



Dear Parents/Carers,



The next six weeks will bring us to the end of another school year. We have plenty planned for the children in the coming half term – some started this week and lots of others are still to come.

Here are some further details and dates to put into your diary:

What's on	When and who?
National Multiplication Check	w/b Monday 2nd and 9th June (Year 4)
Dance coaching	Monday mornings from 2 nd June (Y6)
Child Pedestrian sessions	Monday afternoons from 2 nd June (Y3)
Rocksteady class band sessions	Continuing on Tuesday mornings from 3 rd June <i>[with concert for pupils/parents at 9.10am on 8th July]</i>
Athletics/rounders coaching in PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 3 rd June (Y3 and Y6) Thursday afternoons from 5 th June (Y4 and Y5)
'Striking and fielding' coaching in PE lessons	Wednesday afternoons from 4 th June (Y1 and Y2)
Little Movers coaching sessions	Thursday afternoons from 5 th June (Nursery / Reception)
Year 6 Parent induction evening at CLV	Evening of Thursday 5 th June
National Phonics Check	w/b Monday 9th June (Year 1)
Newcastle Foundation Dodgeball session	Morning of Monday 9 th June (Y5/Y6)
Transition visit to CLV	Morning of Tuesday 10 th June (Year 6)
Educational class visit to Newcastle Castle	Tuesday 10th June (Year 2)
Quadkids athletics competition at Astley	Afternoon of Friday 13 th June (team from Y5/Y6)
'Get to Green' attendance focus week	w/b 16 th June (whole school)
Eastlea Sports Activity week <i>Parents are invited to 'sports day' on Monday (Reception to Y6) or Wednesday (morning Nursery)</i>	<u>w/b Monday 16th June</u> Monday – 'sports day' afternoon for Reception to Year 6 from 1.30pm Tuesday – Rec/KS1 multi-skills festival (led by Y6 Sports Leaders); Frisbee workshops for Y5/Y6; PE for Y3/Y4 Wednesday – Nursery 'sports day' morning from 9am Thursday – KS2 Rocket Rounders competition, Cheerleading workshops for Y3/Y4; PE for Y5/Y6 Friday – 'Crammy Cubs' football and Little Movers sessions for R/1/2
Vex robotics project	Tuesday 17 th June (team from Y6)
Make Active Memories Day at Alnwick	Friday 20 th June (group of KS2 pupils)
Residential Visit to York	Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th June (Year 6)
Football festival at CLV	Morning of Wednesday 25 th June (Y3/Y4)
Singing Club and Violin group concert	Wednesday 25 th June at 3.45pm (Y3/Y4/Y5 pupils)

What's on	When and who?
Girls Football competition at Northburn Sports Centre	Thursday 26 th June (group of Y5/Y6 pupils)
Non-uniform day – bring in prizes for the summer fair	Friday 27th June (whole school)
NED's 'Resilience Ride' workshop	Afternoon of Friday 27th June (Y1 to Y6)
Roots and Shoots visit to Alnwick Garden	Monday 30 th June (Year 5)
Eagles basketball STEM workshop	Morning of Monday 30 th June (Year 6)
Nursery induction visits for those due to start in September	Monday 30 th June (3.30pm) & Tuesday 1 st July (3.30pm)
Summer Term Full Governing Body meeting	Wednesday 2 nd July at 4.30pm
'Step up to next year'	Thursday 3 rd July – including Year 6 day at CLV – further details will be shared nearer the time
Eastlea summer fayre	Afternoon of Friday 4th July (2.00 – 3.30pm)
Presentation of summer term writing and maths awards	Mornings of Monday 7 th and Monday 14 th July
Summer Holiday ' Story Garden ' Library reading challenge launch	Saturday 12 th July
RE Theme Day	Monday 14 th July
Year 6 Leavers Celebration Event	After school on Tuesday 15 th July - further details to follow
GOLDEN DAY	Thursday 17th July
Year 6 meal out	Thursday 17 th July – after school (Year 6 and staff)
End of term – start of summer holidays	Friday 18 th July – <u>2pm departure time</u>

CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
<p>Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am each day). <i>N.B. Pupils to arrive between 7.30 – 8.15am to allow time for breakfast to be served</i></p>  <p>This costs £3 per day if booked/paid for in advance or £3.50 if children just turn up on the day.</p>	KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Tuesdays (£2 per session)	KS2 Gardening Club on Mondays
	KS1 Professional football coaching for Y1/Y2 on Wednesdays (£2 per session)	Basketball for Y3/Y4 on Tuesdays (from 10 th June)
<p>Owlets toddler group for pre-school children and their parents/carers/ childminders: Thursdays 9.00 – 10.30am in the school hall <i>Sessions cost £3.00 plus 50p per extra child.</i></p> 	Running Club for Y4/Y5/Y6 on Thursdays	KS2 Singing Club on Wednesdays (4 th – 25 th June)
		KS2 Violins Progression group on Wednesdays (4 th – 25 th June)
		Summer Sports for Y5/Y6 on Thursdays

Summer weather reminder

As we mentioned before half term, Can we ask that on sunny days sun cream is applied before children come to school if appropriate. A cap/hat would also be a good idea. Thank you!

School Uniform orders



We have been informed that the new system for ordering Eastlea school uniform is now ready to be used with orders placed directly with Emblematic. We do hope this will be a more efficient system for everyone and allow for online payments which many families have requested. Orders can be made online using the link below for school sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags, PE hoodies and PE tracksuits:

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/eastlea-primary-school/>



There is FREE delivery for orders delivered to school or you can pay to have items delivered to your home address. Alternatively uniform can be collected direct from the nearest Emblematic outlet which is in Bedlington. If you have any queries about this please speak to Mrs Johnson in the school office and she will be happy to help.

N.B. We do still have a small number of items for sale from the school office from our 'old' stock, but once these are sold then we will have no more items to sell to families in this way.

Remember, uniform can also be obtained free of charge from the Hope Centre in Cramlington. They offer a wide range of high-quality items and we would certainly advise that this is worth a look for anyone who needs it. The Hope Centre also collect spare uniform ready for redistribution, so if you have any good quality items that you no longer need then bring them in and we can arrange for them to be collected.

Breakfast club and dinner money

Please can we ask that money for breakfast club sessions and/or school dinners is paid on the day or for the week in advance. It causes problems for the office staff if money is not paid on time. Each week the dinner money must be 'balanced' and we also need to buy food and pay staff salaries for breakfast club which is difficult if we do not have the funds available! As always, if there is a problem with payment then come and speak to us. Thank you for your support with this.

Food in school – break time snacks, packed lunches and nut allergy update

- Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have fruit or vegetables provided for them to eat for a snack at breaktimes. For those in our older classes we appear to have an increasing number of pupils bringing in a wider selection of foods to eat at morning break and this is causing some concerns. Please can we ask that only fresh **fruit / vegetables** are brought in to eat as a snack. This is the healthier option and will also avoid the growing amount of litter – packets, bags, wrappers etc which are appearing on the school grounds. I know that this is something that Year 5 are very aware of as part of their Roots and Shoots programme and this will be even higher focus for us as a school next academic year.
- For those who bring packed lunches, please can sweets, multiple chocolate biscuits etc be avoided as again we wish to promote healthier options. Thank you!
- Can we also remind everyone, especially those new to Eastlea, that due to allergies experienced by some children at Eastlea we need to reinforce our **NO NUTS in school policy**. Children who bring in food for packed lunches need to ensure that these are nut free at all times to protect the health and safety of everyone in school (this includes anything with Nutella and some cereal bars). Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Cuddly toys, chew necklaces, squishies, ‘fidget toys’ etc

Over recent months staff have become aware of more and more children who are bringing in toys or other items in from home such as sensory chews, cuddly animals, squishies etc and this is becoming hard to manage in the classroom and also outside where items go missing and then cause upset and discord amongst pupils. While we are fully aware that some children with a professionally diagnosed condition may require these items as part of their sensory needs, others seem to just be bringing toys in to play with which are a distraction to learning in the classroom. Please can you discourage your child from bringing items like this into school unless a specific need has been identified and discussed with your child’s class teacher. THANK YOU!

Gardening Club

Miss Fox has asked me to pass on her thanks on behalf of our active Eastlea Gardening Club for the donations and support with our garden area. The smaller poly tunnel is now in full use and although some aspects of the area remain a work in progress, we have plenty of plants growing in the raised beds which are being carefully tended by children in their lunchtimes as well as by the Gardening Club members on a Monday evening.

If anyone has any SMALL, individual plant pots spare Miss Fox could make good use of these.

All being well we hope to have our next plant sale very soon – we will let you know when this will be taking place.

Attendance and punctuality

The presentation of our class attendance trophy and punctuality plaques continues at our whole school assembly on Friday mornings. Remember the target we aim for is to get above **96%+ attendance** and if a class manages this they are pleased to get a ‘green card’. We will be having a focus week on attendance again in a couple of weeks as each class and individual aims to **‘Get to Green’**.

Patterns of punctuality have been a bit of issue for some children in recent weeks. Children should be in school at **8.45am** please so that they can get started on their learning and be part of the important ‘start of the day’ routines. Some of our older children are often the biggest ‘culprits’ for arriving late – can we ask for your support to encourage them to leave the house on time to get here for 8.45am. Thank you!

Staffing Update

In the coming weeks you may see more of Miss Betham in school as she starts to look ahead to her return from maternity leave in July. Miss Betham will be supporting with some class teaching and with whole school events during June / July before taking up the reins as class teacher in Year 2 again from September. Whilst we look forward to welcoming Miss Betham back, it does mean that we have to say goodbye to Miss Gaddes who will be leaving us at the end of term to further her career elsewhere. Miss Gaddes has been a valued member of staff in the short time she has been with us and we will be sorry to see her go.

Yours sincerely, **Miss E Beeston**, Head Teacher