



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Thank you!

Tomorrow we come to the end of what has been a short half term. Despite having less than 5 weeks in school we have still managed to do lots of activities and your support with all of our events has been much appreciated by all the staff and pupils at Eastlea...

- Our **'World Book Day'** book at bedtime theme was a huge success with everyone getting involved! We raised **£203** for our library/reading funds – thank you!
- The **Sport Relief** fundraising day last week raised a fantastic total of **£180**. Everyone seemed to have a good time completing the 1 mile run/jog/walk in the school grounds/local park and special thanks go to our Year 6 sports leaders and Sport Council who helped Mrs Lister to coordinate the event.
- The **steel pan club** for a group of Year 4 and Year 5 pupils has been very popular this term and I know that the parents who came to see what they had been doing in the previous 8 weeks were very impressed with what had been achieved in such a short period of time – thanks to Miss Betham!
- Our **sports 'clubs' and team competitions** have been numerous this half term including Reception/KS1 rugby rocket tots, KS1 street dance, KS2 football, running club, Y5/6 netball, KS2 dance academy, Y3/Y5 tag rugby, Y4 swimming lessons, Y5 skipping festival – all of which have been thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils who attended. We have been delighted with the behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm shown by all our pupils who have taken part in these activities and events – well done!
- The **Year 5 residential visit to Hawkhurst** last weekend was a real success – the majority of the Year 5 class chose to go on the visit and thanks to the efforts of the staff involved everyone had a brilliant time. Special thanks must go to Mrs Scott who stepped in at the last minute in the absence of Mrs Tarbuck to accompany the children!
- Our **Easter raffle** this week raised **over £100** towards our Golden Day funds (final total will be counted today!). The prizes (mostly of the 'chocolate' variety but also including an Eagles Basketball ticket voucher) were claimed this afternoon in the hall when the raffle was drawn! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.
- **Parents' appointments** – the turn out for these this half term has been very high – your support for these events is so important and much appreciated – thank you!

### Golden Day – a reminder for tomorrow

Almost every child has earned the right to attend our Golden Day events tomorrow which I am delighted about. For those going to Druridge Bay (Year 1 to Year 6) please make sure your child has a packed lunch and is wearing suitable outdoor clothing. Wellies would be a good idea as footwear and Year 5/Year 6 pupils need to have their swimwear, an old pair of trainers, a fleece/coat to wear under their wetsuit and also a towel. Nursery and Reception pupils need to remember their teddy bear!!

### Reading awards

The Outer Space Reading Challenge awards have been presented in large numbers this half term. The coloured 'star' badges are now being proudly worn by the **145** children who have earned their silver award and we now have **196** pupils who have achieved their bronze awards. Don't forget to encourage your child to keep reading over the holiday – if they have their reading signed this will help them move another rung up the ladder!!

### Staffing updates

- As Nursery parents are already aware, **Mrs Merryweather** has not been in school for quite some time. We found out recently that she will be leaving Eastlea at the end of April. Miss Dougall who has been working in Nursery since January, alongside Mrs Broughton and Miss Doyle, will continue to be based with Nursery until the end of this school year for which we are very grateful. The post of Nursery teacher has been advertised and interviews will be held in the first half of the summer term. We will let you know further details about this when an appointment is made.
- Tomorrow we say farewell to **Mrs Allen** who has been a lunchtime supervisor at Eastlea for 6½ years. Mrs Allen has secured a full time job elsewhere and we wish her well in the future.
- After half term **Miss Hartley** will be working alongside Mrs Lister as class teacher in Year 1. Mrs Lister will be directly involved in the planning and delivery of work in the classroom and Mrs Shimmin will still be teaching the class every Wednesday as before.

## Hungry Hatch - Summer term lunch menus

When we return after Easter the 'new summer menus' will begin. We will have a three-week cycle of menus as before and following a meeting of the Kitchen Committee last week we aim to try some different alternatives. These are likely to include a possible future change to the pasta master theme on a Monday and having an extended salad bar incorporating some 'home grown' produce etc. More details will be circulated after the holiday when final decisions are taken and the menu is finalised, but details of the choices for the first week back (w/b 11<sup>th</sup> April) are outlined below.

<b>SUMMER MENU 2016</b> <b>EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>WEEK ONE</b>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Course Choices</b>	<u>Pasta Master:</u> Beans and sausage Tuna Mayonnaise BBQ chicken	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry with Naan bread	Fish Fingers
<b>Potatoes Pasta/Rice</b>	Pasta	Pasta / Garlic Bread	Roast potatoes	Wholemeal Rice	Chips
<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn / Garden peas	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Green beans Spring cabbage	Mixed Vegetables Green Beans	Baked Beans / Garden Peas
<b>Salad Bowl</b>	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
<b>Starters or Sweets</b>	Cheesecake and milkshake	Homemade lemon drizzle sponge with custard	Shortbread biscuit with slice of fruit and glass of milk	Fruit crumble or apple pie with ice cream	"School Steamed Pudding of the week" and custard



Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt available daily  
Drinking water is available daily on the dining room tables



## Family Hoopstarz event

I have been asked by Miss Marsden (Cramlington Sports Partnership Coordinator) to let you know about a Family sporting event which is taking place at the Northburn Sports centre during the holidays. We have had great fun with 'Hoop Starz Hula Hooping' in school and this looks set to be a popular event – see below for information about how to book places if you are interested!

## Happy Easter

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a 'Happy Easter holiday'! **Eastlea reopens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016** ready for the summer term.



Yours sincerely

*E Beeston*

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

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