



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to welcome everyone back after Easter and what a lovely week of weather we have had to start the new term! If the sunny weather continues sun cream may be needed earlier than usual – this can be applied before children come to school if appropriate.




Thank you for your patience with negotiating the scaffolding and avoiding skips, ladders and containers while the roof repairs are ongoing. Good progress has been made this week as you will have seen if you have been anywhere near the main entrance and it is my understanding that once this area is watertight then work will move to other zones around the school. It is likely that the contractors will be here for another 3 weeks or so as some additional works have been agreed while the scaffolding is in place.

**Our calendar of events planned for this half term (so far) is laid out below. We want to get started with as much as we can...if it is possible for us to arrange something bearing in mind the ongoing restrictions then we are doing our best to make sure that it can happen!**

What's on	When and who?
Skipping sessions	Monday afternoons from 12 <sup>th</sup> April (Year 5)
Rocksteady class band sessions	Continuing on Tuesday mornings from 13 <sup>th</sup> April (Reception, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6)
Football coaching/PE lessons [Kevin]	Tuesday afternoons from 13 <sup>th</sup> April (Y3/Y6 and Y4)
Specialist Music and French tuition	Continuing on Wednesday afternoons for Y5/6 from 14 <sup>th</sup> April led by Ms Smith and Mme Taylor
Futsal coaching	Wednesday afternoons from 14 <sup>th</sup> April (Y1 and Y2)
Virtual yoga sessions	Thursday mornings from 15 <sup>th</sup> April (Reception) Friday mornings from 16 <sup>th</sup> April (Y1)
Football / Hockey coaching/PE lessons [Kevin]	Thursday afternoons from 15 <sup>th</sup> April (Y5 and Y6)
Gymnastics coaching	Friday afternoons from 16 <sup>th</sup> April (Y3 and Y4)
Cricket coaching	Tuesdays from 20 <sup>th</sup> April (Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3)
Nissan Monozukuri Caravan Project full day visit	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April (Year 6)
<b>Possible return of Owlets in a reduced/revised format</b>	<b>Thursdays 9.00 – 10.30am outside in the courtyard (22<sup>nd</sup> April onwards?)</b>
H. Tempest class photos	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April (morning)
<b>Launch of Captain Tom 100 Challenge</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>May Day Bank Holiday – Eastlea closed</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
POLLING STATION IN COMPUTER SUITE <b><u>Eastlea open as usual</u></b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>with additional marshals to ensure Covid secure protocols</b>
Computing Workshop	Afternoon of Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May (Year 2)
Balance Bikes training sessions	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May (Reception) Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May (Year 1) Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May (Nursery)
May GOLDEN DAY	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Children break up for the late May/June half term break	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May (usual times)

## Clubs

As you know the clubs we are currently able to offer have continued to be restricted in terms of numbers/year group participation due to Covid secure measures in schools. Despite this we have a lot planned for the children and letters have been sent out about these this week – see below:

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am <b>each day</b> ). <i>This costs £2.50 per day.</i> 	KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4 on <b>Tuesdays</b> (£2 per session)	Gardening club for Y4/Y5 on <b>Mondays</b>
	Rugby Rocket Tots for Y1/Y2 on <b>Wednesdays</b> (£2 per session)	Cricket club for Y1/Y2 on <b>Tuesdays</b>
	Woodland Walk club for a different year group each week on <b>Wednesdays</b>	Gymnastics club for Y3/Y4 on <b>Tuesdays</b>
	Running Club for Y4, Y5, and Y6 on a rota basis on <b>Thursdays</b>	Singing Club for Y4/Y5 on <b>Wednesdays</b>
		Badminton club for Y5 on <b>Thursdays</b>
		Grassroots Gymnastics club for Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5 on <b>Thursday evenings (5.30 – 7.00pm)</b> . <i>This costs £5.00 per session</i>

## Covid reminders and updates

As we continue our slow path out of lockdown it certainly feels as though we are emerging slowly into something resembling a bit more like normality. We must remember though that Covid still poses a threat and that we need to remain cautious and follow the protocols and systems which have been so successful for us for all these months.

- **Masks are still required to be worn by adults on the school premises** during drop off and collection times (unless you are exempt for medical reasons)
- Please remember that only **one adult per child** should be on the school site and do not hang around on site or at the gates – go straight home when you have collected your children!
- **Indoor gatherings, parties and sleep overs etc are still not permitted** with anyone outside your household/support bubble
- **Lateral flow tests** are still being taken by Eastlea staff twice every week. Anyone who wishes to do so can now access 'rapid tests' – from pharmacies, testing sites or ordered online. Remember lateral flow tests should only be taken for those who do not have any symptoms as a way of checking that at the time of the test you are not infectious or in danger of passing on the Covid virus.
- **If you or your child does have any Covid symptoms then it is important that you inform school immediately, seek a PCR test from a testing centre and self-isolate with your household pending the outcome of the test.**

## Reception allocation of places for September 2021

For the first time ever this year we have families who have children attending our Eastlea Nursery who have not managed to secure a place for their child in our Reception class for September 2021. This is a very difficult situation and I know will be upsetting for those concerned. We all feel very sorry about this but it is totally out of our hands. Having taken advice there is nothing we can do to squeeze any more into Reception as there is a statutory limit called 'infant class size legislation' which means we are legally not allowed to go over our school admission number of 30 in that class. We know our Nursery is very popular, but for 2021 there happens to also be an unusually high number locally in this particular cohort. It happens periodically where a year group is 'full' but has not happened in this way for us before with Nursery moving into Reception. We hope we are never in the position of disappointing families like this again. If you are faced with not getting a place then please talk to me and I can go through the options regarding the waiting list and appeals process.

## Y5/Y6 July 'residential visit' update

We are still not able to 100% confirm that the planned residential visit for Year 5/Year 6 at school in July is able to go ahead. This is disappointing as I know so many children were so keen to go. Unless we have a few more who are able to take part there is a chance that without some additional bursaries/funding then we will not be able to go ahead with the 2 days of activities/overnight stay. **Please let us know as soon as possible if your child would like to take part so that we can make a final decision about this next week.** Fingers crossed!

Yours sincerely, Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher