



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday, we will be 'bringing the curtain down' on another school year at Eastlea. There have been some challenging times to negotiate once again since September linked to Covid, especially in the second half of the autumn and spring terms. This week we have also had to face an unexpected and unprecedented heatwave, but temperatures now seem to be getting back to what is more normal for this time of year in the north-east and we are hoping this continues until the end of term.

### Year 6 Leavers

- We wish all our Year 6 Leavers the very best of luck at whichever secondary school they are moving to in September. They are a super group of children and as long as they believe in themselves, retain their enthusiasm and keep working hard I feel confident that they will achieve whatever they set out to do. Their leavers celebration had to be postponed due to the heatwave, but I'm sure that it will still be a great success.
- We will bid farewell to them as a school over the last two days of term and am sure they are looking forward to their final Golden Day, celebration meal (which their Friday treat time enterprise project has helped to fund) and last day of term on Friday with a chance to get their leavers t-shirts signed by other pupils – something we have been unable to do for the last 2 years due to Covid restrictions!

### Reading Challenge and Champion Readers

Our 'Music reading challenge' has again been very successful this year. We have high 'totals' at the end of the year with **199 bronze, 168 silver and 158 gold award winners**. Today we presented Champion Reader awards to those pupils who just keep on reading / getting their reading record signed for at least another 6 weeks, even after they have achieved their gold award! Well done to them all...there were **142** in total who will be proudly coming home with their gold balloons today! As you can imagine this created a quite a lot of excitement in our assembly this morning!!

Over the summer we would also encourage your child(ren) to get involved in the '**Gadgeteers**' holiday reading challenge run by the local libraries who this year have teamed up with the Science Museum Group for a special science-themed challenge that will inspire children's imagination and creativity. The challenge to borrow and read 6 books runs throughout the summer holidays. There are lots of prizes and incentives on offer and we will reward the children who complete the challenge with a summer reading picnic in September.

### Golden Day reminder

Tomorrow we will be having our end of year Golden Day. Nursery have an afternoon visit to Gigglewicks while the rest of the school are travelling for the full day to Druridge Bay. All the details were provided in the previous letters (see school website). School uniform is not required, but it is important that Year 5/Year 6 have what they need for their kayaking/paddleboarding activity.

We are hopeful that the forecast for tomorrow is good so please can you also make sure your child has **sun cream applied** and a **water bottle** as usual on the day **as well as their packed lunch and a drink**.

### Eastlea Celebrate Success



We are delighted to confirm that we have once again been awarded the **Platinum School Games Mark** for all we do in terms of providing such a range of sporting opportunities at Eastlea. This is the highest level of the award and everyone is rightly very proud of this achievement.

Gill Smith, the Cramlington School Sport Partnership Coordinator said: *"Congratulations on achieving the School Games Mark Platinum award again. This level of the award reflects the high priority placed on PE, sport and physical activity at Eastlea, and is a testament to fantastic vision and leadership, ably supported by the whole school staff. It continues to be a pleasure to support your school in its activities."*

Earlier this half term we were also very proud to be presented with another **LOVE Northumberland award** by her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland at a ceremony held at Alnwick Gardens. We were county winners for our work on sustainable travel and promoting active lifestyles – with our Active October project, led by Brainwaves, highlighted in particular as an example of excellence.

Last week at our assembly, **Year 4** were presented with a trophy for being the most improved class in Cramlington for their **Soccercise** skills – well done to them all!



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

A reminder that the HUGGG vouchers (£80 per eligible child) for the summer holiday were circulated yesterday via email. Vouchers are for food/clothes only and have to be used before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## Staffing update

There will be a couple of changes to our support staffing from September. This week we say farewell to Mrs Lilburn who has supported the Year 1 class each morning since September. Mrs Lilburn has an exciting project with her dance school which will take her away from Eastlea and we wish her all the best with this new adventure.

From September, two teaching assistants will be joining the KS1 team to provide support in Year 1 and Year 2:

- Mrs Vivier will be extending her role to full days – having been here for the afternoons for the last two terms
- Mrs Gordon will be returning to provide class based support. Mrs Gordon was a teacher here several years ago before leaving to have her family so we are looking forward to her re-joining the Eastlea team.

## School uniform – a reminder

Most parents who ordered uniform or PE tracksuits a short while ago have received their items already. We do still have a few items in stock in some sizes if anyone has realised they want any more sweatshirts, cardigans, bookbags etc. Remember that pre-loved school uniform can also be obtained FREE OF CHARGE from the Hope Centre – see information below.

As I always do at this stage of the year, may I also take this opportunity to remind you of the uniform requirements at Eastlea.

### Uniform list

- School sweatshirt/cardigan in navy blue (available with the Eastlea logo) [N.B. school hoodies are not to be worn other than on PE days]
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey/black trousers/shorts or skirt (leggings are not appropriate)
- Summer option – blue check/stripe dress
- Black school shoes – NOT trainers please.

### P.E. kit

- School tracksuit bottoms/and hoodie (if you have one)
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Younger children can wear black sandshoes or bare feet for indoor P.E.

## Jewellery... **A REMINDER ABOUT EARRINGS!!**

No jewellery can be worn in school and we have a policy of **NO EARRINGS**. ***So if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced it needs to be done at the very start of the summer holidays so they can remove earrings before they come back to school in September.***


## Summer holiday items

- Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their Young North East Naturalist work this year – which culminated in a celebration event at the Great North Museum last Wednesday. Thanks to our involvement in this project any school families (not just those in Year 1) have been invited to have a **FREE VISIT to the Gosforth Nature Reserve** on either Sunday 31 July or Saturday 13 August. It is well worth a visit if it is somewhere you have not tried before.
- A reminder that we will be hosting a **Grassroots Summer Activity week** at Eastlea in week 4 of the summer holiday (15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August) – this is for children across Cramlington and has been arranged independently of the school. If you need any further details or to confirm a place then contact should be made via [www.grassrootssports.co.uk](http://www.grassrootssports.co.uk) or by phoning Keith (**07703 533 556**) or Sarah (**07725 128 717**).



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**I am a Young North East Naturalist**

**Family Open Days**


Gosforth Nature Reserve  
NE3 5EP

Sunday 31 July 2022  
Saturday 13 August 2022

Free entry to the reserve  
Take in the views from our wildlife hides  
Take part in lots of fun nature-based activities



For more information email [NHSN.naturerangers1@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:NHSN.naturerangers1@newcastle.ac.uk) & [NHSN.naturerangers2@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:NHSN.naturerangers2@newcastle.ac.uk)



### Parent Governor update

It is always very encouraging to have people willing to put themselves forward for the role of parent governor – and this time we had 2 candidates. Thanks to everyone who voted in the election. The closing date was on Monday and both candidates were well supported. Following the election process, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Leonie Harrison will be taking on the role of parent governor once the necessary paperwork and checks have been completed by NCC.

### Cost of school lunches from September

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, unfortunately due to rising food costs we need to increase the prices for school meals from September. From the start of the autumn term the costs for those parents who pay for meals will be **£2.20 for Nursery** and **£2.50 for Year 3 to Year 6 lunches**.

### **And finally...end of term at 2pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Please remember that the children will finish school at 2pm on Friday for the end of term. I'm sure the children won't forget!!

I would like to once again thank everyone for their support this year. I hope that you have a safe and restful summer holiday before we return on 6<sup>th</sup> September! A copy of the term dates for 2022-2023 is included below for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

### **EASTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2022 / 23**

<b><u>HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE</u></b>
Summer 2022 <b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u></b>	Friday 22 July 2022 <b><u>MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022</u></b>	Tuesday 6 September 2022
October Mid-Term 2022 <b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u></b>	Thursday 20 October 2022 <b><u>FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022</u></b>	Monday 31 October 2022
Christmas/New Year 2022/2023 <b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u></b> <b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAY</u></b>	Thursday 22 December 2022 <b><u>FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER 2022</u></b> <b><u>MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2023</u></b>	Tuesday 10 January 2023
Spring Mid-Term 2023	Friday 17 February 2023	Monday 27 February 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31 March 2023	Monday 17 April 2023
<b><u>MAY DAY</u></b>	<b><u>MONDAY 1 MAY 2023</u></b>	
Summer Mid-Term 2023	Friday 26 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	Monday 4 September 2023