

Eastlea update - 8/5/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today marks the end of the 7th week of 'closure' and I know everyone is keenly awaiting further updates from national government about what the 'road map' and 'milestones' may look like as regards the easing back on the lock down restrictions and what the implications will be for schools. In common with all other schools we have no further 'inside information' about this and will see what the Prime Minister has to say on Sunday along with everyone else. As soon as we hear what is said we will all need time to adjust and plan accordingly – I will of course update you with any further news affecting Eastlea as soon as possible.

Thank you!

All the staff have been very grateful for the kind words and support from everyone when we have been in touch either via Seesaw/Tapestry, the school Facebook page or on the phone. We know that the parents of children who have had to be in school have also appreciated the support provided and on Monday we were really touched to find the 'Thank you' banners at the school gates! Following a bit of detective work, we found these had been made and put in place by one of our families. It was a lovely surprise!

VE Day – Friday 8th May

As we mentioned last week, today we are celebrating VE day. We know that this has been the focus of lots of work at home over the week and hope the children have enjoyed the activities. For the few pupils who have been in school we have made this a focus for some of their tasks...flag/bunting making, baking, model making and a 'socially distant' street party/picnic this afternoon!



The VE day themed competition which we launched last week has proved to be immensely popular. We have been really impressed with the range of techniques shown as a large number of **spitfires** were created at home....using junk materials, playdough, K-nex, lego, wood, plastic kits etc. AMAZING!! Choosing the winners was very tricky – but today certificates and prizes were delivered to several individual and family winners! Congratulations to them and well done to everyone who took part. We are now going to take a short break from competitions and will let you know if another theme is chosen later this month.

School work and staying active at home

Please continue with your home learning routines, using the resources provided from staff on Seesaw/Tapestry or the paper-based work packs. We continue to hear positive reports about the resources on the **BBC Bitesize** website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> which can be accessed via the red button on TV or the iPlayer. Staff are also keen to encourage children to maintain their **reading** routines and also for Year 2 upwards then any work to help with learning **times tables** would be great, using TTRS (or Numbots for Year 1). There is also a TTRS 'battle' which is currently being waged between the classes! Gill Smith (Cramlington School Sport Partnership Coordinator) has compiled a number of resources for physical activities suitable for children of all ages and families. These have been collated in one place on <https://www.moreactiveforlife.co.uk/active-at-home> under the "Active Children" tab. This would be well worth a look to make sure that, mindful of the current restrictions, you encourage your child to be taking as much exercise as possible outside (or inside).



And finally...rainbow handprints

Noting the popularity of the 'rainbow' image at the current time, Cramlington Parish is working on a community rainbow to be displayed outside St Nicholas Church. This will be put together from the handprints of members of the local community and we have involved Eastlea children who have been in school this week in this project. When we hear that the 'rainbow' has been completed and in place we will let you know!

Stay at home, take care and stay safe and well!

Yours sincerely, Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

