

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Tomorrow we come to the end of the first half of the spring term. It has been a busy time in school for lots of reasons and I wanted to say thank you for your ongoing support with the many school events which have taken place...

- Our **'World Book Day'** book at bedtime theme at the start of the half term was a huge success with everyone getting involved! We raised **£180** for our guided reading funds – thank you!
- The **Comic Relief** fundraising day on 24<sup>th</sup> March raised a fantastic total of **£273.50**. The red dress up day theme was popular and the bun day cakes/biscuits coordinated by Year 5 were well received too. Our class jokes competition also created lots of laughter in the whole school assembly!!
- Our **sports 'clubs' and team competitions** have been numerous this half term including Reception/KS1 rugby rocket tots, street dance, tag rugby, running club, tennis, Y5/6 netball, KS2 dance and multi-skills academies, Reception/Year 1 balance bikes, Y4 swimming lessons, Y5 skipping festival, Year 5/6 girls and boys football, Y4 golf and Y6 hockey – all of which have been thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils who attended. We have been delighted with the behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm shown by almost every one of our pupils who have taken part in these activities and events – well done! **Special congratulations must go to our Year 6 hockey team** who last week **WON** the Cramlington and Seaton Valley area competition and now go forward to represent their region in the Northumberland School Games finals on 22<sup>nd</sup> June!
- The **Year 5 residential visit to Hawkthirst** this week was a real success – everyone in the class was able to take part and thanks to the efforts of the Mrs Thirlwell, Mrs McInnes and Mrs Scott everyone had a brilliant time and had some memorable experiences!
- The **Early Years Easter activities morning** was well attended yesterday morning and seems to have been a great success!
- Our **Easter raffle** which will be 'drawn' tomorrow has so far raised **£172** towards our Golden Day funds. The prizes (mostly of the 'chocolate' variety) will be sent home with the children tomorrow! 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 is very positive. For those taking part please remember that our Easter Challenge Golden Day will involve lots of games, activities and workshops in and around the school grounds (and the nearby park for Early Years!). The children should be in non-uniform (sports wear/casual gear) and wearing **trainers**. There is no 'fine' to pay and the lunchtime schedule and finishing time at the end of the school day are as normal.

#### **Reading awards**

The Around the UK Reading Challenge awards have been presented in large numbers this half term. The silver smiley face badges are now being proudly worn by the **130** children who have earned their silver award and we now have **186** 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!!

#### **Hungry Hatch - Summer term school lunch menus**

When we return after Easter we will have a couple more weeks of the previous menus before the 'new summer menus' will begin. More details will be circulated after the holiday when they are finalised.

#### **Happy Easter**

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a 'Happy Easter holiday'! **Eastlea reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017** ready for an action-packed summer term.

Yours sincerely

*E Beeston*

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

