



# Eastlea update - 3/7/20



Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write this update, my 15<sup>th</sup> of the lockdown, we have just two more weeks of the school year left and none of us could have predicted what situation we would find ourselves in when we started out in September 2019. I am very pleased at the number of families who have chosen to encourage their children to return to school and am grateful for the vigilance shown with the few who have shown signs of a high temperature in the last 2 days – to keep them/their siblings off school. As you know, anyone exhibiting any virus symptoms MUST self-isolate and seek a test or medical advice before they return to school just to be on the safe side. **Looking ahead to September, as we had predicted, it does now look as though all children will be back at Eastlea in all classes, all week which is fantastic news**, but the detailed new guidance released yesterday needs further careful consideration before any plans are finalised.

## Summer Free School meal Vouchers

These have now been ordered and emails sent out with details to eligible families. Since the order was placed we had notification that in addition to the previous list of supermarkets, vouchers could also now be redeemed at Iceland and the Company Shop group including Food Warehouse Stores.

## School Gardening

You may have seen on the Cramlington Town Council website that our Eastlea gardening was featured this week, showcasing some of the activities that the children have been involved with over the lockdown period. Well done to those involved...and we look forward to harvesting the rest of the produce!

## Community Pop-Up Service

We have been asked to alert you to a half hour health/music/dance activity 'workshop' which will be taking place on the field at Eastfield on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45am**. This is something that is being done at various locations to support children/families who are anxious about going out and who are not in school. Depending on the response then other workshops will be planned over the summer so hopefully this is something you can support.

## 'Silly Squad' libraries summer reading challenge

Several families are already getting involved in the summer 'digital' reading challenge. We have been given further information from the Reading Agency about two new 'zones' on the [Challenge](#) website, aimed at teachers and parents/carers. The [School Zone](#) and [Home Zone](#) will host information about the Summer Reading Challenge and a selection of Silly Squad resources, blogs and news articles through the summer.

## Sad news

For those of you who have been involved with the Eastlea family for many years – you may remember a support member of staff/dinner lady who worked at Eastlea called Mrs Scholey. Mrs Scholey left Eastlea 4 years ago following a diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease and sadly died from this condition last month. Her funeral took place this week attended by several current and ex-members of staff. Rest in peace.

## 'End of year' reports

When we were told in March that Eastlea had to 'close' for the majority of pupils, the staff spent time writing the annual reports. Children attending school will have either brought these home yesterday or will do so on Monday. For those NOT in school, reports and school books are available to collect from school during next week. Please come to the school office to collect them. We would ask that you come between 9.30am – 2.30pm to avoid the arrival/departure times of others who are attending school. Thank you!  
*[Year 6 pupils/parents will collect their books when they attend the Leavers' celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> July, but those not in school must come and collect their t-shirts/reports next week.]*

## Easter eggs

Don't be surprised if your child comes home with an Easter egg from school – we have had a kind donation of eggs from the local foodbank which need to be eaten this month – and were very happy to oblige!!

Please continue to take care and stay safe and well!

Yours sincerely, Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

