



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back today after the Easter break and I wish to extend an especially warm welcome to our new Nursery starters who will be joining us in the coming days. This half term only lasts 4 weeks due to the lateness of Easter, but as always I am sure it will be an action packed time at Eastlea.

Summer weather

Over the summer term, we all have our fingers crossed for some bright sunny weather. Fortunately we were able to allow access to the field at breaks and lunchtimes before the holiday and as long as the weather remains dry, this will continue. On sunny days please apply sun cream before children come to school if appropriate. A cap/hat would also be a good idea. Water bottles should continue to be brought in every day – there are a few children who are forgetting which makes things awkward in school. Please note that water bottles should contain **plain WATER**, not juice. Thank you!

Uniform and PE kits

As we start the summer term we have planned as many outdoor sessions as possible for our summer PE topics. Class teachers will keep you informed about which days PE kit is required and on these days school tracksuits or **PLAIN** dark blue or black jogging bottoms/leggings can be worn as well as the school sweatshirt or PE hoodie and trainers. Blue/black shorts can also be worn (perhaps under the school tracksuit to cover all weather options!)

On the days when there is no PE, then school uniform should be worn as usual with black school shoes/plain black trainers. Grey/black 'uniform' shorts can be worn or blue/check summer dresses etc. If cartwheels, handstands or other 'gymnastic' moves are to be undertaken on the field at breaks or lunchtimes then trousers/shorts must be worn for obvious reasons!

Remember pre-loved Eastlea uniform can be obtained FREE of charge from the Hope Centre in Cramlington. Rather than buying new items for the remaining weeks of the school year, this might be a good option before the summer holidays.

Reading books and water bottles...a reminder!

We will soon be presenting the first of our Castles GOLD reading awards. Most of the children are keeping up with this year's reading challenge which is great news – thank you for your support with this. If you are not regularly seeing and signing your child's reading record then please get in touch with their class teacher so we can work with you to get them back on track!

We regularly remind children to take extra care with school reading books which are brought home each week for them to read. Unfortunately, we do still have some books that have been damaged due to water bottles being kept in reading folders which then leak and ruin the books. These then have to be paid for to be replaced. Your support with this is much appreciated!

Parking

The issues with parking continue, but as usually happens we hope that the better weather in the summer term will encourage **more children where possible to walk to school or use their bikes/scooters** to come to and from Eastlea each day. A big thank you to those who have realised the benefits of **parking at the Church of the Nazarene** and are walking from there – it really does only take a few minutes to do this.

Can we please ask that those who do still continue to use their cars and come right into the estate, do so with care and consideration for local residents, pedestrians and other car users. The area by the school gates is distinctly marked for emergency vehicle access and should be **KEPT CLEAR** of cars. Thank you!

It would also help if those who park near to the school leave promptly having dropped off or collected their child so that the space is available for someone else – this might also help to ease congestion. Thank you!



And finally... a calendar of events planned for the rest of this half term is included below together with a list of the clubs which are running before school, at lunchtimes and after school in the coming weeks.



Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

Events and activities for the first half of the summer term

What's on	When and who?
Newcastle Foundation 'Toon Team Day' visit to St James' Park	Monday 28 th April (Year 3)
TCS Mini London Marathon / Cash for Kids Step Challenge	Monday 28th April – Thursday 1st May (see earlier letter)
Northumberland Sport Development lunchtime sessions on the yard	Continuing weekly from Monday 28 th April (open to the whole school at lunchtimes)
Rocksteady class band sessions	Continuing on Tuesday mornings from 29 th April
'Phototronic' class photos	Morning of Tuesday 29th April
Athletics coaching (PE)	Tuesday afternoons from 29 th April (Y3 and Y5) Thursday afternoons from 1 st May (Y4 and Y6)
Net/wall/invasion games (PE)	Wednesday afternoons from 30 th April (Y1 and Y2)
Local town and county council elections – polling station in the computer suite (Eastlea open as usual)	Thursday 1 st May – <u>Eastlea open as usual</u>
Presentation of the first GOLD Castles reading challenge awards	Friday 2 nd May
Cricket coaching sessions	Continuing on Fridays from 2 nd - 16 th May (Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5)
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – Eastlea closed	Monday 5th May – Eastlea closed
Educational Visit to Whitehouse Farm	Tuesday 6 th May (Reception)
Visit from Emma Foody (local MP)	Morning of Friday 9 th May
KS2 SATs week	Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May (Year 6)
Quad Kids Athletics competition at Astley High School	Morning of Friday 16 th May (team from Y3/Y4)
Children's Cancer Run and Mrs Scott running Manchester half marathon to raise funds for Eastlea	Morning of Sunday 18 th May (Y4/5/6 running club)
'Roots and Shoots' planting session at Eastlea	Monday 19 th May (Year 5)
May GOLDEN DAY	Thursday 22 nd May
Break up for summer half term holiday	Thursday 22nd May
Staff Training Day – Eastlea closed for pupils	Friday 23rd May – Eastlea closed for pupils
Pupils return for second half of the summer term	Monday 2 nd June

Clubs

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
<p>Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am each day). This costs £2.50 per day.</p> 	<p>KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Tuesdays (from 23rd April) (£2 per session)</p>	<p>Irish Dancing Club on Mondays (Rec to Y6)</p>
		<p>Gardening Club on Mondays (from 12th May)</p>
		<p>Munchie Maths Club for Y6 on Tuesdays (29th April / 6th May)</p>
<p>Bacon Butty Literacy Booster for Y6 on Wednesdays from 8am (30th April / 7th May)</p>	<p>KS1 Professional football coaching for Y1/Y2 on Wednesdays (£2 per session)</p>	<p>Singing Club for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Wednesdays</p>
<p>Street Dance Club for Reception on Wednesdays from 8am in the school hall</p>		<p>KS2 Violin Progression group for on Wednesdays</p>
<p>Owlets toddler group for pre-school children and their parents/carers/ childminders: Thursdays 9.00 – 10.30am in the school hall Sessions cost £3.00 plus 50p per extra child.</p> 	<p>Running Club for Y4/Y5/Y6 on a rota basis on Thursdays</p>	<p>Ball Games club for Y3/Y4 on Thursdays</p>