

Next stop for our school...



Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

March 2018

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Welcome to the March newsletter, what a term this has been, we have survived the snow and a flood and enjoyed an excellent Ofsted inspection. We look forward to making even more progress between now and the next inspection where we will do all we can to be graded as 'Outstanding'.

This month we have joined two different organisations to enrich our school even further. We are now members of the Military Kids Club (MKC) Heroes and are also working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly school. MKC Heroes are ambassadors and young advocates for Service families, most importantly, they are friends for each other, especially in times of need.

In addition, Dementia Friendly Schools undertake a programme which facilitates the creation of dementia-friendly communities across the UK. Everyone, from governments and health boards to the local corner shop and hairdresser, share part of the responsibility for ensuring that people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community. Wishing you all the best for the Easter break.

Term Dates 2017-2018 for your diaries	
Term 4	LAST DAY OF TERM Thursday 29 th March 2018
Term 5	Monday 16 th April to Friday May 25 th 2018 Bank Holiday 7th May 2018
Term 6	Monday 4 th June to Wednesday 25 th July 2018

 The PTA would like to thank everyone who took part in our Easter Bonnet/Garden competition, a fantastic effort by all, well done!
 If you are interested in joining the PTA our next meeting is Friday 20th April at 1.30pm. Thanks again for all your support. 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.

The following courses will take place after the Easter break:

Food is Fun starting on Tuesday 24th April, 9.15-11.15am for 5 weeks.

Forest Families starting on Thursday 26th April, 9.00-11.00am for 5 weeks.

Crochet starting on Friday 27th April, 9.15-11.15am for 5 weeks.

Please note, your children do not need to attend this school for you to participate in these courses.

If you would like to book a space please call Kelly on 01752 201177, option 2.

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.



Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a month! The weather certainly made an impression on life in school. The staff made heroic efforts in keeping the school open as long as possible during the snow and ice (World Book Day assembly was great) – and then to cap it all, a burst water pipe flooded the kitchen! This could have been clear justification for closing the school but no, everyone kept going and worked around the problems the flood created.

Then, when the Ofsted letter arrived, it said that not only is Ernesettle Community School a 'Good' school but it could be judged as 'Outstanding' in a future Inspection visit. This was a very welcome acknowledgement of how far the school goes to do the very best for the pupils and families. For our part, five governors had two meetings with the Inspector, reinforcing the high standards, expectations and achievements of the school.

I am sure you will join me in a big 'Thank you' to the whole of the staff team who made everything possible.

Have a lovely Easter!

Best wishes

Carol Wood, Chair, on behalf of the Trustees and Local Governors

Plymouth City Council Announcement...

Environmental enforcement officers will soon be patrolling outside Plymouth's schools.

From Monday 19 March, you may start to see extra environmental enforcement officers patrolling the streets outside Plymouth's schools to help crackdown on things like dog fouling, littering, fly-posting and fly-tipping.

Plymouth City Council has teamed up with specialist company Kingdom Services, to help ensure that Plymouth is a green and pleasant city.

The officers will be able to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders. Littering and fly-posting both carry an £80 penalty while dog fouling costs offenders £100. Meanwhile, fly-tipping is punishable by a £400 fine.

Council leader Ian Bowyer said: "We know that people are fed up with issues like littering, dog fouling, and fly tipping, particularly around our schools, and by introducing extra enforcement officers we can now deal with these anti-social activities more effectively."

You can find more information at

www.plymouth.gov.uk/envirocrime

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Can you afford not to?



Extra enforcement officers are walking the streets of Plymouth. If you drop litter you will be fined.
Find out more at www.plymouth.gov.uk/envirocrime



The Children's University is a national initiative. Children can go to different learning lectures and activities outside of school hours through the programme. For every event they attend, they get a stamp in their passports to learning, which they save up to earn bronze, silver and gold certificates. Children are presented with their qualifications in school and once they reach a gold level, they are invited to a 'graduation ceremony' held annually to celebrate their achievements.

Which learning activities count towards Children's University?

Learning Activities must take place outside the normal school day. This includes before school, lunchtime and after school clubs, as well as weekend and holiday activities. Only activities that have been quality assured by us can be included. Schools will ensure children know which clubs are included.

Where can I find further information?

Your local Children's University Coordinator Philippa Oxley, is the best person to answer any other questions on the *Passport to Learning* which you may have. She is available via devoncu@plymouth.ac.uk or 01752 587967

Should you be interested in this initiative, please inform your child's class teacher and the school office.

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.