





Dear Parents / Carers,

Having distributed a letter outlining our latest Covid protocols last Friday, this newsletter provides information about the events and activities we have planned for this half term. As always there is a lot going on for the Eastlea pupils:

What's on	When and who?
Weekly swimming sessions	Monday afternoons from 28 th February to 4 th April (Y4)
'Rocksteady' class bands	Tuesday mornings in the hall from 1 st March
Rugby coaching in PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 1 st March (Year 3/Year 6) Thursday afternoons from 3 rd March (Year 4/Year 5)
Specialist French tuition	Wednesday afternoons for Y4/5 led by Mme Taylor from 2 nd March
Specialist Music tuition	Wednesday afternoons for Reception/Y1/Y4/Y5/Y6 from 2 nd March led by Mrs Allenby and Ms Hedley
Language learning sessions (Spanish) – partnership work with CLV staff	Wednesday afternoons for Y6 and Y3 on 2 nd , 16 th and 30 th March
'Ball skills' coaching in PE lessons	Wednesday afternoons from 2 nd March (Year 1/Year 2)
'Cook Up Your Own Fairy Tale' – online workshop with Michael Rosen and Allen Fatimaharan	Morning of Monday 7 th March (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)
"Biggest Ever Girls football session"	Morning of Wednesday 9 th March (Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 girls)
Humanities workshop	Thursday 10 th March (Year 5)
School Health Dental checks for 5-year-olds	Morning of Thursday 17 th March (some children from Reception/Year 1)
Comic Relief Day (there will be a separate letter about this)	Friday 18th March – wear something red, take part in a 'red nose and spoon' race and make a donation for a break time treat!
Induction visits for new Nursery starters	After school on Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd March (pupils due to start Nursery after Easter)
School Sport Organising Crew training	Morning of Friday 25 th March (group of Year 6 girls)
Governors Committee meetings	Tuesday 29 th March (School Improvement Committee at 3.45pm and Resource Committee at 5pm)
Launch of the Great North East Young Naturalist Project at the Great North Museum	Morning of Wednesday 30 th March (Year 1)
Skipping workshops	Morning of Friday 1 st April (Year 5 and Year 4)
Educational visit to Newcastle castle keep	Monday 4 th April (Year 2)
Rocksteady band concert for pupils	Morning of Tuesday 5 th April
Golden Day	Thursday 7th April (all pupils who have followed our behaviour policy)
Easter chocolate raffle	Friday 8 th April
Pupils break up for Easter	Friday 8 th April – <u>at 2pm</u>
School reopens after the Easter holiday	Monday 25th April 2022

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)	KS2 Gardening Club on Mondays [various groups of children – starting soon]
		Boxing club for Y3/Y4 on Tuesdays
	Rugby Rocket Tots for Reception/Y1/Y2 on Wednesdays (£2 per session)	Munchie Maths Club for Y6 on Tuesdays
Bacon Butty Literacy Booster for Y6 on Wednesdays from 8am	Woodland Walk club for a different year group each week on Wednesdays	Grassroots Gymnastics club for Reception to Y6 on Tuesday evenings (5.30 – 7.00pm) . This costs £5.00 per session
Street Dance Club for Reception/Y1/Y2 on Thursdays from 8am in the school hall		Singing Club for Y3/Y4/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 Sessions cost £3.00 plus 50p per extra child. 	Running Club for Y4, Y5/Y6 on a rota basis on Thursdays	Handball club for Y5/Y6 on Thursdays

A reminder about the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday – advance notice

As explained in the newsletter in February, an additional bank holiday has been awarded for the whole country but as this day falls during the schools' May half term holiday an extra day has therefore been agreed. In Cramlington this will be on **Monday 27th June 2022**. Please note that on this day Eastlea will therefore be closed for all pupils and staff. It is an extra day of holiday!

Gardening at Eastlea

Parents/carers who drop off their children near the Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 gate may have noticed that we have a poly tunnel frame in place within our gardening area. This has been kindly donated by an Eastlea family in memory of a member of the local community. We are now just awaiting the plastic covering which is on order, and then the poly tunnel will be officially 'opened' and in use for the children in our KS2 gardening club. We will let you know more about this when it is finished and in operation.

PE kits/tracksuits

We hope that you agree that the wearing of tracksuits to school on the PE days for each class has proven to be a huge success and many parents and children have expressed an interest in purchasing a school tracksuit with the logo on. We have ordered some samples that will be with us soon. We will then be able to share these with parents and provide order details.

Year 5 and Year 6 residential visits

Both the Year 5 visit to Hawkhurst (25th – 27th April) and the Year 6 visit to York (23rd – 25th May) are now confirmed and payment cards have been sent to parents/carers of all those taking part. A reminder that the deadlines for the remaining money to be paid are as follows:

- Year 5 – money due by Friday 1st April.
- Year 6 – money due by Friday 29th April.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher