

Thursday 25th May 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Tomorrow marks the end of the first half of the summer term, which means that we have only 7 weeks left of this school year once we return from the mid-term break. At times the last half term has felt quite disjointed due to the number of bank holidays, but in general time really does appear to be flying. This letter includes just a few updates and reminders before the children break up on Friday.

Y6 SATs and Y2 Secret Agent Training

Our Year 6 and Year 2 children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves. By the end of today, they will have all completed their national assessments in reading, maths arithmetic/reasoning plus 'SPaG' as well for Y6. They have all worked to the best of their ability – well done to them all!

Year 5 Roots and Shoots project

Year 5 have loved their work with the gardeners from Alnwick Garden. They have now had 2 visits to the garden and last week 3 of the team members from Alnwick came to work with the children (and family members) here at Eastlea. Our poly tunnel and garden area has never been so well organised!! The Year 3/Year 4 gardening club have also been involved in watering and cultivating our various crops and we had a plant sale earlier this week, raising **£137** from staff and families who bought the plants. Thank you!

Children's Cancer Run

The weather on Sunday 14th May was fine and sunny for the Cancer Run. Over 30 people took part from our Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 running club together with staff plus other family members and younger children. They seemed delighted with their bright orange t-shirts and medals awarded for completion of the race. It was lovely for Eastlea to get a mention on Metro Radio and for the owl banner be so clearly shown on news coverage of the event! Well done and thanks to everyone who supported this!

Golden Day reminder

Tomorrow we are celebrating our May Golden Day with an art and design themed activity day. Please remember that school uniform is not required on the day and the children should come dressed in casual clothes which they do not mind getting paint on!

HUGGG vouchers for children in receipt of benefit based Free School Meals

A reminder that the HUGGG vouchers (£20 per eligible child) for the half term holiday were sent out yesterday via email. Vouchers are for food/clothes only and have to be used before 30th June 2023.

Disney Reading Challenge...who will become a Champion Reader?

We have lots of children who have now been presented with their GOLD Disney reading challenge awards! This is brilliant news and we are now wondering who will become a Champion Reader? To do this, having gained bronze, silver and gold the children are required to maintain their reading homework routines for at least another 8 weeks. **Please can we ask that you continue to encourage your child to read at home and make time to sign their reading records each week.** We will continue to present reading awards until the end of the school year so bronze, silver or gold awards can also be achieved up until July.

Clothes Bank

Thanks to everyone who has donated pre-loved clothes to our Clothes bank on site near the bin store. Two loads have been collected! Please continue to make use of this facility as every kilogram of clothes helps raise money for the school. Thank you.

School Lunch Menus

A few changes have been made to the lunch time menus which will start after half term. Popular choices have been retained and some 'summer weather' puddings added. Copies are attached – week 1 will start on 5th June.

School sweatshirts, cardigans and hoodies etc

We seems to be gathering more than the usual number of items of lost property which is taking up a lot of staff time to sort out. The difficulties of retrieving lost items is made much worse when items are not named. We know that items of uniform are expensive and do not want to see them go missing, so please can we ask that over half term you check that everything your child brings to school is named. Thank you!

And finally...we finish at the usual time on Friday after Golden Day ready for the half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th June for the remaining 7 weeks of the school year.

Yours sincerely,
Miss E Beeston
Head Teacher

