



Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

April 2019

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Welcome to the April newsletter, one week has already passed in what is a very short 5-week term!

I am pleased to announce that with the start of this term, a new online free school meals process has been launched by Plymouth City Council for Parents/Carers to apply for free school meals.

The benefits of the online application are that you can apply in the comfort of your own home, at a time that suits you. Also, if you are not sure if you are eligible, it is a very easy way to establish eligibility. **During the trial for this process, the council have had a large number of new claims from families who had no idea they were entitled. So it really is worth completing the form, there is nothing to lose!**

Parents/Carers can access the Free School Meals web page here:
www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooleducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals
 To access the application, click on **How to apply** then **APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS**. If you have more than one child, you can add them all to one form, even if your children attend different schools.

Should you require any further information or any support in accessing the forms please do not hesitate to contact the office or Kelly, our Family Support Advisor. Wishing you all the best for a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Term Dates 2018-2019 for Pupils	
Term 5	
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 dates have been confirmed as 29th July 2019, 5th August 2019 & 21st October 2019. Please see overleaf for full details.

Term Dates 2019-2020 for Pupils	
Term 1	
First day of school:	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 18 th October 2019
Term 2	
First day of school:	Monday 4 th November 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 20 th December 2019
Term 3	
First day of school:	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 14 th February 2020
Term 4	
First day of school:	Monday 24 th February 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 27 th March 2020
Term 5	
First day of school:	Tuesday 14 th April 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 22 nd May 2020
Bank Holiday/s:	Mondays 13 th April & 4 th May 2020
Term 6	
First day of school:	Monday 1 st June 2020
Last day of school:	Thursday 23 rd July 2020

Please ensure you book any holidays outside of term time, as we cannot authorise any holidays during the school year.

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.



PTA
 The PTA would like to thank you all for supporting us with the Mother's Day magnets, shortly we will be sending out letters for Father's Day magnets. Preparations are already under way for the summer fete, details will follow in due course. If you would like to join the PTA please contact the school office.



Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a great Easter. Back to the start of the Summer Terms – not so you would notice with the weather!

Looking at what is happening in this country and around the world, it is so important that all children have some great memories of their childhood that make them smile and give a sense of optimism when life becomes difficult. Our school strives to make sure that they have the perseverance and resilience to meet any challenges head-on with confidence. The ethos of, 'Go out in the world and do well, but more importantly, do good' has never been more important – if we all concentrate on looking after our family, friends and neighbours, then we could have a lot more happiness and less stress in everyday life! Imagining ourselves in another person's shoes can help a lot to understand why they sometimes do things that we can't explain or cause us worry – a bit of tolerance goes a long way.

A lot of great things are happening in school over the coming months – making more fantastic memories! Best of luck to all of the children who will be sitting assessments in May, believe in yourself, all of your hard work will pay off!

Best wishes from all of us on the Trustee and Local Governing Body.

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
- 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.

HOLIDAY CLUBS 2019

We are delighted to announce that our 'Holiday Clubs' will run again in 2019. We have made one minor change in light of feedback we received last year... Due to many of you now using the second week of the October half term holiday to get away on a family break in the sun, we have moved the October Holiday Club to the first week of the two week holiday (the same week when all of the other schools are on holiday too, 21.10.19).

The Holiday Clubs will continue to be carried out by Ernesettle staff and will run at the same extended hours as last year, 8.00am to 5.00pm. Please book ASAP as all places are on a first come, first served, basis. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the office or Kelly, our Family Support Advisor.

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HOLIDAY CLUB

Fun Summer Activities

ONLY £15 PER DAY

8:00am - 5:00pm

W/C 29th July

W/C 5th August

W/C 21st October

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Afternoon Snack

ParentPay

PAINTING COOKING OUTDOORS

HOLIDAY CLUB

PAINTING SPORTS

ONLY £15 PER DAY

COOKING OUTDOORS

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The Inspire

Just a reminder that the school is open as normal on Thursday 2nd May, despite the Local Elections taking place. A detailed plan has been put in place to ensure that the day runs safely and smoothly; staff will be on duty throughout the school day to ensure that any visitors to the site are only able to access the former Children's Centre room to cast their votes. In addition, you will notice fencing, signage and taped off areas in the morning, some of which will be moved into position once you have dropped your children off. This fencing will also be removed for you to collect your children at the end of the day. We are very pleased that we are not disrupting the education of the children, whilst also removing the inconvenience of you having to find childcare on such days. Should you notice any issues or have any questions on arrival on Thursday, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the team.



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.

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