



Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

November 2017

Together We Learn

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

Welcome to the November newsletter, I hope you have enjoyed the term so far and are looking forward to digging out the Christmas decorations in the coming days and weeks! This term has seen further success and positive steps forward for the school; we are delighted that Mr. Tamblyn has been shortlisted for Plymouth's Teacher of Year, an accolade he truly deserves, in addition Aspiration Day, Children in Need and the Grand Nursery Opening were all highlights so far. Thank you for your feedback on the term dates, overleaf I have summarised the main points of our findings and confirmed the dates for next year. The dates for 2019/20 will also go to the Trust Board in January 2018 so I hope to be able to confirm them with you early in the New Year. We hope by publishing the dates as soon as possible you will be able to book holidays well in advance at much reduced rates than the traditional extortionate school holiday prices. This term has emphasised to us how busy our new curriculum is and how wonderful all of the experiences are for the children, please do 'like' and 'share' these as regularly as you can on our Facebook page. Wishing you all the best for the build up to the festive period. We look forward to seeing you at the performances, fayre and Carol Service (don't forget your Christmas Jumpers!)

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

Term 2	LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN: Wednesday 20 th December 2017
Term 3	Thursday 4 th January to Friday 9 th February 2018
Term 4	Monday 19 th February to Thursday 29 th March 2018
Term 5	Monday 16 th April to Friday May 25 th 2018
Term 6	Monday 4 th June to Wednesday 25 th 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
- 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.

Christmas Performance Tickets Booking System is Now Live!

Please book your performance tickets as soon as possible, we are now using the same system for booking as we do for parent/Carer Meetings.

Unit	Performance One	Performance Two
Nursery and Reception	Thursday 14 th December 2017	Friday 15 th December 2017
Wiggly Nativity	2.30pm – 3.00pm	9.30am – 10.00am

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Event Code: p27dp

Unit	Performance One	Performance Two
Year 1 and 2	Thursday 14 th December 2017	Monday 18 th December 2017
A Christmas Toy Story	6.00pm – 6.40pm	2.15pm – 3.10pm

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Event Code: gyd5e

Unit	Performance One	Performance Two
Year 3 and 4	Monday 18 th December 2017	Tuesday 19 th December 2017
Children of the World	6.00pm – 6.45pm	2.15pm – 3.10pm

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Event Code: j6wb5

For the Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert no tickets are required.



Our class hamper competition is going really well. Thank you to those who have already contributed, they are looking great! Numbers can now be bought for £1 from a member of your child's class. We will be holding a disco in Term 3, dates to be confirmed in the New Year. We would like to welcome new Parents/Carers to be part of our PTA, our next meeting is on the 11th January at 1.30pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Please find below the confirmed dates for the Academic Year 2018/19. I would like to thank you for your patience and feedback regarding the dates, this has enabled us to make very considered decisions and put a two year plan in place.

Term Dates 2018-2019 (for pupils)

Term 1

First day of school: Tuesday 4th September 2018
Last day of school: Friday 19th October 2018

Term 2

First day of school: Monday 5th November 2018
Last day of school: Thursday 20th December 2018

Term 3

First day of school: Tuesday 8th January 2019
Last day of school: Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4

First day of school: Monday 25th February 2019
Last day of school: Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5

First day of school: Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Last day of school: Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6

First day of school: Monday 3rd June 2019
Last day of school: Friday 26th July 2019

Professional Development Days (Staff required in school)

Monday 3rd September 2018: INSET day, school closed.
Friday 21st December 2018: INSET day, school closed.
Monday 7th January 2019: INSET day, school closed.
Monday 29th July 2019: INSET day, school closed.
Tuesday 30th July 2019: INSET day, school closed.

Holiday Club Weeks: weeks commencing 30th July 2018, 6th August 2018 and 29th October 2018

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



TERM DATES 2018-19

Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has already been much to celebrate since September and looking at the school Facebook page is always a good way to keep up not only with what is happening in school but to cheer yourself up! So many fantastic educational and fun experiences in school, the after-school clubs and in the holiday club. The new holiday arrangements have been very positively received by most families but we hope that the amended arrangements for next year will make it easier for those families that found it less so.

The children have come back to school refreshed and ready for the run-up to Christmas, when the all-important learning carries on in each class but there are the Christmas performances, the Fair, etc, to fit in as well!

In common with many schools, the budget is something that needs constant review. The Trustees keep a close eye on this and apart from keeping up the level of excellent teaching and support staff, we hope to continue the provision of free educational visits and PE kit for the foreseeable future. Your support for the school is invaluable; the partnership between home and school makes such a difference to everyone and what can be achieved.

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

Every Child. Every Day.

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