget to encourage your child to keep reading over the holiday – if they have their reading signed this will help them move another rung up the ladder!!

Happy Easter

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a 'Happy Easter holiday' and let's hope we have some better weather to enjoy over the next two weeks! **Eastlea reopens on Tuesday 22nd April 2014** ready for the summer term. We have class photos scheduled with H. Tempest for Wednesday 23rd April – so we are hoping for full attendance so that everyone can be included!

Yours sincerely
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 Head Teacher

