



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back

It was good to welcome everyone back for the new term this week and it hardly seems possible that we have now started the summer term! As you can see from the list below we are all set 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 22 nd April (pupils from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
After school Maths boosters/homework club	Tuesday after school sessions from 22 nd April (Year 6)
'Bacon butty' Literacy boosters	Wednesday morning before school Literacy sessions from 23 rd April (Year 6)
Class photos taken by H. Tempest	Wednesday 23 rd April - morning
After school 'Eastlea Singing club'	Starts again Wednesday 23 rd April 3.15pm – 4.15pm (pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Starting dates for new intake in Nursery	Thursday 24 th , Monday 28 th or Wednesday 30 th April
Tri Golf Competition	Friday 25 th April - morning (team of pupils from Year 3/Year 4 at Whytrig Middle)
Education Welfare Officer (EWO) class visits	Friday 25 th April (the EWO will visit each class to launch 100% attendance/punctuality challenge)
Lunchtime running club	Continuing on Friday lunchtimes from 25 th April (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)
Golden Mile Challenge week	w/b Monday 28th April (Year 2)
FA Tesco Football skills coaching	Monday afternoons in PE lessons from 28 th April (Year 2 and Year 3)
'Fiddles' tuition – part of our continuing traditional music project	Wednesday afternoons in music lessons from 30 th April (Year 3 and Year 4)
After school skipping club	Starts Wednesday 30 th April for 4 weeks (group of pupils from Reception and Year 1)
Before school 'Street Dance' club	8am Thursday mornings from 1 st May (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)
Lunchtime Athletics club	Starts Thursday 1 st May (Year 3 and Year 4)
Children's centre 'Mad Hatters Tea Party'	Saturday 3 rd May from 10am – 12pm (family event for only £1 per family – see Children's Centre flyer for more details – to book, call 01670 739528)
May Day bank holiday – school closed	Monday 5th May – school closed
KS1 SATs assessments	During May – these will form part of the overall teacher assessment judgement made by Eastlea staff (Year 2)
'SATs Saturday' (A fun day to revise maths and English inside and outside the school building!)	Saturday 10 th May (Year 6)
Children's Cancer Run	Sunday 11 th May – Gosforth Park race course – a group of staff and Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 running club members take part in this charity event
KS2 SATs week	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May (all Year 6 pupils – we wish them the very best of luck!)
Rugby competition	Friday 16 th May – morning (team of pupils from Year 3/Year 4 at Astley)
Residential visit to York	Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd May (Year 6 and three staff)

What's on	When and who?
ICT suite used as a polling station for local election – school open as usual	Thursday 22nd May – school open as usual
Golden Day	Friday 23rd May (all pupils who have followed our behaviour policy)
Pupils break up for half term	Friday 23 rd May
School reopens after the half term holiday	Monday 2 nd June

Uniform – PE kits

We should hopefully be due some better weather this term which means that 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.

Punctuality and attendance

Thanks to your continuing support we are continuing to have real success in terms of encouraging good punctuality and attendance at Eastlea. Here are the 'headlines' from last half term:

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

Attendance (One winner per week)	Year 1 – once	Year 2 – once	Year 3 - twice		Year 5 – twice	
Punctuality (often shared by 2 or 3 classes each week)		Year 2 – 3 times		Year 4 – once	Year 5 – 5 times	Year 6 – once

Reception remain the only year group yet to win either award this year...a target for them for the summer term!

- Year 1** 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 98.5% – well done!
- Year 5** were awarded with the certificate for the **best punctuality** during the half term – only 1 'late' was recorded during the half term (and this was for a medical reason) – well done!
- Our analysis has shown that **the total of 'lates' was significantly reduced** across the whole school during the previous half term – which is fantastic! The EWO will be helping us to continue to monitor this over the following term and has visited each class in school from Reception to Year 6 today to discuss the improvements in punctuality/attendance and set a '100% challenge' for next week - w/b 28th April. We hope we can count on your support to make sure your child is in school and arrives on time!!
- In terms of what is classed nationally as 'persistent absence' the number of pupils at Eastlea with **attendance below 85% has been kept to an absolute minimum...** only 2 pupils out of the whole school. This is a fantastic achievement and one we hope to maintain!
- We also had some individuals from across the school who managed to maintain full attendance and excellent punctuality for a whole of the spring term. I am delighted to announce that the total for last term was our highest ever – with **57 pupils being awarded with special certificates for 100% attendance in the spring term**. 23 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!!

Eastlea school Lunches – new menus

The new 'summer menus' for school lunches will be starting next week. The weekly menus are included with this newsletter for your reference (for parents of pupils from Reception to Year 6). The menu for **WEEK 1** will start on Monday 28th April.

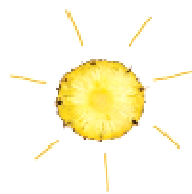
Highlights to point out are...

- Pasta Master has remained on the menu each Monday – as it remains a popular choice for many children. The options for each week differ slightly to match the top choices of our pupils.
- Wednesdays will continue to feature a roast/'Sunday dinner' style meal each week
- On Fridays we will offer the popular pizza, fish fingers or sausage with chips on a 3 weekly cycle.
- Milk shakes are to continue as an additional 'dessert' on Mondays each week. This is in addition to the water which is always served as a drink with the meals and is part of the dessert option with biscuit/cake/cheesecake. These are very popular with the children!

Yours sincerely

Miss E Beeston
Head Teacher

MENU



WEEK 1

Eastlea Summer Menu 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSES	<u>Pasta Master</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tuna mayonnaise barbe cue chicken with cheese sausage and beans 	Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey & roast potatoes	Minced Beef Cobbler Parsley Potatoes	Oven baked sausages and chips
VEGETABLES	Baked beans	Sweet corn	Carrots	Broccoli	Baked Beans Garden Peas
SALAD BOWL	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad
STARTERS OR SWEETS	Biscuit with a Glass of Milk Shake	Fresh fruit salad	Chocolate cake and chocolate sauce	Cheese cake	Glass of milk and oaty biscuit



Week commencing: 28/4/14 19/5/14 16/6/14 7/7/14 1/9/14 22/9/14 13/10/14



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WEEK 2

Eastlea Summer Menu 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSES	<u>Pasta Master</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tuna mayonnaise sausage and bean bolognese with garlic bread 	Tuna melt and wedges	Roast chicken with toast potatoes	Turkey Fajitas served with pasta	Cheese and tomato pizza and chips
VEGETABLES	Sweet corn	Garden Peas	Cabbage	Mixed vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
SALAD BOWL	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad
STARTERS OR SWEETS	Brownie with Milk Shake	Jelly and ice cream	Oaty peach crumble and custard	Homemade muffin and glass of orange juice	Fruit whip



Week commencing: 5/5/14 2/6/14 23/6/14 14/7/14 8/9/14 29/9/14 20/10/14



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WEEK 3



Eastlea Summer Menu 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSES	Pasta Master <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tuna mayonnaise sausage and bean chicken curry 	Shepherds Pie	Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding & roast Potatoes	Chicken casserole with boiled potatoes	Fish fingers and chips
VEGETABLES	Mixed veg	Carrots	Cauliflower	Peas & Sweet corn	Baked Beans Garden Peas
SALAD BOWL	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad	Seasonal salad
STARTERS OR SWEETS	Cheese cake with Glass of Milk Shake	Apple cornflake crunch	Frozen yoghurt	Apple pie and ice cream	Fruity flapjack and glass of milk



Week commencing: 12/5/14 9/6/14 30/6/14 15/9/14 6/10/14

