





Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back for the new half term. Please find below an outline list of the events and activities which are planned for the children this half term:

What's on	When and who?
Weekly swimming sessions	Monday afternoons from 27 th February to 27 th March (Y4)
Volleyball coaching	Monday afternoons from 27 th February (Y3/Y5/Y6)
'Rocksteady' class bands	Tuesday mornings in the hall from 28 th February (including concert for pupils/parents on 28 th March)
Football coaching in PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 28 th February (Year 3/Year 6) Thursday afternoons from 2 nd March (Year 4/Year 5)
STEM 'Hungry Caterpillar' workshop led by Liz Ferguson	Morning of Wednesday 1 st March (Group of Nursery pupils/parents)
STEM engineering pupil lesson taught by Liz Ferguson	Morning of Wednesday 1 st March (Year 6 – children only)
Specialist French / Spanish tuition	Wednesday afternoons from 1 st March for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 led by Mme Taylor and Mr McCartney/Miss Anderson
Specialist Music tuition	Wednesday afternoons for Reception/Y1/Y4/Y5/Y6 from 1 st March led by Miss Midgley and Mrs Hedley
'Ball skills' coaching in PE lessons	Wednesday afternoons from 1 st March (Year 1/Year 2)
Eastlea World Book Day (see earlier letter)	Friday 3rd March – book at bedtime/pjs day and Usborne sponsored read (whole school)
Cycling workshop at Mowbray Primary	Monday 6 th March – group from Y5/Y6
'Raven' drama/writing project	Morning of Wednesday 8 th and Tuesday 28 th March (Y5)
'Roots and Shoots' project– visit to Alnwick Gardens	Thursday 9 th March (Year 5)
"Biggest Ever Girls football session"	Afternoon of Friday 10 th March (girls from Y1 to Y6)
Induction visits for new Nursery starters	After school on Tuesday 14 th March (pupils due to start Nursery after Easter)
Nissan 'Monozukuri caravan' whole day visit	Wednesday 15 th March (Year 6)
STEM engineering 'catapults' workshop led by Liz Ferguson	Morning of Wednesday 15 th March (Y2 pupils/parents)
Governors School Improvement and Resource Committee meetings	Wednesday 15 th March (4.30pm and 5.30pm)
Educational visit to Newcastle castle	Thursday 16 th March (Year 2)
Comic Relief Day (a letter will be sent nearer the time)	Friday 17th March – wear something red and make a donation for a break time treat!
Rev'd Wullie to lead assembly	Morning of Monday 20 th March
Skipping competition	Morning of Thursday 23 rd March (group from Y5)
Presentation of spring term writing/maths awards	Week beginning Monday 27 th March
End of spring term parent appointments	Afternoon/evening of Tuesday 28th March
RE Theme Day	Thursday 30 th March
Golden Day	Friday 31st March
Easter chocolate raffle	Friday 31 st March
Pupils break up for Easter	Friday 31 st March – at 2pm
School reopens after the Easter holiday	Monday 17th April 2023

Clubs for this half term:

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am each day). This costs £2.50 per day. 	KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Tuesdays (£2 per session)	Y3/Y4 Gardening Club on Mondays [from 8 th March]
		Basketball for Y3/Y4 on Tuesdays [from 7 th March]
		Munchie Maths Club for Y6 on Tuesdays
Bacon Butty Literacy Booster for Y6 on Wednesdays from 8am	Professional football coaching for Rec/Y1/Y2 on Wednesdays (£2 per session)	Singing Club for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Wednesdays
Street Dance Club for Reception/Y1/Y2 on Thursdays from 8am in the school hall	Woodland Walk club for a different year group each week on Wednesdays	Violin Progression lessons for group of Y5/Y6 on Wednesdays
Owlets toddler group for pre-school children and their parents/carers/ childminders: Thursdays 9.00 – 10.30am in the school hall <i>Sessions cost £3.00 plus 50p per extra child.</i> 	Running Club for Y4, Y5/Y6 on a rota basis on Thursdays	Net sports club for Y5/Y6 on Thursdays

Parking

In common with most other schools, we all realise how busy it can be at school drop off and collection times. We also know that this can cause frustration to both parents /carers as well as local residents at these 'peak times'.

Reminders about this are regularly provided in our school newsletters and I want to thank everyone who tries to park a little further away from the school in order to keep congestion down where possible.



In a routine visit from the community policing team before the half term break, some of these issues were witnessed first-hand. The police wanted to reinforce the key safety messages around parking outside schools and asked if they could send a letter to all parents – see below. They are going to continue to support with this situation and aim to provide some additional visits to school at drop off / collection times over the coming weeks.

Alternatives...

- As the weather improves in the spring term, could those from nearer the school opt to walk, 'scoot' or cycle to school instead? I know the children that do this already love to bring their bikes or scooters to school and there is space on our bike/scooter racks for more.
 - For those who travel further to Eastlea and have to come by car, how about opting for the 'park and stride' which we offer from the Church of the Nazarene which is a very easy alternative to avoid congestion at the gates. The 3 minute walk from the carpark is straightforward and is well worth a try!
- THANK YOU!

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher



**Cramlington Police Office
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Dear Sir/Madam

It has come to my attention that there are ongoing parking problems at Eastlea Primary School, Cramlington.

I would like to remind you that there is limited parking on Skipton Close, Silverdale Road and Selby Close and drivers need to be considerate to residents and other drivers.

Parking on grassed areas, completely across footpaths and driveways can result in enforcement action.

There is a car park off Silverdale Road and car parking available at the Church of the Nazarene for parents.

I am sure that you will agree that the safety of the children is of paramount importance and I would encourage you to drive and park responsibly at all times. This letter will be distributed in the hope that we can work together to create a safe environment for the children and residents.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Brown
Sergeant 3666
Cramlington Neighbourhood Policing Team