



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you!

Although this has been a 'short' half term – just 5 weeks since the February holiday, it seems to have been a busy time at Eastlea. Your support with all of our events has been much appreciated by all the staff and pupils at Eastlea...

- Our **sports 'clubs' and team competitions** have been numerous this half term including tag rugby, circus skills, KS1 street dance, running club, Y5/6 netball and football, Y4 dance academy, Y4 swimming lessons, U11 girls football league matches, Y5 skipping festival and a KS2 visit to the Superleague netball match – all of which have been thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils who attended. The behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm shown by all our pupils in these events has been superb!
- Our **'World Book Day'** celebration of reading event was a huge success with everyone getting involved, some fabulous costumes and a chance for Year 1 to share with us their knowledge of traditional tales! We raised **£196.30** for our library funds – thank you!
- The **Comic Relief** fundraising bun day event on 15th March raised a fantastic total of £131.73. This is match funded by the government so in total the Eastlea contribution will be **£263.46**.
- Our **Family Maths Bingo** event which took place last Wednesday evening was a 'first' for Eastlea and was well received by the many children and families who attended. Thanks to Mrs Barratt for being an expert 'bingo caller' and Miss Fox for coordinating the event. This was a positive, entertaining session...well done to our many winners!
- The **music performances** by our talented KS2 singing club and fiddles players from Y3 and Y6 have been well attended and well received – thank you for your support!
- The **Year 5 residential visit to Hawkthirst** last weekend was a great success – most of the members of the Year 5 class chose to go on the visit and thanks to the efforts of the staff involved everyone had a brilliant time. Special thanks must go to Mrs Powells who stepped in at the last minute in the absence of Mrs Watson to accompany the children!
- Our **Easter raffle** this week raised **£178** towards our Golden Day funds. The prizes (mostly of the 'chocolate' variety) were claimed on Wednesday in the hall when the raffle was drawn! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.
- **Parents' appointments** – the turn out for these this half term has again been very high – your support for these events is so important and much appreciated – thank you! The meeting for Year 5 parents/carers will be scheduled on Tuesday 21st April and further details about this will be sent out after the Easter break.

Golden Day

Almost every child earned the right to attend our Golden Day events today which I am delighted about. I'm sure as usual our visits to both 'Bounce' and 'Wet 'n Wild' will be very positive with those attending enjoying a superb day as a reward for their good behaviour this half term.

Reading awards

The Circus Reading Challenge awards have been presented in large numbers this half term. The silver 'WOW' badges are now being proudly worn by **96** children and we now have **193** pupils who have - achieved their bronze awards. Don't forget to encourage your child to keep reading over the holiday – if they have their reading signed this will help them move another rung up the ladder!!

Staffing update

As a follow up to the letter which has been sent out by Mrs Hedley (green paper), there are clearly going to be some staffing changes required at Eastlea in September. Full details will be shared with you in due course, but the plans at the moment are for Mrs Atkinson to move to Reception from September and for a new teacher to be appointed to join the successful Eastlea team in Year 2. This post has been advertised and interviews will be held in the first half of the summer term.

Happy Easter

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a 'Happy Easter holiday'! **Eastlea reopens on Monday 13th April 2015** ready for the summer term.

Yours sincerely

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Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

