



Dear Parents / Carers,

As always at this stage of the year we have lots of things planned for the children – **this newsletter contains a list of dates and is one to keep for future reference!!**

Clubs and activities for the second half of the summer term

We continue to have a varied and well supported programme of clubs either before school, at lunchtime or after school. This half term the following clubs are taking place – many started this week and more start next week.

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am each day)	KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Tuesdays	Netball club for Y2/Y3 on Mondays
Street Dance for KS2 on Thursdays from 8am [<i>for the first 4 weeks; then after that Reception/Y1/Y2 will also be involved</i>]	Rocket Group Rounders competition games on Tuesdays	Steel Pans music club for Y3/Y4 on Tuesdays
Plus... Owlets toddler group for pre-school children and their parents/carers/childminders on Thursdays from 9am – 10.30am in the school hall	Woodland Walk club for various year groups on Wednesdays	Dodgeball club for Reception/ Y1/Y2 on Tuesdays
	Rugby Rocket Tots for Reception/Year 1/Year 2 on Wednesdays	'KS2' Singing Club for Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Wednesdays [<i>for 3 weeks</i>]
	Times Tables/Rock Stars club for various year groups on Thursdays	Cycling club for Y5/Y6 on some Wednesdays [<i>dates to be confirmed</i>]
	Running Club for Y4/Y5/Y6 on Thursdays	

Events planned for this half term

What's on	When and who?
Year 6 residential visit to York	Monday 3 rd – Wednesday 5 th June (Year 6 pupils plus Mrs Stafford, Mrs Tarbuck and Mrs Scott)
Pilates coaching sessions	Monday afternoons from 3 rd June (Year 4)
Y4 Tennis tournaments at Alexandra Park	Morning/Afternoon of Wednesday 5 th June (groups from Year 4)
Cricket coaching sessions	Thursday afternoons from 6 th June (Year 5/Year 6)
Parenting drop in sessions led by the county 'Early Help' team – no need to make an appointment, just come into school via the main entrance	Fortnightly sessions on Thursdays from 4.00 – 5.30pm (6th June, 20th June, 4th July, 18th July)
Dance coaching sessions	Friday afternoons from 7 th June (Year 6)
Dance academy sessions	Continuing after school on Fridays (selected pupils from KS2)
KS1 National Phonics screening check	Week beginning 10 th June
Bikeability level 2 'catch up' sessions	Monday 10 th June (selected pupils from Year 5/Year 6)
Netball coaching sessions	Monday afternoons from 3 rd June (Year 3)
Dance coaching sessions	Monday afternoons from 3 rd June (Year 2)

What's on	When and who?
Music Play Day at CLV	Tuesday 11 th June (group from Year 5)
Jiu-jitsu taster sessions	Wednesday 12 th June (Year 2 and Year 6)
Summer term Full Governing Body meeting	Wednesday 12 th June – 4pm
Safety workshops led by David Burn	Afternoon of Thursday 13 th June (Year 4 and Year 6)
Transition assembly led by CLV staff and ex Eastlea Year 7 students	Monday 17 th June – morning (Year 6)
Eastlea Sports Day <i>(children need PE kits for the afternoon or a t-shirt/accessory in their rocket group colour)</i>	<u>Monday 17th June – Reception to Year 6</u> (plus 30 hour Nursery pupils) School sports afternoon – all welcome on the field from 1.30pm (fingers crossed for fine weather!)
Additional Transition visit to CLV	Tuesday 18 th June (group from Year 6)
Operation Encompass the next steps PSHE session led by PC Lynne – followed by parent drop in session after school	Afternoon of Tuesday 18 th June (Year 3)...plus parents/carers of <u>any</u> children for the drop in session
Kwik Cricket tournament at Northburn sports club	Wednesday 19 th June (group of pupils from Year 5/Year 6)
KS1 Writers workshop at Shanklea Primary	Friday 21 st June (4 pupils from Y1/Y2)
Cycle Speedway 'taster' coaching session/competition	Afternoon of Friday 21 st June at CLV (Year 5)
Virtual Reality Headsets Computing training session and class based workshop	Monday 24 th June after school training for Y5/Y6 Digital Leaders (and staff!); then Monday 1 st July for Year 2 class workshop
Nursery new intake visit	Wednesday 26 th June – 9.00am <i>(Parents/carers of new Nursery pupils for September will receive a separate invitation for this session)</i>
Northumberland School Games	Thursday 27 th June at CLV – this will involve a small group of KS2 pupils as 'activators' on the day
Science focus transition visit to CLV	Afternoon of Friday 28 th June (Year 6)
Revd Wullie to lead whole school assembly	Morning of Monday 1 st July
STEAM FORTNIGHT (Science Technology Engineering Arts Maths...class based projects)	Weeks beginning 1st July and 8th July... your child will no doubt tell you all about their class project/activities during the 2 weeks!
Summer term writing awards presented	Tuesday 2 nd July
Team building 'Tetrahedron' workshop	Morning of Wednesday 3 rd July (Year 4)
Cramlington and Seaton Valley 'Best of British' Dance Festival at the Eagles Community Arena	Evening of Wednesday 3rd July (Year 2 class, the KS2 Street Dance club and the Dance Academy members) <i>Parents are invited to this event...further details and ticket order information to follow!</i>
Partnership Transition Day for all Year 6 pupils	Thursday 4 th July – all day (Year 6 pupils spend the full day at CLV as 'Year 7')
'Step up to next year'	Thursday 4 th July (Pupils spend time in their new classrooms and meet the staff who will be working with them in September) <i>[This will also include an opportunity for new Reception pupils to meet staff – see separate invitation to be sent nearer the time]</i>

What's on	When and who?
Non-uniform day – no 'theme' but a 'fine' of a tombola or raffle prize per child for our summer fair	Friday 5th July
Multi-skills festival at Alexandra Park	Friday 5 th July – afternoon (Year 2 plus group of Year 6 Sports Leaders)
Cricket festivals at CLV	Monday 8 th July – Year 3 (morning) and Year 5 (afternoon)
Educational visit to Seahouses, Bamburgh and the Farne Islands	Tuesday 9 th July (Year 5)
Maths and Science workshop at CLV	Morning of Tuesday 9 th July (group from Year 6)
Summer term maths awards presented	Wednesday 10 th July
Governors School Improvement Committee meeting	Wednesday 10 th July at 4.30pm
Eastlea 'Summer Fair' <i>(more details will be sent nearer the time)</i>	Thursday 11th July : 2.00pm – 3.30pm (non-uniform day with a class STEAM project theme!!)
French workshop led by Mme Taylor	Afternoon of Wednesday 10 th July (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)
End of year 'celebration of success' assemblies	Tuesday 16 th , Wednesday 17 th and Friday 19 th July (the whole school)
Leavers Assembly Year 6 parents/carers all invited	Tuesday 16th July – 2pm (Year 6 special assembly to celebrate their journey through Eastlea!)
Year 6 pupils Leavers meal...plus staff!	Tuesday 16 th July at Sambucas (4.30pm onwards) <i>[more details will follow about this event!]</i>
Golden Day	Thursday 18th July (all pupils who have followed our behaviour policy)
School closes for the summer holidays Early finish at 2pm	Friday 19 th <u>early finish at 2pm</u>

Punctuality and attendance

- The weekly attendance champions' trophy and punctuality plaque winners for the five weeks of the first half of the summer term are included in the table below:

Attendance	Reception – 4 times					Year 5 - once	
Punctuality		Year 1 – twice	Year 2 - twice	Year 3 – 4 times	Year 4 - twice	Year 5 - once	Year 6 – twice

- Reception** won our overall award for the best attendance by a clear margin for the first half of the summer term – and their average for the half term was 98.98% - well done! Year 1 were second with 96.74%.
- Year 3** won the certificate for the **best punctuality** during the half term – congratulations! Year 2 and Year 4 were joint second.
- As a school we try hard to maintain a low level of 'persistent absentees'. We have only 12 pupils currently at Eastlea with **attendance below 90%** which is something we are very pleased with.

Success and achievement so far this term

Although the first half of the summer term seemed to pass very quickly – just 5 weeks in total – there were plenty of things to celebrate for Eastlea pupils.

- Football** – our Year 5/4 team took part in a school games competition on 24th April and did superbly well, finishing as joint winners. In the end due to goal difference, Eastlea came 'second' but we were very proud of the team and they were rewarded with medals in assembly for their commitment, determination and team spirit. Well done!

- **Rugby** – we had real success with the rugby competitions which took place on 22nd May. The Year 4 teams played well in the morning and were a credit to the school. In the afternoon the two Year 6 teams both got through to their respective finals (for both the shield and the cup competitions). They were the only Cramlington team to achieve this and were up against teams from Seaton Valley. Unfortunately, we were pipped in the final by a ‘golden try’ in extra time – but we did come away as winners of the **School Games Values award** – which recognised the determination, respect, self-belief, honesty, teamwork and passion shown during the competition – congratulations!
- **Woodland Trust Silver award** – thanks to the efforts of our Woodland Walk club and the involvement of wide range of pupils in finding out more about the natural environment, Eastlea was awarded the ‘silver’ award for the Woodland Trust initiative last month. A special plaque is displayed on our ‘achievements’ shelves in the main entrance. You may have spotted an article in the News Post Leader last week about this – except that they were highlighting the ‘bronze’ award which we achieved months ago...we now have the ‘silver’ and have our fingers crossed for ‘gold’!!
- **Year 2 Secret Agent Training and Year 6 SATs superstars** – May is always a busy month for Year 2 and Year 6 as they complete the end of key stage national assessments. They all worked extremely hard during this time and we know that they have done their very best. Well done!
- **Year 6 Eco-schools visit to Nissan** – as part of their science work on renewable energy, a visit to the Nissan factory was arranged for Year 6 on 26th April. This was a ‘new’ visit for the school and Eastlea created a really good first impression! We had lots of very positive feedback from the engineers who ran the sessions about how enthusiastic and committed the children were – as well as how much effort they had put into their pre-visit work – including designs for the new Leaf car and working models of wind turbines which were then tested while they were there. A test drive in the Leaf car was also a major highlight for the pupils!!
- **Year 6 ‘Sky Ocean Rescue’ plastic pollution pledge – Regional winners** – as part of the Year 6 work on recycling, the children focused on plastic pollution and how it affects the environment and in particular our oceans. This is what led to the Brainwaves organising our recycling station and starting to recycle plastic bottles and bottle tops. The bottle tops have been used to make Maths times-table games for the different classes. Photos of the games and the work we had done were submitted to the Sky Ocean Rescue competition and we were delighted to find out that we had been selected as the regional competition winners! As you may know this resulted in the children winning an **all-expenses paid visit to the Sky Academy Studios in London on Tuesday 21st May** to make a short film about our pledge! It was an amazing experience for the children and something I am sure they will never forget! Congratulations to them all!

School summer menus

The summer menus are due to start next week (w/b 10th June = Week 1 etc). Copies of the menus are attached and we are sure that the choices on offer will be things that the children will enjoy. Even if your child normally has a packed lunch, if there is something they would like to try from the menu, then they are more than welcome to order a school dinner on any day they wish. The cost is £2.30 a day for those who pay for meals (or £2.00 for Nursery pupils).

Sunny weather and uniform reminders...!

We have a large number of sporting events/activities/coaching sessions as you can see from the calendar above, so PE kit is regularly required for all children. Please can we ask that kit is kept in school for ease of access whenever required during the week. Many girls are choosing to wear blue striped/checked summer dresses and this is fine, but please can we ask that leggings are not worn as school uniform – they are not appropriate for school. School shoes rather than trainers are still expected when in school.

We hope to have plenty of summery weather in the coming weeks. Please can we also remind you to apply sun cream where required for your child before they come to school and remember that named bottles of water are allowed for PE lessons or sporting activities.

Yours sincerely

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