



Together we will shine!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking our school community for all their support over our busy last session and I hope all of our children and families are looking forward to spending time together during the summer break. Please remember school closes **tomorrow at 1pm (Wednesday 26th June)** and re-opens to children on Wednesday 14th August at 9am.

Staffing

There will be some changes in our staffing for next session. Mrs Lynne Bradshaw, Depute Head Teacher, and Mr John Rodgers, Principal Teacher, will take up new positions within North Lanarkshire Council. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment and recognise the contribution they have made to the Eastfield community. I wish them all the very best in their new posts.

Following a successful interview, Mr Alan Miller has been appointed as permanent Depute Head Teacher. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating him and look forward to his continued contribution to our school community. Mr Alexander Rutherford will also continue in his role as Acting Principal Teacher.

We also say goodbye to class teachers, Mrs Lesley Fagan, Miss Holly Reid, and Ms Pauline Quinn. Thanks to them all for their hard work, care and commitment to the children and families of our school community. I wish them well in the future.

In the nursery Mrs Triz Hynd, Mrs Gillian Gallagher and Mrs Laura McDonald are leaving to pursue other avenues. I'd like to thank them for the nurturing start that they have given our youngest learners and wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

Joining us for the new session we are pleased to welcome class teachers Mrs Deborah Duncan, Mrs Jasmine Campbell and Miss Hannah Walker. They are looking forward to being part of Team Eastfield!

Graduations

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our nursery or Primary 7 Graduations. The children performed incredibly well and shared their thoughts, feelings and experiences very well. A huge thanks to the entire staff team for their hard work.

Camping

This year's annual P6 Camping trip to Fordell Firs Scout camp took place on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June. All children and adults enjoyed the experience, despite the weather! Some pictures are available on X (Twitter) and more will be shared after the P6 Assembly on Friday 21st June. The Scout and catering staff complimented the children (and adults!) on their polite manners and attitude. Plans are already underway for next year!

Sports Day

The weather was against us on Tuesday 4th June, despite the Senior Leadership being camped at Broadwood from 7.30am! However, due to our successful partnerships with New College Lanarkshire (NCL) we were able to adapt Sports Day to ensure that the children did not miss out on this opportunity. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and NCL Students! Congratulations go to Carrickstone House, our winners!

Class Assemblies

Thank you to everyone who has supported and attended our recent P2/3, P5a and P5b class assemblies. I am sure you will agree that the pupils are Confident Individuals! Our final Class Assembly of the year took place on Friday 21st June where P6 shared their experiences, including camping, and our Pupil Leadership roles were distributed. These will be shared with the school community in August.

Social Enterprise

There have been a range of Social Enterprise opportunities across the school, developing the enterprising skills of our pupils. I have been delighted to see the happy faces of pupils engaged in their Social Enterprise activities. Thanks for P3A for holding their successful Frosty Fridays, P4A for holding a successful Coffee Morning for Strathcarron Hospice and to P5A for delivering a Tuck Shop.

Euros Picnic

Thank you to everyone who attended our Euros Picnic on Tuesday 18th June and to the Parent Council for their contribution to the day. It was lovely to see our Eastfield community come together again and to see the sun shining!

Playground and Car Park

The school have received several concerns from parents and members of the community outlining safety risks associated with children leaving the playground on their own.

As advised we have a system in place to support supervision within the playground and safe entry and exit points which is monitored by our staff.

Despite our previous communication requesting that parents/carers do not enter the playground, many are still choosing to do so. The large number of adults in the playground is making it increasingly difficult for class teachers to supervise their class on exit and keep all of our children safe.

We politely ask that all members of the school community support us and remain outwith the playground, following the one-way system which ensures safe and timely departure from the school grounds.

Information regarding entry and exit points for all children for Session 2024/2025 will be issued today. P1 to P3 children will use the green gate next to the Nursery (Red Zone) and P4 to P7 children will use the green gate next to the Senior Playground (Blue and Green Zones). P4 and P5 children will no longer enter or exit via the gate next to the Car Park.

The school leadership team will be supervising the playground to ensure that safety measures are in place; therefore, please do not be offended if you are asked to leave the playground. We would also ask that you inform family members and friends who may be collecting your child(ren) to avoid any uncertainty or embarrassment.

Please note, the school playground has an adult presence from 8.45am in line with NLC guidance and children should not be within the grounds prior to this time. Should your child(ren) require additional support to enter or leave the school building, please do not hesitate to contact the school where additional measures can be put in place.

Furthermore, please be mindful of parking in the street behind the school, especially across residents' driveways. We have received a large number of complaints from local residents who have been blocked in.

As always, the Breakfast Club is available from 8.15am to support families with drop off arrangements and childcare.

Primary 7 Fun Week

The Primary 7 children designed their own fun week to mark the end of their Eastfield journey. The timetable for the **week beginning 17th June 2024** included:

Monday 17th June.

Adventure Planet trip - 2-hour play with biscuits and juice (am)

Just Dance and Fun Fitness (pm)

Tuesday 18th June

Cooking / Arts / Crafts activity (am)

Euro theme picnic with food/drink (pm)

Wednesday 19th June

Broadwood sports activities / Walk to McDonalds for lunch.

Thursday 20th June

Picnic and Play in the Park (All Day)

Friday 21st June

Movie Morning/Water fight

All costs associated with the full weeks' worth of activities/events were covered by the school and there was no cost to families, in line with our Poverty Proofing Policy.

Thank you to all parents/carers who supported these activities; the events could not have gone ahead without you!

Parent Council - Spring Fayre

A massive thank you to our Parent Council for leading and organising this year's Spring Fayre which was enjoyed by both the school and local community. They raised £2,250 which will be donated to the school for curricular resources. The school are intending purchasing new reading books to support our reading curriculum. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and support, it is much appreciated. 😊

World of Work - Strathclyde University Workshops

Primary 7 have had a wonderful experience working alongside a PHD Engineering student at the University of Strathclyde. They have been working on a number of experiments both in class and as part of their visit to the University labs. Engagement in this project has given the children experience of STEM subjects in a real-life context. I would like to thank Stella Pytharouli for her assistance with the project, the children (and teachers) had a fabulous learning opportunity and gained a lot from engaging with it.

Classes 2024/25

Information on your child(ren)'s new class and teacher will be distributed today. The children will go to their new class this afternoon and meet their new teacher. As always, all classes (including composite classes) are composed from working groups in literacy and numeracy in line with NLC policy and class teachers are subject to change. Class teachers have worked closely with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that every child is working with a group at their academic level receiving the support and challenge they need. To this end, children may not necessarily be with the same groupings/classes as they presently are.

Happy Holidays!

I hope that the information in this newsletter is useful and I wish you all a fun and safe summer break and look forward to our return in August.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Lesley McPhee

Head Teacher