



Eastlea School Visits

We continue to aim to provide exciting first hand educational experiences for the Eastlea pupils – these bring learning to life which is something the Eastlea staff recognise is very important..

There are 4 main types of visits at Eastlea.

1. Class educational visits

Each year we aim to take the children from each class out on at least one class visit or have a visitor into school to enhance the work the children are doing in their curriculum work. We recognise the importance of providing as many 'hands on' experiences as possible for the pupils and how much they gain from such occasions. Educational visits will take place at different times during the year.

In order to make these possible we do need to ask for parents to support us with meeting the costs. As a school we subsidise the cost of transport/admission fees for each visit and therefore keep the request for contributions to an absolute minimum. If year groups plan several additional visits they may undertake an 'enterprise' project to raise funds to support these ventures.

2. Sporting competitions, curriculum workshops, author visits etc

We aim to involve as many pupils as possible in a wide range of sporting events or curriculum workshops. Many of your children will have taken part in sports competitions or festivals etc or attended poetry, meet the author, writing or maths workshops at other local schools. If something is arranged which we feel would benefit our children we ensure that this is supported. As far as possible we cover the cost for transport and the activities and as a result they are usually FREE to parents/carers.

3. Residential visits for Year 5 and Year 6

The residential visits which have run for many years at Eastlea continue to be a highlight of the year for many of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Feedback from pupils and staff has proved that the opportunities provided at Hawkhurst and York are superb for the children. We recognise that the visits can be costly but our aim is that as many children as possible take part so we subsidise them as best we can. We never want lack of finance to stop a child having such an experience. This is something that I personally feel very strongly about.

4. Golden Day rewards for good behaviour

In addition to all the above we aim to provide either an in school or out of school 'treat' as a reward for pupils who successfully follow our behaviour policy each half term. Parents/carers have told us how well this system works and thanks to fundraising events such as the Christmas/summer fayres all of the transport costs and activities on our Golden Days are FREE for all pupils. The most we may request is that the children are provided with a packed lunch/picnic to eat on the day if we are out of school!

We ask for your continued support with our wide range of school visits. Rest assured that we are continually striving to keep costs down and charge the absolute minimum for any visits out of school. The only real contributions we ask are for the class educational visits and the residential visits.

Yours sincerely,
Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher