



Dear Parents/Carers,



The next six weeks will bring us to the end of another school year. We have plenty planned for the children in the coming half term – some started last week and lots of others are still to come.

Here are some further details and dates to put into your diary:

What's on	When and who?
Dance coaching	Monday mornings from 3 <sup>rd</sup> June (Y6)
Rocksteady class band sessions	Continuing on Tuesday mornings from 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Cricket/rounders coaching in PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 4 <sup>th</sup> June (Y3 and Y5) Thursday afternoons from 6 <sup>th</sup> June (Y4 and Y6)
Transition visit to CLV	Morning of Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June (Year 6)
Makaton workshops led by Anna Melling (Loud Arts)	Wednesday mornings – 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> June (Nursery/Reception/Y1/Y2)
'Striking and fielding' coaching in PE lessons	Wednesday afternoons from 5 <sup>th</sup> June (Y1 and Y2)
Specialist French / Spanish tuition	Wednesday afternoons for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 led by Mme Taylor and CLV from 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Specialist Music tuition	Wednesday afternoons for Reception/Y1/Y4/Y5/Y6 from 5 <sup>th</sup> June led by Miss Midgley and Mrs Hedley
Rearranged Quadkids athletics competition at Astley	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June (team from Y5)
Year 6 Parent induction evening at CLV	Evening of Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Girls Football competition at Northburn Sports Centre	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June (group of Y4/Y5/Y6 pupils)
<b>Residential Visit to York</b>	<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June (Y6)</b>
Author visit at CLV (Phil Earle)	Morning of Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (Y5)
Playground Activity Project	Monday lunchtimes from 10 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>National Phonics Check</b>	<b>w/b Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June (Year 1)</b>
<b>National Multiplication Check</b>	<b>w/b Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June (Year 4)</b>
Arts Council animation/refugee project	Afternoon of Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June (Y5)
Make Active Memories Day at Alnwick	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June (group of KS2 pupils)
<b>Eastlea Sports Activity week</b> <i>(a separate letter with more details will be sent out later this week)</i>	<b><u>w/b Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</u></b> <b>Monday – 'sports day' afternoon for Reception to Year 6 from 1.30pm</b> Tuesday – Mini-athletics for N/R/1/2, 'All about me' workshop for Y6 and Rec/KS1 multi-skills festival (led by Y6 Sports Leaders) Wednesday – Y4/Y5 Acrobatics workshops, final Makaton and Little Movers sessions for Nursery Thursday – Cricket sessions for Y3/Y5 and KS2 Rocket Rounders competition Friday – Cricket sessions for R/1/2, Paralympic sport workshops (various classes) and Y3/Y4 cricket festival led by Y6 Sports Crew

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Vex robotics project	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June (team from Y6)
<b>Educational class visit to Embleton Steads Farm</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June (Y1)</b>
Non-uniform day – bring in prizes for the summer fair	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Cheerleading workshops	Afternoon of Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (Y2/Y3)
Nursery induction visits for those due to start in September	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (3.30pm) and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (3.30pm)
Cricket festivals at CLV	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (Y3 - morning & Y5 - afternoon)
Singing Club and Violin group concert	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 3.45pm (KS2 pupils)
General Election – polling station in the Computer suite <b>(Eastlea open as normal)</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – <b><u>EASTLEA OPEN AS USUAL</u></b>
‘Step up to next year’	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – including Year 6 day at CLV – further details will be shared nearer the time
<b>Eastlea summer fayre</b>	<b>Afternoon of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July (2.00 – 3.30pm)</b>
Summer Holiday ‘ <b>Marvellous Makers!</b> ’ Library reading challenge launch	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Presentation of summer term writing and maths awards	Mornings of Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Rocksteady class bands concert	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (9.10am)
Anti-bullying / safety workshops	Morning of Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (Y5 and Y6)
RE Theme Day	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Educational visit to Hexham / river study</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July (Y4)</b>
Year 6 Leavers Celebration Event	After school on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July - <i>further details to follow for Y6 families</i>
<b>GOLDEN DAY</b>	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Year 6 meal out <b>(TBC)</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – after school (Year 6 and staff)
End of term – start of summer holidays	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July – <b><u>2pm departure time</u></b>

## CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am <b>each day</b> ). This costs £2.50 per day. 	KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on <b>Tuesdays</b> (£2 per session)	KS2 Gardening Club on <b>Mondays</b>
	Woodland Walk club for a different year group each week on <b>Wednesdays</b>	Irish Dancing Club on <b>Mondays</b> for Reception to Y6 <b>led by Julie Showalter-Marshall</b> (£4 per session)
	KS1 Professional football coaching for Y1/Y2 on <b>Wednesdays</b> (£2 per session)	KS2 Singing Club on <b>Wednesdays</b>
<b>Owlets toddler group</b> for pre-school children and their parents/carers/ childminders: <b>Thursdays 9.00 – 10.30am</b> in the school hall <i>Sessions cost £3.00 plus 50p per extra child.</i> 	Running Club for Y4/Y5/Y6 on <b>Fridays</b>	Summer Sports for Y5/Y6 on <b>Thursdays</b>

### Summer weather

I'm sure we are all hoping for some more summery weather over the remaining weeks of the school year. Can we ask that on sunny days sun cream is applied before children come to school if appropriate. A cap/hat would also be a good idea. Thank you!

As we mentioned before half term, as more cardigans/sweatshirts are being taken off outside when the weather warms up, we find we have more than the usual number of items of UNNAMED lost property. Please can we ask that you double check that everything your child brings to school is named.

### School Uniform orders

A copy of the latest order form for school uniform (purple paper) was sent out last week.

If you wish to place an order for uniform or PE tracksuits then orders/payment needs to be received by 14<sup>th</sup> June so that we can do our best to ensure you have the uniform you need for September.

Remember, uniform can also be obtained free of charge from the Hope Centre in Cramlington. They offer a wide range of high quality items and we would certainly advise that this is worth a look for anyone who needs it. The Hope Centre also collect spare uniform ready for redistribution, so if you have any good quality items that you no longer need then bring them in and we can arrange for them to be collected.

### Clothing Bank

There have been more people bringing in bags of other/non-school uniform pre-loved clothes to put into our Clothes bank on site near the bin store. Thank you for taking the time to do this and remember every kilogram of clothes helps raise money for the school.

### HOPE UNIFORM & BABY BANK



We accept donations of good quality pre-owned school clothing and redistribute it to parents/guardians and children through our uniform bank. This service is free and no referral is required.



Donated baby and nursery items are free to collect by parents or guardians following a referral from a professional person, e.g. midwife, social worker, health visitor.

Uniform Monday-Friday 10:00–16:00  
 Nursery by appointment  
 Email [hope1uniform@gmail.com](mailto:hope1uniform@gmail.com)  
 Forum Way NE23 6SJ


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### **'Walk to school' and parking update**

Thanks to everyone who supported our 'Walk to school week' before the half term break. It was great to see so many people walking, biking or 'scooting' to school. It has also been lovely to see that many children have continued with these methods of travel since the holiday and we would strongly encourage more to do this in the coming weeks.

Hopefully the better weather will make this a more attractive option and remember, if the distance you have to travel to school is too far to make walking a viable option, then **please make use of the park and stride facility offered from the Church of the Nazarene**. It is just a few minutes walk from the Church carpark to Eastlea and removes any parking problems. Feedback from families who use it is universally positive. Thank you.



### **Breakfast club and dinner money**

Please can we ask that money for breakfast club sessions and/or school dinners is paid on the day or for the week in advance. It causes problems for the office staff if money is not paid on time. Each week the dinner money must be 'balanced' and we also need to buy food and pay staff salaries for breakfast club which is difficult if we do not have the funds available! As always, if there is a problem with payment then come and speak to us. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Nut allergy update**

Can we remind everyone that due to allergies experienced by some children at Eastlea we need to reinforce our **NO NUTS in school policy**. Children who bring in food for packed lunches / snacks need to ensure that these are nut free at all times to protect the health and safety of everyone in school (this includes anything with Nutella and some cereal bars). Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **Seesaw update**

Parents/Carers of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will have noticed last week that they received a couple of Seesaw announcements from 'Miss Beeston' rather than 'Miss Betham'. This is something that you will see more of in the coming year as Miss Betham will not be in school from September whilst on maternity leave (see below). Please note that any messages/replies/correspondence on Seesaw must still be done via your child's class teacher as Miss Beeston is not able to access the full class Seesaw system. Thank you!

### **Staffing update**

Next year, while Miss Betham focuses on her role as a 'Mum', we have a different teacher joining the Eastlea team to cover her maternity leave. Miss Gaddes is an experienced teacher who is moving to us from a school in Newcastle and we are excited to welcome her to teach Year 2 from September. Miss Gaddes will be in school this half term at different times and will be meeting her new class on the 'step up'/transition day in July.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss E Beeston**

Head Teacher