



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are coming to the end of the first half of the autumn term and what a busy, active time we have had since the children returned in September. THANK YOU for continuing to keep everyone safe by following Covid secure protocols...monitoring any symptoms, seeking tests when needed and encouraging your children to wash their hands regularly and use their elbow to cover their mouth/nose if they cough or sneeze. As the weather becomes cooler in the coming weeks, please remember that if your child wishes to wear an additional 'layer' under their school sweatshirt/cardigan to keep warm then this is encouraged. We have to keep the windows and doors open for ventilation and do not want the children to be cold.

Thank you for supporting our school events

In the 7 weeks of this half term there has been such a lot happening and every event has been well supported by parents/carers/the wider school community. This is something for which we are very grateful.

- The launch of our **Music themed reading** and **Times Tables Rockstars challenges** saw **£154** raised from contributions made by the children for our reading/maths resource funds.
 - Most children have made a super start to the reading challenge and are getting their weekly stickers on their bookmarks for reading at home/completing their reading record books. **Remember that all children are asked to read over the half term holiday next week (or practise their letter sounds in Reception) – and this will ensure they get their next star on the bronze bookmark!**
 - We have also had lots of enthusiasm for our TTRS challenge. The class and gender group 'battles' provoked lots of excitement – well done to Year 6 and the boys who were the winners this time around. We have also been pleased to present **5** certificates to children who have earned ROCK HERO status so far this term! Fantastic! Who will be next?
- Our new team of Brainwaves have been extremely well organised and enthusiastic. Thanks to them we have had the widest range of '**Active October**' activities ever this year! Each week the Brainwaves have outlined their plans to the whole school in assembly – so thank you for keeping up with them and supporting everything in true Eastlea style ... **Walk to school week** with superhero stickers, **Archery sessions**, **Daily Mile** destinations challenge, **Hoopstarz** workshops for Y3/Y2, **Bike club** for Y5/Y6, **Glow stick dance** workshops, '**Be bright**' dress up day and **walk for Harvest** with a tremendous total of food items and £50 in cash donations for the Cramlington Foodbank, **Fire Service 'Be Safe' assemblies**, **Dr Bike** maintenance and security marking sessions, our '**blinged bikes**' and '**snazzy scooters**' enterprise fund sponsored events this week plus the **bike themed biscuit treats** (for break time tomorrow) and of course our **Bike Week Golden Day** on Thursday!

Enterprise Fund sponsored events

The children thoroughly enjoyed their sponsored events in school today. Nursery and Reception were out on the yard with their buggies, scooters and cars...then Year 1 and Year 2 took to the playground with their scooters/bikes or on foot, before Year 3 and Year 4 went to Northburn park to complete their bike/scooter/walk and then, last but not least, the Year 5/Year 6 pupils set off on foot or on bikes to Blyth. The damp weather did not prevent us from having lots of active fun.

Now it is time to collect any remaining sponsorship money and return this to school – either in the next couple of days or after half term.

Remember all funds raised will go into the **class enterprise funds** for the children to use to support activities or resources which they and their staff decide would be most appropriate for them. THANK YOU in advance!

Bike Week Golden Day – last day of the half term for pupils



On Thursday 21st October we will be celebrating our first Golden Day of the school year to finish our Active October bike week 'in style'.

Remember that Thursday is a non-uniform day – with no particular theme and no fine to pay! The children will be outside at times throughout the day so appropriate **outdoor warm clothing and footwear** would be the best option!

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 can bring their bikes to school for the BMX led workshops. **Don't forget to remind them to bring them home that day so they have their bikes for the half term holiday!**

Lunchtime arrangements are the same as on a normal day and the children will also finish the day at their usual times. This is their last day of term – as staff have a training day on Friday 22nd.

School Admissions for Year 7 and Reception 2022 – a reminder

As far as we are aware all Year 6 parents have now made an application on the Northumberland admissions portal to secure their child a place in Year 7 for September 2022. If anyone has not yet done this then the portal is still open and any remaining applications need to be submitted straight away (the deadline is 31st October). **It is essential that you apply before the deadline so that a place is allocated at Cramlington Learning Village or the secondary school of your choice.**

For parents of pupils due to start in Reception next September the admissions portal opens on 1st November and closes on 15th January – *you will receive confirmation of places on 15th April 2022.* Please note that **even if your child is currently attending our Eastlea Nursery then you must make an admissions application for a place in Reception** September 2022. The information about this is all on the Northumberland County Council website (school admissions).

HUGGG half term vouchers

Thanks to additional government funding, families entitled to benefit based free school meals will receive an email/link from school to enable them to access a £20 HUGGG voucher for groceries etc over the half term break. Supermarket vouchers can be used for groceries or uniform/clothing if these are available in store. Please note that these vouchers have an expiry date (30th November 2021) and after this date there will NOT be a further opportunity to issue any vouchers which have expired.

School lunch menus

When we return after half term the 'winter 2021' lunchtime menus will begin. Copies of the choices available are attached and it will be WEEK 1 from 1st November. The cost of school meals remains the same: £2.30 per day for those who pay for meals from Year 3 upwards and £2.00 per day for full day Nursery pupils.

Advance notice of charity/school events after half term

We will let you know full details of what events and activities we will be able to organise when we return after the half term break, but here are just a few highlights to mention for November...

- We are working on plans to arrange for parents appointments to take place safely in school during November. Dates, times and a format will be shared after the half term as staff feel it is important to have time to discuss with you how your child has settled into their new class and what they need to work on in their learning.
- There are 2 whole class educational visits planned for the first week back after half term – **Year 6** return to Nissan for the second time to complete the Monozukuri Caravan workshop on Monday 1st November, and **Year 5** will visit Washington Wetlands for the full day on Wednesday 3rd November.
- As usual, we hope to have poppies on sale to raise funds for the **Royal British Legion** in the first fortnight back ready for Remembrance Sunday on 14th November
- Children in Need takes place on Friday 19th November and we will be having our usual dress up day and annual '**Pennies for Pudsey**' appeal...so now would be a good time to start collecting coins. (*We are aware that 'cash' is not in circulation as much this year...but hope this won't affect the donations for this very worthwhile national charity event*).

And finally... don't forget that the children break up for half term after Golden Day on Thursday at their usual time.

Please stay safe and well over the half term and we will see everyone again on Monday 1st November.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Beeston
Head Teacher



WINTER MENU 2021

EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK ONE

- Homemade Dish
- Celery
- Cereals Containing Gluten
- Crustaceans
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs
- Mustard
- Nuts
- Peanuts
- Sesame Seeds
- Soya
- Sulphur Dioxide

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	'Sausage and mash' with gravy 	Chicken wrap 	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding 	Spaghetti bolognaise and garlic bread 	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza
Potatoes Pasta/Rice	Mashed Potatoes 	Savoury wedges 	Roast potatoes 	Pasta 	Chips
Vegetables	Peas / Beans	Sweetcorn	Broccoli / Carrots	Mixed vegetables	Baked Beans / Garden Peas
Salad Bowl	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Tray bake and milkshake 	Apple crumble and custard 	Cornflake cake 	Homemade Soup with a Bread Roll OR cheesecake	Steamed pudding of the week and custard



Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt available daily
Drinking water/fruit squash is available daily on the dining room tables



WINTER MENU 2021

EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK TWO

- Homemade Dish
- Celery
- Cereals Containing Gluten
- Crustaceans
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs
- Mustard
- Nuts
- Peanuts
- Sesame Seeds
- Soya
- Sulphur Dioxide

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Shepherd's pie 	Mince and dumplings 	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding 	Chicken Curry with Naan bread 	Oven baked sausages
Potatoes Pasta / Rice		Mashed potatoes 	Roast Potatoes 	Rice 	Chips
Vegetables	Peas / carrots	Mixed vegetables	Cabbage / cauliflower	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans / Garden Peas
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Traybake and milkshake 	Cheese / jam and crackers 	Jelly and angel delight 	Homemade Soup with a Bread Roll OR apple pie and cream	Steamed pudding of the week and custard



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WINTER MENU 2021

EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK THREE

- Homemade Dish
- Celery
- Cereals Containing Gluten
- Crustaceans
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs
- Mustard
- Nuts
- Peanuts
- Sesame Seeds
- Soya
- Sulphur Dioxide

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Corned beef hash 	<u>Healthy Oven Cooked ALL DAY BREAKFAST</u> Choice of bacon, sausage or ham Scrambled egg	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding 	Mild chilli 	Fish fingers
Potatoes Pasta / Rice		Hash brown 	Roast Potatoes 	Rice	Chips
Vegetables	Peas / beans	Baked beans Tomatoes Mushrooms	Green beans / Carrots	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans / Garden Peas
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad		Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Tray bake and milkshake 	Rice crispie cake 	Rice pudding 	Homemade Soup with a Bread Roll OR biscuit	Steamed pudding of the week and custard



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