



Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the newsletter sent out in the first week back we need to make you aware of a few additional items.

### **Staffing update**

As explained before Easter, Mrs Hedley will be retiring from Eastlea at the end of the summer term and Mrs Atkinson will be taking on the class responsibility for Reception from September. We had a fantastic response to the advert for the Year 2 class teacher job and on Friday last week held interviews for this post. I am delighted to inform you that a conditional offer of employment has been made to Miss Betham and pending the usual administrative checks she will join the successful Eastlea team as class teacher in Year 2 from September.

### **School Lunches**

As outlined in the earlier newsletter we begin the new three weekly cycle of school lunch menus as from today. Many of the items on offer each day are the same/similar to those in previous menus, but there are some changes. If you would like a copy of the new menus than these are available in the school office – please feel free to pop in and ask for one. Week 1 of the new menus started today.

### **PE – water bottles**

We have been fortunate to have had some very summery weather recently – and have our fingers crossed that this will continue! As most of the PE lessons for many classes take place outside this term, if your child wishes to bring in a NAMED plastic bottle of water to take out with them during PE lessons this will be allowed. The bottles will be stored in school and can be taken out for PE lessons as required.

### **Advance notice – no Disney on Ice in October**

Mrs Coleby has asked me to let you know that in October 2015 we will not be organising a school visit for families/KS2 pupils to see the Disney on Ice show at the Arena. The costs for groups have increased by a considerable margin and this unfortunately means that it will no longer be viable. We wanted to let you know straight away in case families wanted to make their own arrangements and get booked up separately for the popular show.

### **Cramlington Library Visit**

We have made an arrangement for all pupils from Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to visit Cramlington Library at different times on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. I realise this is a long way off, but the library have asked us to pass on membership forms so that you can get these completed and signed as parents/guarantors so that when the children visit they will be able to borrow books on that day. If your child is not yet a member of Cramlington Library please can we ask you to complete and return the attached membership form to school **by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** so that the library have time to process the forms before our visit in June.

*N.B. Year 1 pupils have already had a visit to Cramlington library this year so that is the reason they are not included in this event!*

### **Educational Visits**

In support of their context/topic work the staff are in the process of planning educational visits/visitors for some classes in the summer term. Separate letters will be sent out to the classes involved and where necessary the transport costs will be subsidised by the school. As outlined earlier in the year, these are the only visits for which we need to request a voluntary contribution from parents/carers and hope we can rely on your support in order for these learning experiences to go ahead.

Yours sincerely

*E Beeston*

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