



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday we come to the end of another year at Eastlea. As the term draws to a close here are some final updates and information before the summer holidays.

- **Summer Fayre**

Our 'beach party' theme seemed initially to be rather optimistic, but in the end we were very lucky with the weather for our summer fayre which took place on the afternoon 7th July. We had great support once again from parents/friends and were delighted to raise **£1495.10** at the event. This money, held by the 'Friends of Eastlea', goes to support our Golden Days or other activities/resources for the children. Thank you to everyone who supported us!

- **Class educational visits**

Year 5's visit to Seahouses, Bamburgh and the Farne Islands was the last visit of this school year. Like all the others it was a big success and they had a super time. It was lovely to hear that the children had been praised for their behaviour when out and about in the north of Northumberland. We often have members of the public praising our children for their enthusiasm, good manners and positive behaviour – something I never grow tired of hearing! Thank you for providing the contributions towards the costs of these visits – it really does help the curriculum come alive for the children.

- **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

Tomorrow we have the Year 6 Leavers' assembly in the school hall **at 2pm** for all Year 6 parents/carers/grandparents etc. The class have been working very hard to prepare for their final performance and I feel sure it will be a huge success as always. We wish our Year 6 class the best of luck as they prepare to join the Junior Learning Village in Cramlington in September! In DfE terminology are asked to ensure that by the time of transition our Year 6 children are 'secondary ready'. We have certainly achieved this – both academically and socially. Our Year 6 did us proud with their KS2 SATS results and we are delighted for them – they were well above national averages and above other local schools too! CONGRATULATIONS!

- **Bastille Day and Pirate Party**

Our most recent Golden Day on Friday was great fun for all who earned the right to take part. As always your support for the dress up theme meant that everyone joined in with enthusiasm – and we had some very creative Eiffel tower building projects, some tasty French food being eaten, some entertaining dancing as well as some scary pirates in the Early Years – many of whom managed to 'walk the plank' successfully! There are some photos on the website if you haven't already seen them.

- **Reading Challenge and Champion Readers**

Our 'Around the UK reading challenge' has been successful again this year. Every child has had the chance to take part and the vast majority have been well supported at home to gain their bronze, silver and gold reading awards. There are still a few more awards to present this week, but so far we have **194 bronze, 158 silver and 103 gold**. Before the end of term we will also present our Champion Reader awards – these are for the pupils who just keep on reading, even when they have achieved their gold award! Well done to them all!

Over the holidays Cramlington Library are running the '**Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge**'. The challenge has just started and the children will be reminded about this again before we break up. It is free to join and runs throughout the summer holidays. There are lots of prizes and incentives on offer and we will reward the children who complete the challenge with a summer reading picnic in September – coordinated by Mrs Lister.

Attendance and punctuality

As you know we continue to have a high focus on attendance/punctuality! Classes who have won the half term award certificates will be presented with these on Friday. We will also be giving out awards to those individuals who have managed 100% attendance in the summer term, some special punctuality certificates for those who have never been late this year, as well as recognising the pupils who have managed full attendance for the whole academic year!!

As you are aware, if your child's attendance falls below 90% then this is classed nationally as a 'persistent absentee' which means that the EWO will become involved and attendance is more closely monitored in school. Almost all Eastlea parents continue to work very well with us to keep their children's attendance

above this figure and aim to get their children into good habits by arriving at school on time every morning – thank you! Advance notice of the term dates for 2017-18 are included at the end of this letter for reference.

September – farewells and fresh starts

The start of the new term will come around quickly so it is worth reminding you that the autumn term for all pupils starts on **Tuesday 5th September 2017**. A couple of weeks ago your child had the chance to meet the adults who will be working with them next year as we had a whole school transition day. We know that this can be a nervous time for the children but felt that the transition day was a positive experience for everyone.

Unfortunately, we have to say farewell to some members of staff at the end of this week. In common with many other schools nationally we have had to ‘tighten our belts’ in terms of the school budget and 3 members of support staff will not be with us when we reconvene in September. Mrs Henzell has taken the opportunity to retire (a little early!) and Mrs Frazer and Mrs Wakenshaw will be seeking alternative employment elsewhere. It will feel very strange without them here in September – we are sorry to see them go, will miss everything they offered the children, and wish them well in the future.

Mrs Coyne who has worked at Eastlea as a lunchtime supervisor will also be moving on in September – and we also send her our best wishes for the future!

Nursery places

We have some space left in our Nursery for September – either 15 hours (mornings) or 30 hours (full days) depending on eligibility for government funding. If you, or anyone you are in contact with, wants to take up these places it is important that they contact the school as soon as possible (01670 732261)

School uniform – a reminder

Most parents who ordered uniform will have now received their order. Please be aware although we do still have some items in stock, we are awaiting delivery of others which will not arrive until towards the end of the summer holiday.

As always at this stage of the year, may I also take this opportunity to remind you of the uniform requirements at Eastlea:

Uniform list

- School sweatshirt/cardigan in navy blue (available from the school with the Eastlea logo)
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey/black trousers/shorts or skirt
- Summer option – **blue** check/stripe dress
- Black school shoes – **NOT** trainers please. We seem to have had more trainers appearing in school this term. However, black shoes are the required footwear in school other than for outdoor P.E. lessons (see below).

P.E. kit

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black sandshoes or bare feet for indoor PE. (Trainers may be worn for outdoor P.E. and a dark tracksuit can also be worn)

Jewellery/Hairstyles...**AND A REMINDER ABOUT EARRINGS!!**

- No jewellery can be worn in school. ***This includes earrings, so if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced it needs to be done at the very start of the summer holidays so they can remove earrings before they come back to school in September. We have a policy of NO EARRINGS IN SCHOOL.***
- ‘Extreme’ hairstyles are also not to be worn at Eastlea in common with other schools in Cramlington. Distinctively styled hair, designs shaved into the hair, shaved patterns and unnatural dyed hair should not be worn during term time. Long hair should always be tied back for school.

And finally...end of term at 2pm on Friday 21st July

Please remember that the children **finish at 2pm on Friday 21st July** – I’m sure they won’t have forgotten!!

Finally, I would like to once again thank everyone for their support this year and I hope that you have a restful summer holiday!

Yours sincerely

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2017 / 18



<u>HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE</u>
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017</u>	
Summer 2016	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017
October Mid-Term 2016	Thursday 19 October 2017	Monday 30 October 2017
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2017</u>	
Christmas/New Year 2016/2017	Friday 22 December 2017	Tuesday 9 January 2018
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018</u>	
Spring Mid-Term 2017	Friday 9 February 2018	Monday 19 February 2018
Easter 2017	Thursday 29 March 2018	Monday 16 April 2018
<u>MAY DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 7 MAY 2018</u>	
Summer Mid-Term 2017	Friday 25 May 2018	Monday 4 June 2018
Summer 2017	Friday 20 July 2018	Tuesday 4 September 2018
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018</u>	