



Congratulations

Ernesettle Community School  
Community School of the Year  
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# Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

## February 2019

## Together We Learn

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

Welcome to the February newsletter, it has been a great few days of Term 4 after what I hope was a lovely half term break for you all.

The announcement that we have been named as the 'Community School of the Year' by an internationally recognised magazine, iStudy, was amazing news. The fact that it was for what we do for our local area and the contributions that the children make to the community, made it even more pleasing, we hope you are as proud as we are!

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your attendance and contributions to the Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings at the end of last term. The overall attendance rate was over 85% of families across the whole school attending a meeting for their child/ren, a really pleasing result.

You will remember that last month I mentioned the 'competition' the teachers have between themselves to see who can get the most bookings for both the October and February Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings. Mrs. Little has been crowned the winner, and as she managed 100% for both sets of meetings, we will award her with a bottle of fizz in tomorrow's assembly!

In addition to the meetings, thank you to all of the families who also completed the ParentView survey, the results were tremendous.

Wishing you the best for the month ahead, please do continue to support your children and our school as much as you do, it makes a real difference.

### 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.



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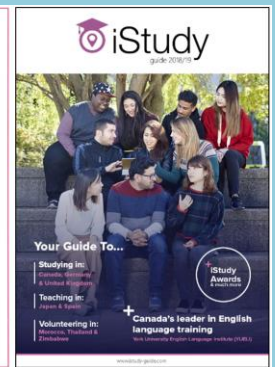
### Term Dates 2018-2019 for Pupils

Term 4	
First day of school:	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Term 5	
First day of school:	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Bank Holidays:	Mondays 22 <sup>nd</sup> April & 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Term 6	
First day of school:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
Holiday Club: weeks commencing...	
29 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 & 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	

**If you are beginning to think about holidays for next year, please ensure you book them during the holidays as holidays cannot be authorised during term time, the 2019-2020 dates are as follows:**

### Term Dates 2019-2020 for Pupils

Term 1	
First day of school:	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Term 2	
First day of school:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Term 3	
First day of school:	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Term 4	
First day of school:	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Term 5	
First day of school:	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
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### Community School of the Year...

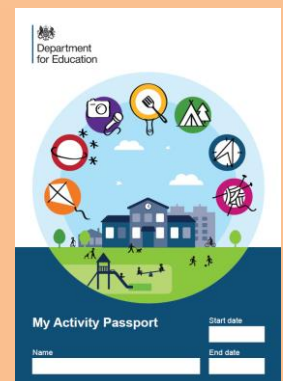
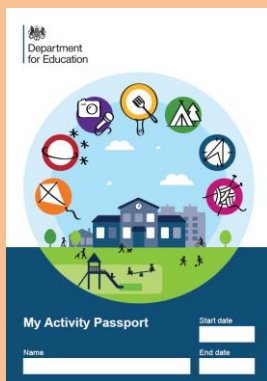
Congratulations to the children, families, COMMUNITY, staff and governors of our wonderful school, our mantra of... *go out in the world and do WELL, but more importantly, go out in the world and do GOOD ...* has certainly been recognised by the iStudy guide, naming us as the community school of the year. Our Dementia Friendly work, the Year 6 'Ten Acts of Kindness', our community events, Family Homework, Mother & Father Day lunches, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings, educational visits, Christmas performances, open afternoons, Breakfast & After School Clubs, extra-curricular clubs... to name a few(!), were amongst the things that the judges loved apparently!

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT...

Please keep an eye out for the School Council's latest project...

The Department for Education have released an 'Activity Passport' and the School Council love the ideas that it contains. The children will launch the competition for the passports (and announce the fantastic prizes that can be won!) in a letter next week.

Please do encourage your children to participate in this programme as it will become a regular part of our 'Learning at Home' and 'Family Homework' approaches in the coming months.



### Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,  
What a great start to Term 4 – another award for school! The reputation of the school and its achievements are spreading further afield and this latest recognition from iStudy for 'Community School of the Year' is especially pertinent to us as we see ourselves as very much a part of the local community.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who filled in the ParentView questionnaire after the Pupil Progress meetings – this gives the Trustees and Governors a great insight in to how you and your family view the school and its (excellent) standards of education and community relationships.

The Governors would like to thank Mrs Leanne Morton for her support on the Board – she has now stepped down due to personal commitments, so we wish her all the best. We know she will still be busy supporting the school in other ways! Due to having two Parent Governor vacancies, we would like to welcome Mrs Michelle Treliving and Mr Richard Lunn, who will be attending their first meeting in March – we hope they enjoy their term of office and getting to know what goes on 'behind the scenes' in a busy and successful school!

Best wishes from us all,  
Carol

Chair, on behalf of the Trustees and Local Governors



### '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.

### 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.