



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday marks the end of yet another very successful year at Eastlea. As the term draws to a close here are some other final updates and information which need to be shared before the summer holidays.

- **Sports Day**

We were delighted to have sunny weather for our Sports Day this year so the events could go ahead outside with no difficulties. Thank you to everyone who made the time to come and cheer their child(ren) on in the various races and activities. Well done to Green rocket group who retained their trophy!

- **Summer Fayre**

Our 'spots and stripes' themed summer fayre was a great success on 1st July. Although we had to move the fayre inside due to the weather, 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. We were delighted to raise the huge total of **£1637.05** – 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.

- **Class educational visits**

All of this term's visits to various venues in support of curriculum work in school have been a big success. We always receive very positive feedback from the places we go in terms of the behaviour of our children when they are 'out and about' as well as their level of knowledge and enthusiasm for whatever they are asked to do. This is something that I expect, but can never take for granted, so it is lovely to hear when classes return. Our Year 6 residential visit to York was also a huge success in recent weeks. Almost the whole class took part in the action packed 3 days and they will have memories to remember for a very long time!

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

Thank you to everyone who attended these events in school. The children welcomed the chance to share their work with you – including their Tapestry learning journals (Early Years), their context books and the special Year 6 Leavers' assembly all of which I know led to some very positive praise! 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 in Cramlington or Blyth Academy in September!

- **Concordia Golden Day**

The children thoroughly enjoyed their final Golden Day of the school year at Concordia on Friday. The activities were well received whether this was dancing, soft play, bowling, swimming or clip n' climb. Thanks to parents for the patience shown with those classes who were delayed on the return journey. 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.

- **Reading Challenge and Champion Readers**

Our 'outer space reading challenge' has been a really big success 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 204 bronze, 181 silver and 139 gold.** We have also got our highest ever total of Champion Readers which we are delighted about. If your child comes home with a champion reader gold balloon and certificate tomorrow they are one of 85 who maintained their good reading homework habits all year – well done!

Next year we will launch our next reading challenge, but don't forget the Roald Dahl themed '**Big Friendly Reading Challenge**' which is being organised by the local libraries over the summer. The challenge has just started and the children will be reminded about this again before we break up. 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.

Eastlea Facebook page

As explained in an earlier newsletter, we have now got our own school Facebook page. The response we have had from parents has been very positive and everyone seems to be pleased with this as an extra means of posting updates on what is going on as well as reminders about Eastlea events. If you haven't yet found us on Facebook, there is a link from the school website.

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 Wednesday. 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!!

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 2016-17 are included at the end of this letter for reference.

Tall Ships event in Northumberland

As you will no doubt be aware, the Tall Ships come to Blyth this summer. There are lots of events planned in the local area to coincide with this important occasion and I have been asked to inform you about one of these which is taking place on Saturday 27th August (bank holiday weekend) at St Paul's Church, near Holywell Dene. There will be activities for all the family and **some work by Year 2** will be displayed in the church. The children entered a '**Seaside Design**' competition as part of their context work and the winning entries will be available to look at in the church windows.

September – farewells and fresh starts

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 **Tuesday 6th September 2016**. This morning your child had the chance to meet the adults who will be working with them as we made a 'step up' to next year. Unfortunately, we are having to say farewell to Miss Doyle who is leaving Eastlea at the end of term. She is taking up another post at a private Nursery in North Tyneside, and we wish her every success with this – we will miss her! As you are aware Miss Dougall will be 'officially' joining the staff team at Eastlea in September as class teacher in Nursery as well as teaching in the afternoons in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.

School uniform – a reminder

Most parents who ordered uniform will have now received their order. Please be aware although we do still have some items in stock, we are awaiting delivery of others which will not arrive until towards the end of the summer holiday.

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

- 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 Wednesday 20th

Please remember that the children **finish at 2pm on Wednesday 20th 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 2016 / 17

<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>MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016</u>	
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016
October Mid-Term 2016	Thursday 20 October 2016	Monday 31 October 2016
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016</u>	
Christmas/New Year 2016/2017	Friday 16 December 2016	Wednesday 4 January 2017
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2017</u>	
Spring Mid-Term 2017	Friday 17 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
Easter 2017	Friday 7 April 2017	24 April 2017
<u>MAY DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 1 MAY 2017</u>	
Summer Mid-Term 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017
<u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u>	<u>MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017</u>	