

Eastlea update - 10/7/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

It does not seem possible that this is our 16th update and that we have only one more week left of this school year! Everything about it feels very strange but I am so glad that we have had so many children back in school and know that we have several more next week who are coming in to join their classmates for the last few days before the summer holidays – it will be great to see you!

Eastlea sporting challenge success

If you have been following our involvement in the recent School Games challenges, I'm sure you will have been delighted to see how successful 'Team Eastlea' has been! Last week it was announced that we were one of only 4 schools from across the whole north-east region to be declared a **Virtual School Games 2020 winner**, securing a £75 gift card to spend on sports equipment in school. We were also delighted to come **second on the Hadrian's Wall Challenge leaderboard**, completing an amazing 603 miles between us in two weeks (that's over 8 lengths of Hadrian's wall). Currently we are seeing how many flights of steps/stairs we can climb – and have succeeded in 'virtually' reaching the summit of some famous landmarks! Keep on climbing and sharing your stair totals – there is still a week to go!

'Silly Squad' libraries summer reading challenge

Just a reminder that the Silly Squad summer reading challenge is underway. On Monday we are hoping that those in school may have chance to see a YouTube cartoon workshop led by Liz Million at 1.30pm and it has been great to hear from some children that they have already read books and are adding them to their online summer reading challenge profile. Further details can be found on the [Challenge](#) website.

'End of year' reports/school books

There are still a few annual reports to collect by those who have not been attending school – if possible could we ask that these are collected early next week. If there is a problem with this let us know and we will see what can be arranged.

School uniform update

1. Thanks to everyone who has placed their order and paid for any new school uniform. Some of our bulk order has arrived and where possible we will be contacting you to confirm that we will be sending new uniform home with pupils who are in school or asking you to pop in and collect it. Further orders/payments are welcome next week and we will have further chances to collect uniform during the last week of the summer holiday.
2. We have also had confirmation that spare uniform is also available free of charge from the **Hope Centre** each weekday from 10am – 2pm. This is an excellent facility!
3. If anyone has **spare uniform** that they no longer require then it can be returned to Eastlea so that we can get it to the Hope Centre where it can be of use to other families. Thank you!



End of year plans

Next week the staff plan to have '**socially distant end of year celebrations**' (!) with their class groups on their last day/session. Pupils will be discussing plans for this in their class and we invite them to come into school in non-uniform for their last day:

- Reception/Year 1/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 on Tuesday or Friday
- Nursery on Monday or Tuesday or Friday
- Year 2/Support Group on Friday

The **Year 6 Leavers' Celebration** event will take place **from 3.45pm on Tuesday 14th July** on the school yard and so far the long range forecast looks to be ok! Fingers crossed! We are very much looking forward to having everyone from Year 6 back together again to say 'goodbye'!

Please continue to take care and stay safe and well!

Yours sincerely, Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

