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136th BEST SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY

Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

November 2018

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Welcome to the November newsletter, I hope you have your advent calendars ready for the weekend! Some more great news for our school this week, we have been named as 136th in the country in The Times' 'Parent Power' Schools Guide, considering there are over 20,000 schools in the country we are delighted.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the coming weeks for all of the Christmas events, details of how to book your performance tickets are overleaf and the raffle prizes this year are fantastic (details below), we hope to conduct the draw live on Facebook, during our Christmas Jumper Day Assembly!

Please do also consider becoming a Parent Governor, it is a vital and challenging role but also very rewarding!

Term Dates 2018-2019 for Pupils

Term 2	
Last day of school:	Thursday 20 th December 2018
Term 3	
First day of school:	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 15 th February 2019
Term 4	
First day of school:	Monday 25 th February 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 5 th April 2019
Term 5	
First day of school:	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 24 th May 2019
Bank Holiday/s:	Mondays 22 nd April & 6 th May 2019
Term 6	
First day of school:	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 26 th July 2019
Holiday Club: weeks commencing...	
29 th July 2019 & 5 th August 2019	

Christmas Raffle

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets! First prize a PS4, second prize a 28 inch television and third prize an Amazon Fire tablet. There are many other prizes including: toys, games, gift vouchers and a 'barrow of beer! Tickets cost £1 each or £5 a book and can be purchased from the office or from Miss Hoodless in 3CP during early morning learning or at the end of the day. This year the draw will take place **LIVE on Facebook** during the morning of Thursday 20th December.



Breakfast Club & After School Club

Breakfast Club & After School Club continue to be available five days a week providing childcare from **7.30am** 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 £2 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.



'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 Performances & Events 2018

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at this year's performances. Due to fire regulations we have to limit the number of tickets to a maximum of 4 per family because of seating arrangements. We would be grateful if you only book the number of tickets that you require to ensure that everyone can be catered for.

We realise it can be difficult, but please only bring young children to the day time performances and not to any evening ones.

We will continue to use our online booking system:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Please visit the website, click on 'Make a Booking' and then enter the relevant code below:

Nursery & Pre-school Event Code: **tcd8y** Around the World

Reception Event Code: **k7aaz** Miracle in Town

Year 1/2 Event Code: **sqs8b** Stable by Starlight

Year 3/4 Event Code: **7ncpa** Sulky Santa

Year 5/6 Event Code: **5fybn** Carol Service



Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

November is certainly going out in wet and windy style – next stop Christmas!

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Local Advisory Board. This role is open to parents, grandparents or guardians of a current pupil and is elected by parents. The skills required to be a parent governor may include those gained from professional backgrounds, an ability to give time or a commitment to learning about education. If more than one person is nominated, there will be an election!

Important responsibilities of Parent Governors include:-

- Ensuring the Health and Safety of children and staff;
- Ensuring that all children can access a broad and balanced curriculum which is suited to age and ability and which nurtures the whole child and encourages respect for others.

All governors will be required to undertake a DBS check. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor and would like more information, please get in touch with me via the school email – it's a lot more interesting than you think and is a great opportunity to see how and why our school is so amazing (and to help to keep it that way)!

Best wishes

Carol Wood

Chair, on behalf of the Trustees and Local Governors



The PTA are looking for new members to join the team. If you are interested, please contact the main office for more information.

Please do look out for us after school on Fridays with some treats to sell to start the weekend! Thanks again for your continued support.

The PTA



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We have been delighted to be named in 'The Telegraph Top 1000 Schools' for the last three years, but this year we have gone one better and been named in The Times Best School Guide, in 136th place! Thank you and congratulations to all concerned. Due to funding cuts and ever-increasing expectations on schools, we are very proud to know that we are still delivering the best possible education for the children. I am sure you will join me in saying thank you and well done to the staff at ECS who work so tirelessly and selflessly to ensure that Ernesettle children will lead very happy and successful lives in the future.



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.



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