



Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

April 2018

Together We Learn

...always striving to be outstanding, transforming the aspirations of a community.

Welcome to the April newsletter. It has been a great start to Term 5 with all of the children returning to school from the Easter break with very positive attitudes (especially important in what is the SATs and assessment term for many!) and the news that we have secured the funding for the artificial pitch which will improve PE lessons, playtimes, lunchtimes and extra-curricular clubs significantly.

Overleaf you will see the initial plans for the pitch. We hope that the works will begin in the coming weeks, I will write to you with further details once we know exactly which areas will be used/cordoned off during the installation process.

You will have also seen the Facebook posts regarding the Polling Day, we are delighted to keep the school running as normal again on Thursday, just like we did for the last elections in 2016.

Wishing you and your children all the best for their forthcoming assessments and in particular, the Year 6 children who have been amazing this year, good luck guys, you have been brilliant so far, go for it!

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Breakfast Club & After School Club continue to be available five days a week providing childcare from **7.45am** until **6.00pm**.

Please contact the school office for further details.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB HOURS HAVE BEEN INCREASED FURTHER TO SUPPORT WORKING PARENTS/CARERS AND ENABLE THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING EMPLOYMENT TO HAVE FAR MORE FLEXIBILITY WHEN LOOKING FOR JOBS OR TRAINING.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING SYSTEM

After School Club now operates a booking system via Parentpay, please contact the school office or Aly Mallett, the Extended Schools Club Supervisor should you require any further details.

Some families may be able to claim the cost of these clubs back through Tax Credits.

Breakfast Club costs £1 per day with After School Club costing £2 for 3.15pm-4.30pm and £5 for 3.15pm – 6.00pm.

ParentPay

Can you please ensure that Breakfast Club, After School Club and Nursery bookings are paid for and booked in advance through ParentPay.



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www.facebook.com/ernesettlecommunityschool

Term Dates 2017-2018 for your diaries

Term 5	LAST DAY OF TERM Friday May 25 th 2018 Bank Holiday 7th May 2018
Term 6	Monday 4 th June to Wednesday 25 th July 2018

Holiday Club will be available during the weeks commencing...

30th July 2018 & 6th August 2018

Holiday Club will be available from:
8.00am to 5.30pm



The PTA are always looking for new members and fresh ideas. If you would like to come along, our next meeting is **Friday 11th May at 4.15pm**

We have a lot planned for the coming months. Thanks to your support we can do fantastic things for the children, thank you!
The PTA



'Family Support Advisor'

Just a reminder that to contact Kelly, our Family Support Advisor, you can:

- collect a contact form from reception, fill it in and she will call you back
- pop in and she will arrange a time to see you
- email her on fsadvisor@ecs.plymouth.sch.uk
- use the 'Contact Us' form on the school's website

If you would like to call Kelly, please ring the school number on (01752) 201177 and choose option 2, if she is not available or it is out of hours, please leave a message, she will return your call as soon as possible.

Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good Easter - it seems a long time ago now!

Mr Meredith and I had an Annual Review Meeting with representatives of the Regional School Commissioner last week. They were very positive about the school's recent Ofsted outcome and our plans for the sustainability of the school with the continuity of high standards and expectations for the pupils.

Looking at the school Facebook pages, there are always so many incredible activities going on in school and all these fantastic opportunities make learning so much fun. I am looking forward to the new pitch too!

The next Trustee and Local Advisory Board meetings are on Polling Day, so the school really is fully open for everything as usual.

Best wishes

Carol, on behalf of the Trustees and Local Governors



SITE ACCESS and PARKING

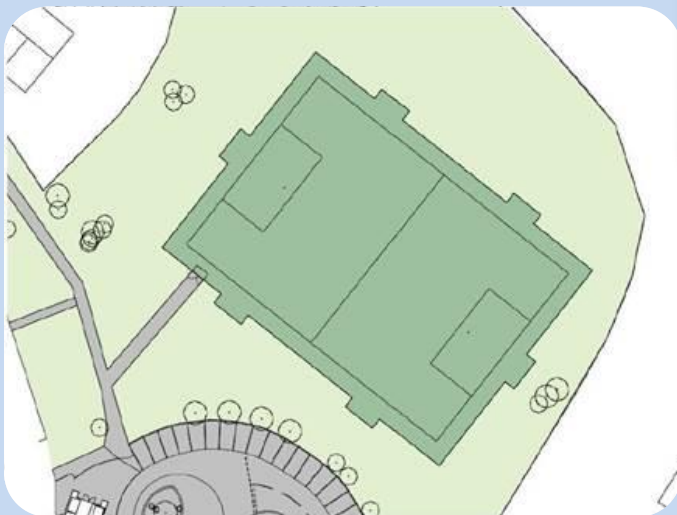
Thank you very much for your understanding with the recent problems with the vehicle gates, they are scheduled to be replaced over the half term break. Please remember that during the times of 8.30am - 9.10am and 2.50pm - 3.30pm, 'Restricted Access Arrangements' will be in place (e.g. only Staff and Permit Holders will be allowed on site).

We have been successful in acquiring funding that will enable us to install our artificial pitch in the coming months. We will share the finer details with you in the next few weeks and if the weather is kind to us we may be able to hold our Sports Days on the new surface in July. If the weather is more 'typically British' however, we will still hold our Sports Days, they will just take place on the playground and outdoor play areas instead.



The construction of a 2,700m² artificial sports pitch which is to be built on our existing grassed football pitch is another fantastic addition to our school. The new artificial pitch will be enclosed with 3 metre high sports rebound mesh fencing. By providing a synthetic sports pitch it will enable a multitude of sports and activities to be carried out all year round.

MORE GREAT NEWS FOR OUR SCHOOL!



**School Open
as Normal**

Just a reminder that the school is open on Thursday 3rd May despite the Local Elections taking place. A detailed plan has been put in place to ensure that the day runs safely and smoothly; staff will be on duty throughout the school day to ensure that any visitors to the site are only able to access the former Children's Centre room to cast their votes.

In addition, you will notice fencing, signage and taped off areas on Thursday morning, some of which will be moved into position once you have dropped your children off. This fencing will also be removed for you to collect your children at the end of the day. We are very pleased that we are not disrupting education for the children whilst removing the inconvenience of you having to find childcare on such days. Should you notice any issues or have any questions on arrival, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the team.

Attendance Awards

Just a reminder that all children with an attendance rate of 98.5% and above are entered into the draw for the £50 Smyths voucher at the end of terms 2, 4 & 6. Those children with 100% get two tickets each term!

Please give your child the best chance of winning this super prize by ensuring that they are in school every day and that dental and medical appointments are taken outside of the school day.



Attend to Achieve

Every Child. Every Day.

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