



# Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

## June 2019

## Together We Learn

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Welcome to the June newsletter, at the halfway point of Term 6. What a term this has been already, so many highlights and things to celebrate and we still have four weeks to go! We look forward to ending the 2018/19 academic year in true ECS style and will be keeping pushing hard until the last day of term. As we move towards the next academic year, we will say goodbye to some amazing teachers who are off to do incredible things (including; to be a full time Mum, to a promotion and a return home to Hong Kong!). In addition, as the work to support and sponsor Tor Bridge Primary develops, Alison McKenzie will become the Head of School, with Mrs. Little becoming an Assistant Headteacher. My role will involve being responsible for both schools as the Executive Headteacher in the first instance. We have appointed some great new teachers who will be the next generation of our fantastic teaching team, we will announce the class structure and which classes the children will be in later next month. Please do remember to book into the school's Holiday Club that runs during weeks commencing 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019. In addition, for those eligible families, the Fit & Fed programme will run for four weeks, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 too. Wishing you a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming events over the next few weeks.

Term Dates 2018-2019 for Pupils	
<b>Term 6</b>	
Last day of school:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

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





**'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.

## Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,  
 In the final weeks of Term 6, you may think that things are winding down at school.....not a chance! There has been so much happening...the Facebook pages are full of amazing photos of events! A flavour of the diversity of the school...The lucky winners of the DfE Passport Activity went to London and had a brilliant day, a weekly Beach School, a group of teachers from Turkey enjoyed a visit to school, the Y5/6 residential visit to London is coming up and the Y6 end of term performance.

At a great assembly last week, Mr Meredith got the huge surprise of being awarded a Silver Pearson Headteacher Award - congratulations, it was well- deserved! And not to be forgotten, Miss Terry and Miss Hoodless received Certificates of Excellence.

The Local Governing Body met last week with a varied agenda – discussing finance (happily, the school is managing its finances well and continues to provide a wide variety of special activities), Richard Lunn (Parent Governor) reported back about the diversity of Sport and PE in the school (thank you, Mr Kumar); I reported back on English and Early Years (thank you, Miss McKenzie and Miss Umney) and Paula Frankis gave feedback on a Safeguarding check she had done (thank you, Mrs Legge). Amongst other items, we discussed the School Development Plan, Staff Professional Development and Sandi Wood (Co-opted Governor) fed back on her check of the content of the school website.

A big ‘thank you’ to all the staff – there is not enough space to thank you individually but your contribution to the school is appreciated by the Governors and Trustees.

Best wishes

Carol

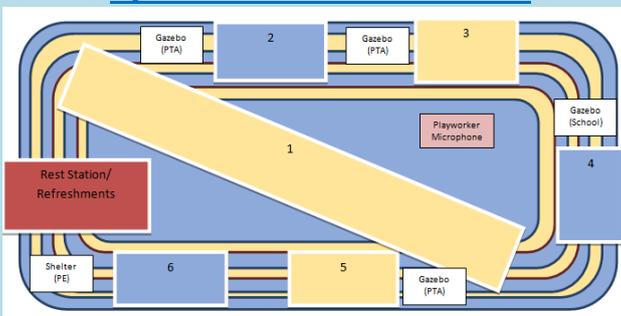
Chair, on behalf of the Trustees and Local Governors

## Well done Miss Terry & Miss Hoodless!

**Congratulations to both Miss Terry and Miss Hoodless, who have received Certificates of Excellence in the Teacher and Teaching Assistant of the Year Awards. The ladies were presented with their certificates in our Aspiration Day Celebration Assembly; to see so many children aspiring to work in education and make a positive difference to other people’s lives was fantastic too!**



## Sports Afternoons 2019



Reception, Y1 and Y2	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Lunch: 12.30pm	Lunch: 12.30pm	Lunch: 12.30pm
Sports Afternoon begins 1.30pm	Sports Afternoon begins 1.30pm	Sports Afternoon begins 1:30pm

It would be great if you are able to join us on the school field from 12.30pm for this year’s Sport Afternoons. Your children will join you with their packed lunches or boxed meals for lunch before the competition begins at approximately 1.30pm. The children will be in their class groups for the majority of the afternoon, so please feel free to follow their groups around each of the stations shown (left). We anticipate that the afternoon will finish with the Toddlers’ and Families’ Races at approximately 2.45pm and children will be able to go home with their families after returning to class to collect their belongings. **Please meet your Y2 to Y6 children in the school hall once the event has finished. Reception and Y1 children can be collected from their respective outdoor areas.** Finally, please do ensure that your child comes to school wearing sun cream, brings a hat and a bottle of water, we are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather! The PTA will be selling slushies, water, tea and coffee throughout the afternoon too.



**The PTA**  
 The PTA have really enjoyed our movie nights over the past few weeks, we hope the children have too. We are hoping to hold these again next year. If you would like to join the PTA, please contact the school office.



### 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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