Dear Parent / Carer,



As you may be aware from the media, several trade unions will be taking industrial action on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The action (a one day strike) will result in class or whole school closures across the country.

The decision to close the school in these circumstances for some or all children is never taken lightly. Unfortunately, due to the number of staff taking action, we will be unable to ensure the health, safety and well being of all our pupils, I regret to inform you that Eastlea Primary School will be closed for pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 3 classes on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Eastlea will, however, remain open as usual on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July for pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Children in these classes will be expected to attend school as normal on that day and lessons and other planned activities will continue as previously arranged; e.g. the educational visit to Seahouses/Farne Islands for Y5 and the basketball coaching session for Y4.

For Year 6 pupils I am delighted to say that the important transition visit for Year 6 pupils to Cramlington Learning Village will also go ahead as usual on this day, as well as the meetings for parents in the evening. Year 6 pupils will therefore be required to attend the JLV on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July as arranged.

We have tried to give as much notice of this situation as possible and apologise for the inconvenience this will cause to some families.

Eastlea will be open again for <u>all</u> pupils on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – and the 'Open afternoon' from 2pm for parents/families of children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 will go ahead as planned that Friday afternoon.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

*EJ Beeston*, Head Teacher