



Dear Parents/Carers,

Tomorrow marks the end of yet another very successful year at Eastlea. We will be saying farewell to Mrs Hedley tomorrow and all wish her health and happiness for her well earned retirement! It still does not seem possible that she will not be teaching here in September, but I know she will remain part of the Eastlea family for many years to come!

We also have some other final updates and information which need to be shared before the summer holidays. See below:

- **Open Afternoon and Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

Thank you to everyone who attended these events in school. The children have had another successful year and welcomed the chance to share their work with you – including the art work displays from our recent art week. There was a lovely atmosphere in school on both occasions and we do not take for granted the tremendous support you provide for such events. We wish our Year 6 class the best of luck as they prepare to join the Junior Learning Village, Bede Academy or schools further afield in September.

- **Summer Fayre**

Our 'summer beach party' themed summer fayre was a great success on 3rd July. The weather was glorious and there was a happy relaxed atmosphere outside as people came in huge numbers to take part in the activities planned by the staff and children from different classes. As a result we have again done incredibly well in terms of fundraising. An amazing **£1391.68** was raised – which will go towards supporting our Golden Days and other school activities next year! Thank you once again for your tremendous support, without which such events just could not happen.

- **Beach Golden Day**

We had a great time yesterday for our final Golden Day of the school year. Everyone had a brilliant time at the beach – the weather was kind and the lunch was well received – thanks to the Coastline restaurant who served all 259 of us in well organised fashion! There are some pictures on our website – do take a look! Unfortunately not everyone earned the right to attend, but I know that those children who had been well behaved and followed our rules had a great time.

- **Champion Readers**

Our 'circus reading challenge' has been a big hit with the children this year. Every child has had the chance to take part and the vast majority have been well supported at home to gain their bronze, silver and gold reading awards. **In total we managed 214 bronze, 175 silver and 110 gold.** We also had a bumper crop of champion readers which we were delighted about. If your child came home with a champion reader gold balloon and certificate on Tuesday they were one of 70 who achieved this for never missing a reading week all year – well done! We are already putting together ideas for our new reading challenge in September, but in the meantime don't forget the 'Record Breakers' summer library challenge being organised by Cramlington Library. The children all heard about this when they visited the library and it would be great to have lots of Eastlea families taking part. There is some more information below. It is free to join and runs throughout the summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Challenge is the popular FREE national reading initiative run via the UK library network during the summer holidays. Each child is encouraged to read six or more books of their choice, with collectable incentives and rewards, and a certificate and medal for every child who completes the Challenge. Last year, over 800,000 children took part, nearly half of them boys.

You can find out more about the benefits to children at <http://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>

This year the Summer Reading Challenge has teamed up with Guinness World Records to establish a 'Record Breakers' themed Challenge. Events and activities with a 'record-breakers' theme will be held in libraries around the county throughout the summer - more information on our website at www.mylibrary.co.uk and also from local libraries.

There is an interactive website, www.recordbreakers.org.uk, which children can access themselves, which also has all sorts of excellent activities which can be downloaded and used before the end of term. The Summer Reading Challenge starts in our libraries on Saturday 11th July, but can be joined at any time. For further information, please contact DWright@activenorthumberland.org.uk

- **KS2 SATS results**

As was explained to the Year 6 pupils on Friday we were very pleased again with our KS2 SATs results – the national measures on which schools are judged in terms of pupil outcomes. **Every child in Year 6 did their very best and 100%** of them have achieved or exceeded the progress we hoped they would make. This is a great achievement and comes as a result of the hard work of the pupils and the whole staff team at Eastlea who are dedicated to providing an interesting, enjoyable and successful educational experience for everyone in school. For more details of the results see our website.

Open door policy and E-safety training

As you are all aware, we pride ourselves at Eastlea on our open door policy and indeed our ‘friendly approach’ is something that is often commented on by parents and visitors to our school. There have been a few occasions this term where incidents in school have been aired in quite strong, sometimes threatening language on unprotected social media sites. Please can I ask that if you do have an issue that you come and talk to staff in school rather than airing grievances on Facebook and the like. We can deal with things far more quickly if this is the strategy used and it saves other people being dragged into issues without a full understanding of the events. Thank you! We will be joining with the partnership of schools in Cramlington to provide an E-safety workshop for parents/carers as well as further staff training on 16th September. Put the date in your diary!!

Attendance and punctuality

As you know we continue to have a high focus on attendance/punctuality! Classes who have won the half term award certificates will be presented with these tomorrow. We will also be giving out awards to those individuals who have managed 100% attendance in the summer term, some special punctuality certificates for those who have never been late this year as well as recognising the small group of pupils who have managed full attendance for the **whole** academic year!!

Next year as part of a national change, the percentage attendance below which a child is classed as being a persistent absentee has changed. If your child’s attendance falls below 90% then the EWO will become involved and attendance will be closely monitored in school. There will be more details about this in September, but I hope you will continue to support us with the very common sense systems we have in place to ensure that children attend school regularly and are on time every day. Term dates for 2015-16 are included on the reverse of this letter for reference.

Church Summer Club

I have been asked by Revd Steve Wilkinson to advertise the church summer club which is being run from Beaconhill Community Centre from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July:

This summer we're running the On Your Marks Holiday Club again at Beaconhill Community Centre! If your kids have been before, hopefully they can tell you about all the good stuff we get up to, and if they haven't, trust us, it's awesome!

We watch videos, play games and sports (outside if the weather behaves!), see science demonstrations and play music, do crafts, watch drama, listen to jokes, and share stories from Jesus' life.

We'd love for your kids to join us this year. The information is below. There is a cost of £7 to cover the cost of building rent, craft stuff and snacks - if this is a problem, let us know, we don't want money to be a reason to not come.

You can email us at holidayclub2015@gmail.com, with the names of your children and a contact number, or you can go online at <http://www.cramlingtoncofe.org.uk/> and download an application form.

Dates: Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July

Times: 10-3pm each day

Cost: £7 per child

Venue: Beaconhill Community Centre, Cramlington

September

The start of the new term will come around quickly so it is worth reminding you that the autumn term for all pupils starts on **Wednesday 2nd September 2015**. This morning your child had the chance to meet the adults who will be working with them next year. Mrs Merryweather is expected back in Nursery in the new term and Miss Betham will be joining the staff team at Eastlea as class teacher in Year 2. Some of you will have already had the chance to see her at either the summer fayre or the open afternoon in recent weeks.

School uniform – a reminder

Most parents who ordered uniform will have now received their order. Please be aware that the next order will not be sent off until the autumn term, but Mrs Johnson does still have a few items in stock.

As always at this stage of the year, may I also take this opportunity to remind you of the uniform requirements at Eastlea:

Uniform list

- School sweatshirt/cardigan in navy blue (available from the school with the Eastlea logo)
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey/black trousers/shorts or skirt
- For girls - Summer dress – **blue** checks/stripes please (in keeping with the rest of the school uniform colour) and plain white/grey/black tights in the winter
- Black school shoes – **NOT** trainers please. We seem to have had more trainers appearing in school this term. However, black shoes are the required footwear in school other than for outdoor P.E. lessons (see below).

P.E. kit

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black sandshoes or bare feet for indoor PE. (Trainers may be worn for outdoor P.E. and a dark tracksuit can also be worn)

Jewellery/Hairstyles

- No jewellery can be worn in school. ***This includes earrings, so if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced it needs to be done at the very start of the summer holidays so they can remove earrings before they come back to school in September.***
- As previously outlined 'extreme' hairstyles are not to be worn at Eastlea in common with other schools in Cramlington. Distinctively styled hair, designs shaved into the hair, shaved patterns and unnatural dyed hair should not be worn during term time. Long hair should always be tied back for school.

And finally...

Please remember that the children **finish at 2pm tomorrow** – I'm sure they won't have forgotten!!

Finally, I would like to once again thank everyone for their support this year and I hope that you have a restful summer holiday!

Yours sincerely

E Beeston

Miss E Beeston
Head Teacher

EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2015 / 16



<u>HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE</u>
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2015</u>	
Summer 2015	Friday 17 July 2015	Wednesday 2 September 2015
October Mid-term 2015 <u>STAFF TRAINING DAYS</u>	Wednesday 21 October 2015 <u>THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2015</u> <u>AND</u> <u>FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2015</u>	Monday 2 November 2015
Christmas/New Year 2015/2016 <u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	Friday 18 December 2015 <u>MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016</u>	Tuesday 5 January 2016
Spring Mid-Term 2016	Friday 12 February 2016	Monday 22 February 2016
Easter 2016	Thursday 24 March 2016	Monday 11 April 2016
<u>MAY DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 2 MAY 2016</u>	
Summer Mid-Term 2016	Friday 27 May 2016	Monday 6 June 2016
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2016</u>	
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016</u>	