



Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Summer Fair

Thank you again for your support with the summer fair which took place last week. Lots of parents, families and friends attended and we were delighted to raise **£1257.03**. This money, held by the 'Friends of Eastlea', goes to support our Golden Days and other activities/resources for the children. Thank you to everyone who supported us! We still have a few raffle prizes which have not been claimed – they are being held in the school office.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Yesterday we had the Year 6 Leavers' assembly for all Year 6 parents/carers/grandparents etc. The class had less time to prepare for their assembly this year, but really enjoyed presenting their final 'performance' and we wish them well as they prepare to join the Junior Learning Village in Cramlington in September! We believe that our Year 6 children are 'secondary ready' in all senses of this word - they did themselves proud with their KS2 SATS results and we are delighted for them. Once again they were well above national averages!

Ofsted update

Many parents have asked when the report will be issued following the visit from Ofsted in the first week of July. There is still a chance the outcome will be published before the end of this week – but as time goes by it is more likely that it will not appear on the Ofsted website until September. As soon as the report does become available copies will be circulated to all families. Your support with this process was fantastic – thank you!

Reading Challenge and Champion Readers

Our 'Body reading challenge' has been very successful this year with children really engaged with the process of gaining their bronze, silver and gold awards. We have surpassed previous years' 'totals' at the end of the year with **182 bronze, 151 silver and 105 gold**. Today we presented 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...there were 68 in total who will be proudly coming home with their gold balloons!!

Over the holidays the local libraries are running another summer reading challenge – this year the theme is '**Space Chase**'. The challenge started on Saturday it is free to join and runs throughout the summer holidays. There are lots of prizes and incentives on offer and, as has now become a tradition, we will reward the children who complete the challenge with a summer reading picnic in September – coordinated by Mrs Lister. We hope that some of the children's art work will be part of a display in Cramlington library. Please take a look when your children are there borrowing books over the summer holidays.

Writing and Maths awards

During the last two weeks we have presented our summer term writing and maths awards to pupils in each class who have shown real flair, determination and enthusiasm in these subjects. Writing samples from the lucky winners are displayed in a book kept within the library and work from the maths award winners will be displayed in the hall (by early next term).

Golden Day reminder

Tomorrow we will be having our final Golden Day of the year – a 10th birthday party for the school. All the details were provided in the previous letter (see school website) but it is important that the children who have earned the right to attend come dressed for a party, with sun cream applied (hopefully), and have a waterproof/jacket/sensible shoes with them (you never know!!). School uniform is not required and no jewellery must be worn on the day please. Morning Nursery pupils should be collected as usual at 11.50am please. The pupils in all other classes will finish at 3.15pm as normal on that day.

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 2019-20 is included at the end of this letter for reference, so that you know when to plan holidays which avoid the children missing school.

September – farewells and fresh starts

Even though we haven't started the summer break yet, the start of the new school year will come around surprisingly quickly so it is worth reminding you that the autumn term for all pupils starts on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019**. 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, as I outlined in an earlier letter, we have to say farewell to some members of staff at the end of this week. We wish the very best of luck to staff who are leaving but know they will remain part of the 'Eastlea family'.

School places

We have some space left in some of our year groups for September – 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). This includes a few Nursery places of either 15 hours (mornings) or 30 hours (full days) depending on eligibility for government funding.

School uniform – a reminder

Most parents who ordered uniform a short while ago have received their items already. We do still have a few items in stock in some sizes if anyone has realised they want any more sweatshirts, cardigans, bookbags etc. As I always do 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 (leggings are not appropriate)
- 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 19th July

Please remember that the children **finish at 2pm on Friday 19th July** – I'm sure they won't have forgotten!!

I have been asked by Revd Wullie to mention a 'summer lunch scheme' in this newsletter. It looks as though it will be really useful for families, so I have attached it to the back of the letter.

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,

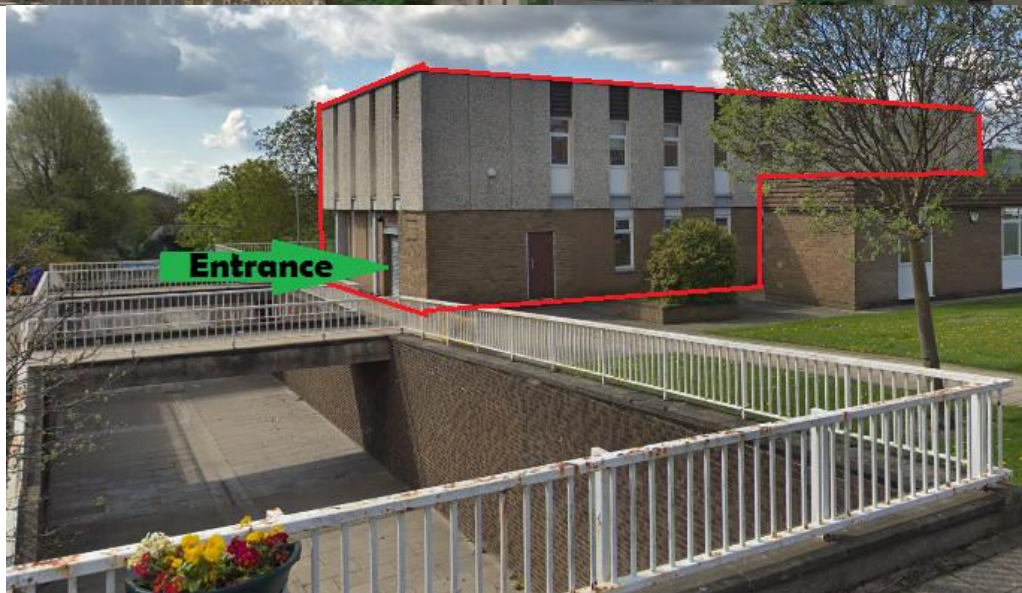
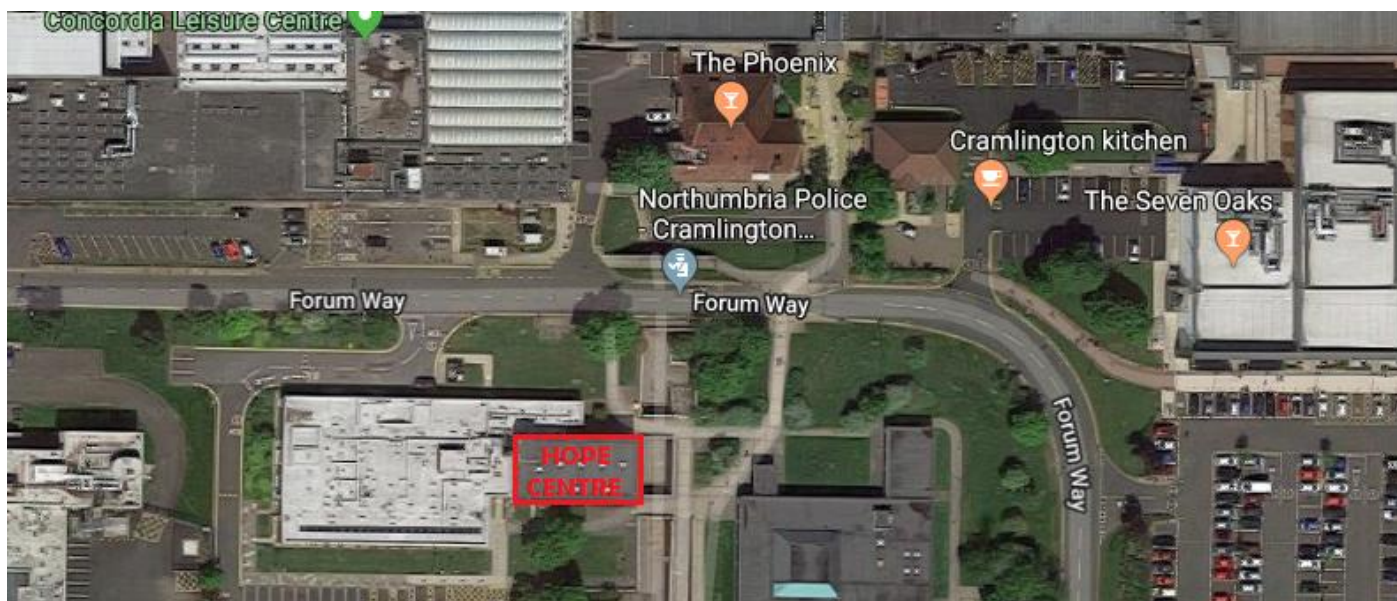
Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2019 / 20

<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 2 SEPTEMBER 2019</u>	
Summer 2019	Friday 19 July 2019	Tuesday 3 September 2019
October Mid-Term 2019	Thursday 24 October 2019	Monday 4 November 2019
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019</u>	
Christmas/New Year 2019/2020	Friday 20 December 2019	Tuesday 7 January 2020
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020</u>	
Spring Mid-Term 2020	Friday 14 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	Tuesday 20 April 2020
<u>MAY DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020</u>	
Summer Mid-Term 2020	Friday 22 May 2020	Tuesday 2 June 2020
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 1 JUNE 2020</u>	
Summer 2020	Friday 17 July 2020	Wednesday 2 September 2020
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020</u>	

Summer Lunch Scheme

From Monday 22nd July, and for the duration of the school summer holidays, the Cramlington Churches, in cooperation with the HOPE Centre
(Forum Way, to the rear of Concordia, next to the GP surgeries)



will provide packed lunches for pupils who normally receive free school meals.

These will be available each week-day from 1200
For further information call
Hope Centre on **01670373808**