



Dear Parents/Carers,



We have plenty planned for the children for the final half term of the school year – some activities started this week and lots of others are still to come.

Here are some further details and dates to put into your diary:

What's on	When and who?
National Multiplication Check	w/b Monday 1st and 8th June (Year 4)
Newcastle Foundation Multi-skills festival at Burnside	Morning of Monday 1 st June (Year 3)
Rocksteady class band sessions	Continuing on Tuesday mornings from 2 nd June <i>[with concert for pupils/parents at 9.10am on 7th July]</i>
Rounders / summer games coaching in PE lessons	Tuesday afternoons from 2 nd June (Y3) Wednesday mornings from 3 rd June (Y5 and Y6) Thursday afternoons from 4 th June (Y4 and Y6)
'Striking and fielding games' in PE lessons	Wednesday afternoons from 3 rd June (Y1 and Y2)
Quadkids athletics competition at Seaton Sluice Middle	Morning of Thursday 4 th June (team from Y5/Y6)
Year 6 Parent induction evening at CLV	Evening of Thursday 4 th June
'Wear RED' charity fundraising day for Bright Red and Defibrillators	Friday 5th June – whole school
Tri-golf festival at Seaton Sluice Middle	Morning of Friday 5 th June (team from Y3)
National Phonics Check	w/b Monday 8th June (Year 1)
Residential Visit to York	Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th June (Year 6)
Girls football festival at CLV	Morning of Wednesday 10 th June (team from Y4)
Shooting Stars lunchtime sports activities led by Y6 Sports Crew	Weekly on Thursday lunchtimes from 11 th June (KS1 pupils)
Transition visit to CLV	Morning of Friday 12 th June (Year 6)
Make Active Memories Day at Alnwick	Friday 12 th June (group of Y3/Y4/Y5 pupils)
Dance coaching	Monday mornings from 15 th June (Y6)
Eastlea Sports Activity week <i>Parents are invited to 'sports day' on Monday (Reception to Y6) or Tuesday (morning Nursery)</i> <i>[more details will be sent out next week]</i>	w/b Monday 15th June Monday – 'sports day' afternoon for Reception to Year 6 from 1.30pm Tuesday – Nursery 'sports day' from 10.30am Monday – Dance for Y6 Tuesday – Rec/KS1 multi-skills festival (led by Y6 Sports Leaders); PE for Y3 Wednesday – PE for Rec/Y1/Y2/Y5/Y6 Thursday – cricket coaching for Y3/Y5/Y6; Rocket rounders competition for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Friday – Playground games festival for Y3/Y4
Vex robotics project	Tuesday 16 th June (team from Y6)
Extra transition visit to CLV	Morning of Thursday 18 th June (group of Y6)
Nursery induction visits for those due to start in September	Monday 22 nd June (3.30pm) & Tuesday 23 rd June (3.30pm)
Health and Wellbeing workshops for parents/carers – 'Resilience' <i>(see separate letter nearer the time)</i>	Monday 22nd June at 5pm <u>OR</u> Tuesday 23rd June at 9am
Singing Club and Violin group concert	Wednesday 24 th June at 3.45pm (KS2 pupils)
'Step up to next year'	Thursday 25th June – including Year 6 day at CLV – further details will be shared nearer the time

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Non-uniform day – bring in prizes for the summer fair	Friday 26th June (whole school)
PE transition event at CLV – TBC	Friday 26 th June (Y6)
Summer Term Full Governing Body meeting	Wednesday 1 st July at 4.30pm
National Year of Reading trail at Northumberlandia created by CLV students	Morning of Friday 3 rd July (Y1/Y2)
Eastlea summer fayre	Afternoon of Friday 3rd July (2.00 – 3.30pm)
Summer Holiday 'Read to the Beat' Library reading challenge launch	Saturday 4 th July
Presentation of summer term writing and maths awards	Mornings of Monday 6 th and Monday 13 th July
RE Theme Day	Monday 6 th July
Year 6 Leavers Celebration Event	3.30pm on Tuesday 14 th July – further details to follow
GOLDEN DAY	Thursday 16th July
Year 6 meal out	Thursday 16 th July – after school (Year 6 and staff)
End of term – start of summer holidays	Friday 17 th July – <u>2pm departure time</u>

CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Before school	Lunchtime	After school
<p>Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am each day).</p> <p><i>N.B. Pupils to arrive between 7.30 – 8.15am to allow time for breakfast to be served</i></p>  <p>This costs £3 per day if booked/paid for in advance or £3.50 if children just turn up on the day.</p>	<p>KS2 Professional football coaching for Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 on Tuesdays x 6 sessions (£3 per session – to be paid online direct to: PFC Pro Football Coaching Ltd – £18, except Y6 who will miss one due to York visit so £15 for them)</p>	<p>KS2 Gardening Club on Mondays</p>
	<p>Professional football coaching for Y1/Y2 on Wednesdays x 6 sessions (£3 per session – to be paid online direct to: PFC Pro Football Coaching Ltd – £18, except any who took part last half term - one missed for rain so £15 for them)</p>	<p>Rounders for KS2 on Tuesdays (from 10th June)</p> <p>KS2 Singing Club on Wednesdays (3rd – 24th June)</p> <p>KS2 Violins Progression group on Wednesdays (3rd – 24th June)</p>
<p>Owlets toddler group for pre-school children and their parents/carers/ childminders: Thursdays 9.00 – 10.30am in the school hall</p> <p><i>Sessions cost £3.00 plus 50p per extra child.</i></p> 	<p>Running Club for Y4/Y5/Y6 on Thursdays</p>	

Summer weather reminder

As we mentioned before half term, can we ask that on sunny days sun cream is applied before children come to school if appropriate ready for the day ahead. A cap/hat would also be a good idea. Thank you!

School Uniform update

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. Most items of uniform can be purchased from local supermarkets and if you wish to buy the items with the school logo then these can be obtained from Emblematic (see the deadlines below) or picked up for free from the Hope Centre in Cramlington – see below

Uniform list

- Sweatshirt /cardigan in navy blue (with or without the Eastlea logo)
- White / light blue shirt or polo shirt
- Grey / black trousers / shorts or skirt (leggings are not appropriate)
- Summer option – **blue** check/stripe dress
- Black school shoes or ****PLAIN totally black trainers**

***We will continue to allow plain totally black trainers as part of school uniform. Plain black trainers can therefore be worn on both uniform and PE days to avoid families having the expense of buying a pair of school shoes AND a different pair of trainers. If you wish to continue with black school shoes (for uniform days) and a different pair of trainers for PE days (another colour) that is fine.*

P.E. kit

- School tracksuit bottoms/and hoodie with the school logo – or PLAIN navy tracksuit without logos.
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Younger children can wear black sandshoes or bare feet for indoor P.E.



As we outlined in the newsletter before half term if you wish to purchase our school uniform with the owl logo then this will continue to be supplied by Emblematic. Orders can be made online using the link below for school sweatshirts, cardigans, book bags, PE hoodies and PE tracksuits: <https://studentuniform.co.uk/eastlea-primary-school/>

Emblematic offer **FREE** delivery for orders delivered to school or you can pay to have items delivered to your home address. Alternatively uniform can be collected direct from the nearest Emblematic outlet which is in Bedlington. The following cut off dates for ordering uniform this year are as follows:

- **21st June 2026** for **FREE school delivery to Eastlea before the end of the summer term**
- **19th July for Home delivery** (small charge for this) – **to receive uniform before September 2026**

N.B. Orders placed after the end of the summer term will not be ready before September.

Remember, uniform can also be obtained free of charge from the Hope Centre in Cramlington.

They offer a wide range of high-quality items and we would certainly advise that this is worth a look for anyone who needs it. If you are not sure where this is, just ask a member of staff or email directly at: hope1uniform@gmail.com

The Hope Centre also collect spare uniform ready for redistribution, so if you have any good quality items that you no longer need then bring them in and we can arrange for them to be collected.

Cuddly toys, chew necklaces, squishies, 'fidget toys' etc reminder

We are becoming aware of more children who are starting to bring in toys or other items in from home such as sensory chews, fidget aids, cuddly animals, squishies etc and this is becoming hard to manage. As we have made clear before, we are fully aware that some children with a professionally diagnosed condition may require these items as part of their sensory needs, but others seem to just be bringing toys in to play with which are a distraction to learning in the classroom. Please can you discourage your child from bringing items like this into school unless a specific need has been identified and discussed with your child's class teacher beforehand. THANK YOU!

HOPE UNIFORM & BABY BANK



We accept donations of good quality pre-owned school clothing and redistribute it to parents/guardians and children through our uniform bank. This service is free and no referral is required.



Donated baby and nursery items are free to collect by parents or guardians following a referral from a professional person, e.g. midwife, social worker, health visitor.

Uniform Monday-Friday 10:00–16:00
Nursery by appointment
Email hope1uniform@gmail.com
Forum Way NE23 6SJ

Keeping It Local

Breakfast club and dinner money – parentpay.com

Just a reminder that as from Monday 8th June it will be possible to pay for school lunches and breakfast club bookings online via the **parentpay.com** system. Information about this was shared before the half term break, but if you have any difficulties with the new system then please contact the school office where admin staff will do their best to help.

- To pay online for lunches and to book/pay for breakfast club then an account on parentpay.com must be set up. Please note this is **NOT** the ParentPay app. Follow the instructions in the letter you received to set up your parentpay.com account.
- **For parents of pupils in Nursery, remember that as from 8th June we are having to increase the price of a school meal to £2.50** in line with the rest of the school.

Salad Bar

As part of our review of school lunches, the Food Committee of the Brainwaves are delighted that the Salad Bar which they have been discussing as a way of increasing healthy food options has been delivered ready to start next week.

We have always had a salad 'tray' for pupils to select lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes or peppers to go with their lunches but the new salad bar will provide space for more choices, such as shredded carrots, hard boiled eggs, rice, pasta, potato salad, red cabbage, croutons etc. Some of the salad items will be fresh from our school garden – thank you to the Gardening Club!

On **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays** children will be able to select from a range of different salad options to have with their school meals. This will be explained to the children at the assembly in the morning.

N.B. On Wednesdays we do not have salad to go with the 'Sunday roast' meal as there are already 4 vegetables on offer!



Attendance and punctuality

The presentation of our class attendance trophy and punctuality plaques continues at our whole school assembly on Friday mornings. Remember the target we aim for is to get above **96%+ attendance** and if a class manages this they are pleased to get a 'green card'. If 100% is achieved that leads to a 'party popper' celebration and we were delighted to have classes achieving this on four occasions last half term. I wonder if we will get any more in the remaining weeks of the school year?!

Patterns of punctuality have been improving for our older children, but there are still several pupils who seem to struggle to arrive on time. Children should be in school at **8.45am** please so that they can get started on their learning. Can we ask for your continued support to encourage children to get here for 8.45am. Thank you!

Opportunity for a cleaning job

We may have an opportunity for a cleaner's job at Eastlea from September – 10 hours per week – Monday to Friday 3.30pm – 5.30pm. If you know of anyone who could be interested please ask them to get in touch with the school.

And finally...remember that tomorrow, Friday 5th June, we have our **'Wear RED charity fundraising day for Bright Red and Cramlington Defibrillators**.

Children are invited to come to school wearing something **RED**...this could be anything from just one item of clothing to a fully red outfit! As a **'fine'** for this non-uniform day we are asking for a donation of **at least £1** to go into our red charity bucket. All the money raised will be split equally between the two charities.

Representatives from both charities will be attending school before lunchtime to collect our donations and thank the children for their support.

Yours sincerely, **Miss E Beeston**, Head Teacher

