



Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

January 2019

Together We Learn

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

Welcome to the January newsletter, with winter truly arriving this week, I am sure you are looking forward to the Spring as much as we are! It has been a great start to Term 3 and with just over two weeks until the February half term, we are cramming in every ounce of learning we can. We received further great news again this month.... being named as the **best school in the city** for the **second year in a row**, congratulations to all concerned, we really do have a school and community to be proud of. We look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks for the Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings which take place on the 11th, 12th and 13th of February. Bookings are filling up rapidly, so please do book your appointments as soon as possible. It is always a pleasure to share the children's achievements with you, discuss their progress and agree on how the school and home can work together to make even more excellent progress in the future. Not many people know this, but the teachers have a little competition between themselves about who can get the highest attendance rate for these meetings, so please do help them have the best chance of winning the prize by making an appointment via School Interviews, the details of which can be found overleaf. Whilst on site, if you are able to complete the ParentView survey in the ICT suite too, it would be much appreciated please. Thank you very much in advance for your support, we look forward to meeting with you to celebrate your children's learning and progress.

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.



FOR NEWS & FORTHCOMING
EVENTS PLEASE VISIT:
www.facebook.com/ernesettlecommunityschool

Term Dates 2018-2019 for Pupils

Term 3	
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 Holidays:	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	



'Family Support Advisor'

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

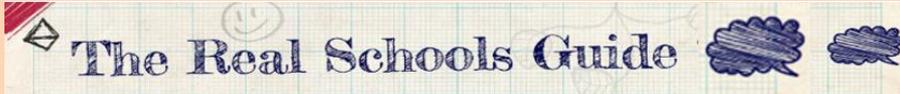
- collect a contact form from reception, fill it in and she will call you back
- pop in and she will arrange a time to see you
- email her on fsadvisor@ecs.plymouth.sch.uk
- use the 'Contact Us' form on the school's website

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.

BEST SCHOOL IN THE CITY FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!

Wow! Congratulations to the children, families, community, staff and governors of our wonderful school, we have once again been named as the best primary school in the city by the Real Schools Guide, the SECOND YEAR IN A ROW! We are incredibly proud to be recognised by the Real Schools Guide as it not only takes into account our fantastic academic standards, but also includes things like the children's progress, attendance rates, teacher to pupil ratios and our Ofsted reports.

Our vision statement... *always striving to be outstanding, transforming the aspirations of a community... at its best!*



SCHOOL NAME
ERNESETTLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
LOCAL AUTHORITY
PLYMOUTH

RATING	*****
OVERALL	70/100
RANK	349/14,624
ATTAINMENT	*****
ATTAINMENT FOR ALL	*****
PROGRESS	*****
ATTENDANCE	*****

1ST PLACE IN PLYMOUTH!



With Parent/Carer Meetings fast approaching, we would be very grateful if you could spare us an extra five to ten minutes when you visit your child's class teacher please. Before or after your appointment, it would be really appreciated if you would be willing to complete a brief 'ParentView' questionnaire. All you will require is a valid email address which will give you access to a survey of 12 questions. Staff will be available to support you throughout the whole process.

If you would like to use your email address to register before your visit to the school or would like to complete the survey at home rather than in school, please visit

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> and click on the orange 'Give your views' button, this will take you to the registration page.

If you completed the survey last year, your username and password should still be valid. Staff will be available during your visit to show you the 'forgotten password' link if necessary.



The PTA are looking for some fresh ideas for the forthcoming terms, please do let one of our members or the school office know if you would like to see certain events on our annual calendar. If you would like to join the PTA please contact the school office too.

Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year!! Term 3 has started, as every term, with yet more exciting and special learning opportunities across the school. The continuing development of the curriculum is one of the strengths of the school and, along with being able to read fluently and use their imaginative skills, helps the pupils to develop a lifelong love of learning. Two of our governors, Ms Wood and Ms Frankis, joined in a recent visit to Brunel Primary School in Saltash to learn about hurricanes and tornadoes – a first-hand experience for governors of how the curriculum is delivered in a wider context. Ms Frankis has also completed a Health and Safety visit, as well as a Safeguarding check, and Ms Wood is involved in supporting some Art classes. Recently, I was in school for a meeting and was privileged to see so many pupils visiting Mr Meredith's room to collect a prize for various achievements – spelling, reading, maths, collaboration, drawing, writing and supporting others.

What a great start to 2019!

Best wishes,

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

Term 3 & 4 Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings for families of Pre-school to Year 6 Children

Just a reminder that all Parents/Carers are invited to celebrate the children's learning and progress with the class teacher on the following days:

Monday 11th February 2019

Tuesday 12th February 2019

Wednesday 13th February 2019

We continue to use School Interviews, our online booking system. To be able to book an appointment with your child's teacher please:-

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
- type in event code: **zkan4**



The website will guide you through a couple of easy steps to book your appointment. You will be sent confirmation of your appointment to your e-mail address if you include it on your booking request. Should you have any difficulties please speak to your child's teacher, contact Kelly, our FSA or come to the school office who will be able to help you book an appointment. Nursery families will be contacted directly by Miss Willbourn and the Nursery Team. Please note that all extra-curricular after school clubs will be cancelled for the entire week. All clubs will begin again on Monday 25th February 2019. Our After School Club will run as normal at the normal rates; £2.00 until 4.30pm and £5.00 until 6.00pm.

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.

THIS NEWSLETTER CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.ecs.plymouth.sch.uk