

# National Support School

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# Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

February 2018

## Together We Learn

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

Welcome to the February newsletter, a month of even more good news and a relatively unexpected Ofsted inspection!

During the February half term we were delighted to be informed that we have been designated as a National Support School and myself as a National Leader in Education. These two accreditations are normally only awarded to schools with Ofsted 'Outstanding' gradings and as we hadn't been inspected for 6 years prior to this week's 'short' inspection, we are very proud that we have been recognised at this national level. Unfortunately, due to us receiving only a 'short' Section 8 Ofsted inspection this week, the best result we will be able to achieve is a 'good' grading, however, we will of course keep pushing towards a longer inspection where it will be possible for us to go for the 'Outstanding' grade in the future. Carol Wood, Chair of Governors, has provided a summary of Section 8 inspections overleaf. We will keep you posted as things progress. May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who spoke to the inspector on the day and completed the online survey, it is very much appreciated.

Finally, please do keep an eye out for the events around our proposed bike track which we hope to install for the children in the coming months!

### NOTICES

#### **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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Term Dates 2017-2018 for your diaries

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| Term 4 | <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4:</b><br>Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018     |
| Term 5 | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April to<br>Friday May 25 <sup>th</sup> 2018   |
| Term 6 | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June to<br>Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 |



#### '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](mailto: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 PTA are holding another disco this term for Year 3 and 4, letters will follow shortly. The Year 5 and 6 disco was a great success too! Thank you as always for your continued support.

## Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a month it has been! In addition to the school being designated as a National Support School (NSS) and Mr. Meredith being named as a National Leader in Education (NLE), the school was subject to a Section 8 'short' Ofsted inspection. Below I have tried to summarise the possible outcomes from the inspection; we hope to receive the report and the result before the end of March; we will of course share this with you as soon as it is available.

Having been part of the inspection process, what was completely evident throughout the inspection was that the staff at Ennesettle are all clearly committed to ensuring the best outcomes for your children and they deserve a huge amount of recognition and admiration for their relentless pursuit of excellence for the pupils.

### Outcomes of a short inspection

44. The purpose of a short inspection is to determine whether the school continues to provide a good standard of education and whether safeguarding is effective.

45. There are four possible outcomes for a short inspection.

■ **Outcome 1** – the school continues to be a good school

or

■ **Outcome 2** – the school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school may be judged outstanding if it received a section 5 inspection now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within one to two years

or

■ **Outcome 3** – the lead inspector is not satisfied that the school would receive at least its current grade if a section 5 inspection were carried out now. The school will be informed that its next inspection will be a section 5 inspection, which will typically take place within one to two years

or

■ **Outcome 4** – the lead inspector has gathered evidence that suggests the school may be inadequate in one or more of the graded judgements under section 5 inspections; there are serious concerns about safeguarding, pupils' behaviour or the quality of education; there are concerns that the performance of an outstanding non-exempt school could be declining to 'requires improvement'.<sup>17</sup> The short inspection will be converted to a section 5 inspection, usually within 48 hours.

46. Inspectors **will always** report on whether or not safeguarding is effective. If safeguarding is not effective, the lead inspector **will always** convert the short inspection to a section 5 inspection.

As ever, the school is providing exciting opportunities and experiences for the children's education but the expected weather may give a slightly different experience for us all. Keeping everyone safe will be a major concern for school, so please make sure you stay aware of what is happening.

Tomorrow's World Book Day should be a fun day - perhaps everyone should dress up as 'The Snowman' instead!

Best wishes

Carol Wood, on behalf of the Trustees and Local Governors

### 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 Toys 'R' Us 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**