



Dear Parents / Carers,

It hardly seems possible that we now have only 5 weeks left of this school year. As always our aim is to plan as much as we can for the children – **this newsletter contains a list of dates and is one to keep for future reference!!**

### Roofing, redecoration and flooring

Since Easter as you know we have had some significant 'building work' going on at Eastlea. The roofing works and follow up internal redecoration of areas damaged over recent years by leaking water have both been funded by the County Council. For this we are very grateful! The roof now looks very smart and we appear to be water tight which is even better!

Over the half term holiday, internal repairs and redecoration were completed to an equally high standard. We have had ceiling repairs in the school office/kitchen/main entrance, a new inner front door and additional patch repairs in Nursery, the library, the admin corridor, Year 4 and the Year 5/6 cloakroom. Our thanks go to Birchtree Northern Ltd who completed the works so efficiently.

Now that 'leaks' are a thing of the past, the next step for us is to look to replace the flooring in several areas of the school, including most of the classrooms. This is a big job and Governors have agreed that we can go ahead and use our 'capital funds' to pay for this. We aim to get this work done during the summer holiday and this will mean clearing the classrooms on the last day of term – see the calendar of events for more information.

### Covid update

There will no doubt be further national updates in the coming days/weeks as the next stages of the roadmap out of lockdown are announced. These continue to be uncertain times for everyone and at the moment there are no hints as to any changes which may be suggested for routines and systems in schools. We will obviously follow any updated guidance that we are given, but at the moment the plan is to continue with the measures we have in place to protect pupils and staff for the 5 remaining weeks of the school year. We will continue to adopt a cautious approach whatever is decided nationally later in June/July and know that you will understand why we will not be having large whole school events involving parents/wider families such as sports days and the summer fair. Our aim is still to have those events but on a smaller scale, in school for the children following Covid secure procedures.

### Clubs and activities for the second half of the summer term

We continue to have a varied and well supported programme of clubs either before school, at lunchtime or after school. This half term the following clubs are taking place – many started this week and more start next week.

Before / during school	Lunchtime	After school
Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am <b>each day</b> ). <i>This costs £2.50 per day.</i> 	KS2 Professional football coaching for Y4/Y6 on <b>Tuesdays</b> (£2 per session)	Gardening club for Y4/Y5 on <b>Mondays</b> Steel Pans club for Y2 on <b>Mondays</b>
	Rugby Rocket Tots for Y1/Y2 on <b>Wednesdays</b> (£2 per session)	Multi-skills club for Reception on <b>Tuesdays</b>
<b>Owlets toddler group</b> for pre-school children and their parents/carers/childminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thursdays 9.00 – 10.30am</b> in the school hall</li> <li>• <b>Plus...Mondays 1.30 – 2.50pm</b> small group in outdoor courtyard</li> </ul> Sessions cost £3.00 plus 50p per extra child. 	Woodland Walk club for a different year group each week on <b>Wednesdays</b>	Singing Club for Y3/Y4/Y5 on <b>Wednesdays</b>
	Running Club for Y4, Y5, and Y6 on a rota basis on <b>Thursdays</b>	'Striking' ball skills club for Y5/Y6 on <b>Thursdays</b>
		Grassroots Gymnastics club for Reception to Y6 on <b>Thursday evenings (5.30 – 7.00pm)</b> . <i>This costs £5.00 per session</i>

## Events planned for this half term

What's on	When and who?
Skipping sessions	Monday afternoons from 7 <sup>th</sup> June (Y5)
Dance coaching	Monday afternoons from 7 <sup>th</sup> June (Y6)
Rocksteady class band sessions	Continuing on Tuesday mornings from 8 <sup>th</sup> June (Reception, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6)
Tennis coaching/PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 8 <sup>th</sup> June (Y3 and Y4) Wednesday afternoons from 9 <sup>th</sup> June (Y1 and Y2) Thursday afternoons from 10 <sup>th</sup> June (Y5 and Y6)
Specialist Music and French tuition	Continuing on Wednesday afternoons for Y5/6 from 9 <sup>th</sup> June led by Ms Smith and Mme Taylor
Summer term Full Governing Body meeting	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 4.30pm
Golf coaching	Friday afternoons from 11 <sup>th</sup> June (Y3 and Y4)
<b>Northumberland School Games/ Eastlea Sports Activity week</b>	<b>w/b Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Monday – class based ‘sports day’ athletics skills/races/skipping/hooping activities Tuesday – ‘Soccercise’ and ‘Dance Blast’ workshops / tennis coaching / Y6 bike club visit to Northumberlandia Wednesday – tennis coaching Thursday – ‘Mindfulness’ workshops/tennis coaching/ <b>Y3 gymnastics team in county finals</b> Friday – ‘Little Movers’ workshops / golf
Educational class visit to St Mary’s Island	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June (Year 2)
Presentation of Maths and Writing summer term awards	w/b 28 <sup>th</sup> June and 5 <sup>th</sup> July (all classes)
Nursery small group induction visits	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June (3.30pm), Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (3.30pm), Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (3.30pm)
Transition visit to CLV	Morning of Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (Year 6)
<b>Eastlea summer fayre</b> – class based fundraising event	<b>Afternoon of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> – more details to follow
Residential Activity ‘Camp’	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (Y5 and Y6)
‘Step up to next year’	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July – further details will be shared nearer the time
Summer Holiday ‘ <b>Wild World Heroes</b> ’ Library reading challenge launch	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers Celebration Event	After school on Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July - further details to follow
GOLDEN DAY	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 meal out	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – after school (Year 6 and staff)
<b>End of term – start of summer holidays</b> <b>** PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER FINISHING TIME – THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT**</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 12.15pm / 12.30pm departure times after an early lunch – this will allow the afternoon for staff to clear the classrooms of tables/chairs/cupboards/larger furniture ready for new flooring to be fitted the following week</b>
New flooring – lino and carpet to be laid in class bases	Work will start from Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
PUPILS RETURN TO EASTLEA FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Punctuality and attendance

Considering all the Covid restrictions we are all working with our overall pattern of attendance and punctuality at Eastlea has been very good.

- The weekly attendance champions' trophy and punctuality plaque winners for the seven weeks of the first half of the summer term are included in the table below:

<b>Attendance</b>	Reception – once	Year 1 – twice	Year 2 – once	Year 3 – twice	Year 4 – once		Year 6 – twice
<b>Punctuality</b>	Reception – once	Year 1 – 5 times	Year 2 – once	Year 3 – twice	Year 4 – 6 times	Year 5 – once	Year 1 – 5 times

- Year 4** won our overall award for the best attendance by a very small margin for the first half of the summer term – and their average for the half term was 97.64% - well done! Year 2 were second with 97.54% and Year 3 were third with 97.27%.
- Year 4** also won the certificate for the **best punctuality** during the half term with only 1 late recorded during the 7 weeks – congratulations! Year 1 and Year 6 were joint second, each with 2 'lates'.
- As a school we try hard to maintain a low level of 'persistent absentees'. We have only 8 pupils currently at Eastlea with **attendance below 90%** which is something we are very pleased with.

## Success and achievement so far this term

Our aim has always been to involve the children in as much as we have been able to do within the very tight Covid restrictions. During the 7 weeks of the summer term so far there have been several things to celebrate for Eastlea pupils across the school:

- Skipping** – congratulations to **Year 5** who won a skipping trophy for the most improved class over the half term. They were very pleased with their trophy!



- Gymnastics** – we were proud to hear that **Year 4** came third in the school games virtual gymnastics competition and were delighted that our **Year 3** team **WON** their competition and now go through to the county school games virtual finals on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Well done!
- Short story writing** – **Year 3** were also very successful in the writing competition arranged by local firm Moody Logistics. As well as several finalists, the WINNER also came from Eastlea. The children were super excited to see the Moody truck when it visited school proudly bearing the name 'Geordie Eastlea'.
- Cycling** – a promotional video of our **Year 6** cycling club commissioned by Northumberland was published at the end of April. The children had a great time on their cycle ride to Blyth as part of this experience. We were also amazed at how well the Early Years/Year 1 children progressed with their 'balance bike' skills in the weeks before half term. Definitely some bike club members of the future! This half term we are looking into options for some cycle rides for our upper key stage 2 bike club – look out for further details.

## Reading

We have been amazed at the enthusiasm shown for this year's **Rainbow Reading Challenge** by children across the school. While in school AND during the period of national lockdown almost every child kept reading and so we have some bumper totals of those earning their bronze, silver and gold awards.

At the time of writing we have **186 bronze awards, 182 with silver and 142 who have earned their gold**. There is still plenty of time to gain further awards and we are forecasting a high number of Champion Readers this year – I wonder what the final totals will be? Please encourage your child(ren) to keep reading!!!



A significant amount of school funds has recently been used to supplement our reading books for children in Early Years and KS1. **Books sent home for reading as part of our phonics scheme cost a lot of money and we would ask that you please take good care of them and return them promptly once you have read them with your child. It will not be possible for school to fund replacement books that go missing. Your support with this is much appreciated!**

## Maths – Times Table Rock Stars

As well as in reading, we have had some individual and class triumphs in our Times Tables Rockstars Challenge for pupils in Year 2 upwards. Miss Fox is always pleased to announce the names of our 'most valuable' players for each class when the monthly 'battles' take place and there has been some intense (but good natured!) rivalry within classes and in some cases within families for who is the quickest recalling times tables facts! We currently have 5 'Rock Heroes' in school – and some who are VERY close to achieving this status – congratulations to them all!



## Outdoor play equipment

Thanks to funds raised by Owlets, the ideas of Mrs Holdsworth and hard work from Chris yesterday we were able to 'unveil' our new area of **reclaimed outdoor play equipment** salvaged from the wooden 'castle' which had passed its sell by date last academic year. An independent safety inspection of the new imaginative play area took place in the week before half term and now some minor adaptations have been made we are all set to add this area to those accessed by pupils at breaks and lunchtime.

Alongside it Mrs Lister has also created a '**storytelling stage**' area which we know will also prove popular with each class!

## Parking reminders

There were several parents/carers who asked for parking permits for the Church of the Nazarene following the 'parking letter' before half term. There are still more available if you can make use of one and hopefully more children can walk/cycle/scoot to school in the summer weather this half term to help reduce parking congestion in the streets surrounding the school. Your continued support and consideration for other road users and residents is much appreciated.

## School summer menus

The summer menus are due to start next week (**w/b 14<sup>th</sup> June = Week 1 etc**). Copies of the menus are attached and we hope that the choices on offer will be things that the children will enjoy. Even if your child normally has a packed lunch, if there is something they would like to try from the menu, then they are more than welcome to order a school dinner on any day they wish. The cost is £2.30 a day for those who pay for meals (or £2.00 for Nursery pupils).

## Sunny weather and uniform reminders...!

We have a large number of sporting events/activities/coaching sessions as you can see from the calendar above, so PE kit is regularly required for all children. **Please can we ask that kit is kept in school for ease of access whenever required during the week and that all items of kit/uniform are named.** This saves a lot of time and heartache if things go missing. Trainers can be brought in for PE lessons/clubs but a reminder that school shoes are still expected to be worn when in school.

We hope to have plenty of summery weather in the coming weeks. Please can we also remind you to apply sun cream where required for your child before they come to school and provide younger children with a sun hat/cap for when they are outside. Remember that named bottles of water are also needed in school each day.

Yours sincerely

**Miss E Beeston**  
Head Teacher

# SUMMER MENU 2021

## EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WEEK ONE

- Homemade Dish
- Celery
- Cereals Containing Gluten
- Crustaceans
- Eggs
- Fish

- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs
- Mustard
- Nuts
- Peanuts

- Sesame Seeds
- Soya
- Sulphur Dioxide

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Sausage with gravy or beans 	Spaghetti Bolognaise 	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding 	Chicken Curry with Naan bread 	Fish fingers 
Potatoes Pasta/Rice	Mashed potatoes 	Pasta / Garlic Bread 	Boiled potatoes 	Wholemeal Rice	Chips
Vegetables	Mixed vegetables	Peas	Cabbage / Swede Peas	Carrots Sweetcorn	Baked Beans / Garden Peas
Salad Bowl	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Tray bake and milkshake 	Arctic roll 	Cornflake cake 	Cheesecake 	Friday treat 'pudding selection' 



Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt available daily  
Drinking water/fruit squash is available daily on the dining room tables



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## EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WEEK TWO

- Homemade Dish
- Celery
- Cereals Containing Gluten
- Crustaceans
- Eggs
- Fish

- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs
- Mustard
- Nuts
- Peanuts

- Sesame Seeds
- Soya
- Sulphur Dioxide

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Healthy Oven Cooked ALL DAY BREAKFAST Choice of bacon, sausage or ham Scrambled egg 	Chicken pie 	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding 	Mild chilli 	Cheese and tomato pizza 
Potatoes Pasta/Rice	Potato waffle 	Creamed potatoes 	Roast Potatoes 	Rice 	Chips
Vegetables	Baked beans Tomatoes Mushrooms	Garden peas Carrots	Cabbage / Swede / Broccoli	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans / Garden Peas
Salad Bar		Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Tray bake and milkshake 	Angel Delight 	Ice lollies 	Flap jack 	Friday treat 'pudding selection' 



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### WEEK THREE

-  Homemade Dish
-  Celery
-  Cereals Containing Gluten
-  Crustaceans
-  Eggs
-  Fish

-  Lupin
-  Milk
-  Molluscs
-  Mustard
-  Nuts
-  Peanuts

-  Sesame Seeds
-  Soya
-  Sulphur Dioxide

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Jacket potato with choice of hot and cold fillings [beans, cheese or tuna]   	Chicken wraps   	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding     	Sweet and sour chicken      	Oven baked sausages     
Potatoes Pasta / Rice		Savoury wedges  Sweet chilli sauce / mayonnaise	Roast Potatoes 	Rice	Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Garden peas Carrots	Cabbage / Swede Broccoli	Mixed vegetables	Baked Beans / Garden Peas
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Tray bake and milkshake   	Choc ices    	Cheese and crackers    	Jelly and ice cream   	Friday treat 'pudding selection'    



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