



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back after Easter and I wish to extend an especially warm welcome to our new Nursery starters who have joined us this week.

Our calendar of events planned for this half term (so far) is laid out below. There are a number of class visits being planned for the summer term and separate letters and details will be sent out about these. Some are taking place in the coming weeks and others will be after the half term break.

What's on	When and who?
Year 5 residential visit to Hawkhurst	Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th April
Rocksteady class band sessions	Continuing on Tuesday mornings from 26 th April
Educational visit to Newcastle castle	Tuesday 26th April (Year 2)
Cricket/rounders coaching/PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 26 th April (Y3 and Y6) Wednesday afternoons from 27 th April (Y1 and Y2) Thursday afternoons from 28 th April (Y4 and Y5)
Specialist French tuition	Wednesday afternoons for Y4/Y6 led by Mme Taylor from 27 th April
Specialist Music tuition	Wednesday afternoons for Reception/Y2/Y4/Y5/Y6 from 27 th April led by Mrs Allenby and Ms Hedley
Language learning sessions (German) – partnership work with CLV staff	Wednesday afternoons for Y3 and 5 from 27 th April led by Mr McCartney
Year 1 North East Naturalist sessions in an around the school/grounds	Thursday mornings from 28 th April
Soccercise session led by Cramlington United FC	Morning of Friday 29 th April (Year 4)
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – Eastlea closed	Monday 2nd May – Eastlea closed
H. Tempest class photos	Tuesday 3 rd May
Educational visit to the Gosforth Park nature reserve	Thursday 5th May (Year 1) – part of the Young North-East Naturalist programme
Secret Agent Training	w/b 9 th and 16 th May 2022 (Year 2)
SATs Saturday morning	Saturday 7 th May (Year 6)
KS2 SATs week	Week beginning Monday 9 th May (Year 6)
Children's Cancer Run	Morning of Sunday 15 th May (Y4/5/6 running club)
Educational visit to Giggleswick	Morning of Tuesday 17th May (Nursery)
Heights and weights with school health team	Afternoon of Tuesday 17 th May (Reception and Year 6)
Year 6 residential visit to York	Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th May
May GOLDEN DAY	Friday 27 th May
Break up for summer half term holiday	Friday 27 th May
Pupils return for second half of the summer term	Monday 6 th June

Clubs

We have plenty of clubs planned for the children this half term and letters have been sent out about these this week – see below:

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am each day). This costs £2.50 per day. 	KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Tuesdays (£2 per session)	KS2 Gardening Club on Mondays
		Cricket/rounders club for Rec/Y1/Y2 on Tuesdays
		Munchie Maths Club for Y6 on Tuesdays (26 th April/3 rd May)
		Grassroots Gymnastics club for Reception to Y6 on Tuesday evenings (5.30 – 7.00pm) . This costs £5.00 per session and pupils from other local schools may also attend.
Bacon Butty Literacy Booster for Y6 on Wednesdays from 8am (27 th April/4 th May)	Woodland Walk club for a different year group each week on Wednesdays	Singing Club for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Wednesdays
Street Dance Club for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Thursdays from 8am in the school hall		Fiddles Progression lessons for group of Y4 on Wednesdays
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> 	Running Club for Y4, Y5/Y6 on a rota basis on Thursdays	Badminton club for Y5/Y6 on Thursdays

Summer weather

We are all hoping for some summery weather over the next term. On sunny days please apply sun cream before children come to school if appropriate. A cap/hat would also be a good idea. Thank you!

Gardening club request

As you know our gardening club is very active and enthusiastic! There is plenty planned again for this half term and Miss Fox has asked that **if anyone has any unwanted compost (or plant pots) then any donations would be gratefully received**. Thank you in advance!

Covid reminder

As we explained before the Easter holiday the guidance has now changed nationally as we learn to 'live with Covid'. We are obviously still being vigilant in school, as you will be at home, with continued priority being given to maintaining good levels of ventilation and hand/respiratory hygiene.

If your child is unwell with signs of a respiratory infection ('flu/Covid etc) then they should not be in school, especially if they have a temperature. Minor cold symptoms are fine as long as your child is well enough to attend and they do not have a temperature. Please be cautious and sensible in order to protect children and staff in the Eastlea community.

Reception allocation of places for September 2022

I am very pleased to say that everyone who asked for a place in our Reception class in September 2022, has been allocated a place. This was confirmed last week and we look forward to our Nursery pupils continuing their journey at Eastlea from September. We are also set to welcome a few more from other settings who were lucky enough to be awarded a place at Eastlea too.

Residential visits

The Year 5 children had a super time away at Hawkhirst earlier this week and it was great that our first residential visit for 2 years was able to go ahead. The children were a pleasure to take away and thoroughly enjoyed the full range of activities which were on offer. Huge thanks to the staff who were willing to arrange and lead this visit.

It will soon be the turn of Year 6 to enjoy an Eastlea residential. **A reminder to Year 6 parents/carers that the deadline for any remaining money to be paid is today!!**

School Lunch Menus

We are continuing with the current school lunch menus at the moment. When the new summer menu is amended then revised copies will be sent home for parents. This process has been delayed due to staff absence.

PE tracksuits

Apologies for the delay with sorting out the tracksuits for PE days – again this was due to staff absence. Samples of possible tracksuits for PE lessons have now been received in school and are being costed. As soon as the Brainwaves have considered the options we will let you know so that you can see what may be on offer and decide if you wish to purchase one for your child.

Staffing update

Next week we say farewell to Mrs Wilkinson who has been linked with Eastlea in various roles for many, many years. We will miss her and thank her for being such a good 'friend' of the school. Breakfast club will be supervised by another Mrs Wilkinson (how confusing!!) who will work alongside Miss Pickard each morning. Mrs Whitmore is also joining the Eastlea staff team as a cleaner and midday supervisor.

Year 1 Young North-East Naturalist Project

Year 1 are very enthusiastic about taking part in their naturalist project – supported by Jack and Julie the two rangers. For the next 8 weeks the rangers will be working with the children in school and also hosting them on a visit to the Gosforth Nature Reserve. This week the children were shown how to fix wildlife tracking cameras in the school grounds, so we can't wait to see what may be revealed from any footage which is captured!

Reading

Over the Easter break, staff from the Northumberland Schools' Library Service came in to refresh our stock of library books, so some of the children may be bringing new books home to read/share with families over the coming weeks.

Our reading challenge also continues and lots of children will be awarded GOLD reading awards over the coming weeks, with the first ones presented next Friday. Well done and keep reading...I wonder how many 'Champion readers' we will have this year?!

And finally...**don't forget that Monday 2nd May is a BANK HOLIDAY** so Eastlea will be closed on that day. Enjoy the long weekend and we will see everyone back on Tuesday 3rd May.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston

Head Teacher