



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back

The summer term started this week and we seem to have a wide variety of activities on offer – some of which have already been passed on to the relevant pupils/parents. This newsletter contains a full outline of everything that is planned for another action packed half term at Eastlea!

What's going on this half term

What's on	When and who?
Lunchtime 'Professional football coaching'	Tuesday lunchtimes from 12 th April (pupils from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
NUFC Football coaching during PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 12 th April (Year 1 and Year 2)
After school Maths SATs club	Tuesday after school sessions from 12 th April (Year 6)
Steep Pan after school music club	Tuesdays after school from 12 th April (Group of pupils from Year 4/Year 5)
Starting date for new intake in Nursery	Wednesday 13 th April
Class photos taken by H. Tempest	Wednesday 13th April - morning
Lunchtime Rugby Rocket Tots club	Wednesday lunchtimes from 13 th April (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Fiddles music tuition	Wednesday afternoons in music lessons from 13 th April (Year 4 and Year 5)
After school 'Eastlea Singing club'	Starts again Wednesday 13 th April 3.15pm – 4.15pm (pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Before school Literacy SATs club	8am Thursday mornings from 14 th April (Year 6)
Before school 'Street Dance' club	8am Thursday mornings from 14 th April (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5)
Lunchtime running club	Continuing on Thursday lunchtimes from 14 th April (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)
Tag Rugby after school club	Thursdays 14 th / 21 st / 28 th April (Year 3&4) Thursdays 5 th / 12 th / 19 th May (Year 5&6) Thursday 26 th May – Year 3/4/5/6
After school football club	Tuesdays from 3.15pm – 4.15pm starting from 19 th April (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 girls in the first instance)
Tri Golf School Games Competition	Wednesday 20 th April - morning (team of pupils from Year 3/Year 4)
Futsal (football skills) event	Thursday 21 st April (afternoon) at Blyth Sports Centre (Year 4 girls)
Horton Burn Wildlife Project Plaque installation	Wednesday 27 th April – morning (small group of pupils from Year 2)
May Day bank holiday – school closed	Monday 2nd May – school closed
'This Girl can ride – Mums' cycling club <i>[see separate letter for YN/YR/Y1/Y2]</i>	Tuesday mornings from 3 rd May (‘Mums’ of pupils in Nursery/Reception/Y1/Y2) <i>[more information from Active Northumberland representatives at the school gates on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st April]</i>
Rescheduled Hockey School Games tournament [to be confirmed]	After school on Wednesday 4 th May (2 teams from Year 6)
KS1 SATs assessments	During May – these will form part of the overall teacher assessment judgement made by Eastlea staff (Year 2)
ICT suite used as a polling station for police/crime commissioners election – school open as usual	Thursday 5th May – school open as usual

What's on	When and who?
'SATs Saturday' (A fun day to revise maths and English!)	Saturday 7 th May (Year 6)
KS2 SATs week	Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May (all Year 6 pupils – we wish them the very best of luck!)
Get Active Northumberland parent/pupils activity workshops	Tuesdays from 10th May – 4.15pm – 5.45pm <i>[see attached information – leaflets in school for those wanting to register]</i>
Children's Cancer Run	Sunday 15 th May – Gosforth Park race course – a group of staff and Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 pupils take part in this charity event
Tag Rugby School Games competitions	Wednesday 18 th May (Morning = team from Year 3/Year 4 at Astley Afternoon = team from Year 5/Year 6 at Astley)
Bikeability catch up sessions	Thursday 19 th /Friday 20 th May (Year 6 who did not achieve level 2 qualification last year)
'Viking' workshop	Monday 23 rd May (Year 4)
Mixed athletics school games competition	Wednesday 25 th May (teams of pupils from Year 5/Year 6)
Golden Day	Friday 27th May (all pupils who have followed our behaviour policy)
Pupils break up for half term	Friday 27 th May
School reopens after the half term holiday	Monday 6 th June

Uniform – PE kits

There is a lot of sport planned for this term and hopefully with some better weather the PE sessions for most classes will be taking place outside. It is therefore important that pupils have their PE kits in school each week and this should include black shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. Plain dark tracksuits could also be brought to wear. It is very important that all PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name – as this will save lots of delays and frustrations at the beginning of PE sessions!

Punctuality and attendance

Our outcomes in terms of attendance and punctuality are consistently improving. Here are the 'headlines' from last half term:

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

Attendance (usually one winner per week, but can be shared)	Reception – once	Year 4 – 3 times	Year 5 – 3 times	
Punctuality (often shared by 2 or 3 classes each week)		Year 4 – 5 times	Year 5 – 3 times	Year 6 – twice

- Year 5** won our overall award for the **best attendance** for the second half of the spring term – they reached 100% twice. Their average for the half term was 98.32% – well done!
- Year 4** were awarded with the certificate for the **best punctuality** during the half term. They were fantastic at being in on time and had only '1 late' recorded during the whole half term – amazing!!
- Our analysis has shown that **the total of 'lates' was again reduced** across the whole school during the previous half term – which we are delighted about!
- We also had a large number of individuals from across the school who managed to maintain full attendance and excellent punctuality for a whole of the spring term. We had **76 pupils in total** who achieved this and they were **awarded with special certificates for 100% attendance in the spring term**. 31 of them are on track for a full year of 100% attendance having not missed a day in either the autumn or spring terms...good luck!!
- In terms of what is now classed nationally as 'persistent absence' the number of pupils at Eastlea with **attendance below 90% has been reduced again**. There are now only 13 pupils with less than 90% attendance out of the whole school. This is a great achievement and we are working with these families to reduce the figure even further!

Eastlea school Lunches – new menus

As mentioned before the Easter holiday, the 'summer menus' for school lunches have started. The new weekly menus for weeks 2 and 3 are included below and will be further amended following a decision involving pupils about a change from 'Pasta Master' on Mondays in a few weeks' time. We will keep you up-to-date with any alterations. Next week (w/b 18th April) is 'Week 2'.

SUMMER MENU 2016 EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK TWO

Homemade Dish	Lupin	Sesame Seeds
Celery	Milk	Soya
Cereals Containing Gluten	Molluscs	Sulphur Dioxide
Crustaceans	Mustard	
Eggs	Nuts	
Fish	Peanuts	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	<u>Pasta Master:</u> Beans and sausage Tuna Mayonnaise Chicken Arrabbiata	Chicken Vwrap	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding	Cottage pie	BBQ Pulled pork in a bun Or Oven Baked Sausage
Potatoes Pasta / Rice	Pasta	Savoury wedges	Creamed Potatoes	Parsley Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn / Garden Peas	Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Mixed vegetables Spring cabbage	Broccoli / Carrots	Baked Beans / Garden Peas
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Chocolate Brownie and milkshake	Apple sponge with Custard	Jelly and ice cream	Angel Delight	"School Steamed Pudding of the Week" with oustard



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Parking and access to the school

You will have noticed that in recent weeks, as outlined before, the council have put in place 20mph speed restrictions in the streets surrounding the school. This is part of a county roll out of such measures. We also now have a road sign which indicates to those new to the school that Eastlea can be found in this part of the estate – and we hope that this will stop people getting lost when trying to find us!

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you again about the importance of parking carefully around the vicinity of the school and being courteous to other road users. It is important not to block paths and driveways with cars or park on pavements as this can cause problems for local residents and other pedestrians. Thank you again for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Beeston
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