



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday we come to the end of another year at Eastlea. As the term draws to a close here are some final updates and information before the summer holidays.

### **Summer Fayre**

Thank you for your support with the summer fair which took place on the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> July. Lots of parents and friends attended and we were delighted to raise **£1457.10** at the event. This money, held by the 'Friends of Eastlea', goes to support our Golden Days or other activities/resources for the children. Thank you to everyone who supported us! We still have a couple of raffle prizes which have not been claimed – they are being held in the school office.

### **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

Today we had the Year 6 Leavers' assembly for all Year 6 parents/carers/grandparents etc. The class have enjoyed preparing for their final 'performance' and we wish our Year 6 class the best of luck as they prepare to join the Junior Learning Village in Cramlington in September! We believe that our Year 6 children are 'secondary ready' in all senses of this word - they once again did us proud with their KS2 SATS results and we are delighted for them – they were well above national averages and above other local schools too! CONGRATULATIONS!

### **Celebrations**

As well as our super data outcomes (not just in KS2 but in KS1 and Early Years too) we have had a number of important awards and achievements in recent days:

- **70<sup>th</sup> NHS anniversary** – Year 2 were delighted to be chosen to take part in this challenge and their art work and poetry is on display inside the hospital along one of the main corridors. The project was designed to make people 'smile' and this certainly worked for the children and adults who went to see their work! The hospital staff could not have been more welcoming and friendly, the children learned a lot from their visit to the hospital and very much enjoyed the birthday cake!!
- **Love Northumberland award winners** – I hope you saw the coverage of our success in these awards last week. Eastlea were winners of the Sustainable Travel Award and 2 pupils from the KS2 cycle club went with a small group of staff to Alnwick Garden where the awards were presented by the Duchess of Northumberland. It was a real honour to be recognised in this way and we have received a £250 donation to go towards further cycling initiatives.
- **Platinum sports award** – today we were able to announce to the children that after 4 years of maintaining the Gold school games award, we have again achieved gold for 2017-18 so have been able to apply for and been successful in gaining PLATINUM status! We are the first primary school in Cramlington & Seaton Valley to achieve this accolade and are delighted to have had our efforts recognised in such a way.

### **Reading Challenge and Champion Readers**

Our 'Sports reading challenge' has been successful again 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. We have **177 bronze, 145 silver and 100 gold**. Tomorrow we will also present our Champion Reader awards – these are for the pupils who just keep on reading, even when they have achieved their gold award! Well done to them all!

Over the holidays the local libraries are running the '**Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge**'. The challenge started on Saturday it is free to join and runs throughout the summer holidays. There are lots of prizes and incentives on offer and we will reward the children who complete the challenge with a summer reading picnic in September – coordinated by Mrs Lister. A display of Eastlea art work linked to the theme will be in pride of place in Cramlington library. Please take a look when your children are there borrowing books over the summer holidays.

### **Golden Day reminder**

On Thursday this week we will be having our final Golden Day of the year – a visit to the beach. All the details were provided in the previous letter (see school website) but it is important that the children who have earned the right to attend come to school promptly for 9am that morning, with sun cream applied, a hat, a small towel, a change of t-shirt/swim shorts etc for when they paddle in the sea and a packed lunch/drink. School uniform is not required and no jewellery must be worn on the day please. Morning Nursery pupils will be back in school after lunch ready for collection at 1.20pm. The pupils in all other classes will finish at 3.15pm as normal on that day.

### **Dogs at the gate**

As you are aware we have had concerns raised in the past about dogs at the school gates which can be off putting to children and adults who are coming into school. A short while ago a parent was hurt by a dog which was waiting with an adult near to the school and I know that some families/children are understandably nervous that this could happen again to either an adult or a child. Please can we ask that as from September, no dogs are standing waiting near to the school gates so that everyone feels safe when they are coming to bring or collect their child from school. Thank you!

### **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 on Friday. 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 pupils who have managed full attendance for the whole academic year!!

As you are aware, if your child's attendance falls below 90% then this is classed nationally as a 'persistent absentee' which means that the EWO will become involved and attendance is more closely monitored in school. Almost all Eastlea parents continue to work very well with us to keep their children's attendance above this figure and aim to get their children into good habits by arriving at school on time every morning – thank you! Advance notice of the term dates for 2018-19 is included at the end of this letter for reference.

### **September – farewells and fresh starts**

The start of the new school year will come around quickly so it is worth reminding you that the autumn term for all pupils starts on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. A couple of weeks ago your child had the chance to meet the adults who will be working with them next year as we had a whole school transition day. We know that this can be a nervous time for the children but felt that the transition day was a positive experience for everyone.

Unfortunately, as you are aware we have to say farewell to some members of staff at the end of this week. In common with many other schools nationally we have again had to 'tighten our belts' in terms of the school budget and 2 members of teaching staff will not be with us when we reconvene in September. We wish the very best of luck to both Miss Dougall and Mrs Weatherson as they start their different ventures. Mrs Raymond who has worked at Eastlea as a cleaner will also be giving up this role in September – she is being replaced by Miss Pickard. Mrs Raymond will remain here as a midday supervisor so we are not really saying goodbye to her as such!

### **School places**

We have some space left in some of our year groups for September – if you, or anyone you are in contact with, wants to take up these places it is important that they contact the school as soon as possible (01670 732261). This includes Nursery places of either 15 hours (mornings) or 30 hours (full days) depending on eligibility for government funding.

### **School uniform – a reminder**

Most parents who ordered uniform a short while ago will receive their items in the next couple of days as we have now just received the order in school.

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
- Summer option – **blue** check/stripe dress
- 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...AND A REMINDER ABOUT EARRINGS!!**

- 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. We have a policy of NO EARRINGS IN SCHOOL.***
- 'Extreme' hairstyles are also 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...end of term at 2pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Please remember that the children **finish at 2pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – 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

**Miss E Beeston**, Head Teacher

**EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2018 / 19**

<b><u>HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE</u></b>
<b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u></b>	<b><u>MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018</u></b>	
Summer 2018	Friday 20 July 2018	Tuesday 4 September 2018
October Mid-Term 2018	Thursday 25 October 2018	Monday 5 November 2018
<b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u></b>	<b><u>FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2018</u></b>	
Christmas/New Year 2018/2019	Friday 21 December 2018	Tuesday 8 January 2019
<b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u></b>	<b><u>MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2019</u></b>	
Spring Mid-Term 2019	Friday 15 February 2019	Monday 25 February 2019
Easter 2019	Friday 5 April 2019	Tuesday 23 April 2019
<b><u>MAY DAY</u></b>	<b><u>MONDAY 6 MAY 2019</u></b>	
Summer Mid-Term 2019	Friday 24 May 2019	Monday 3 June 2019
Summer 2019	Friday 19 July 2019	Tuesday 3 September 2019
<b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u></b>	<b><u>MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2019</u></b>	