



Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

September 2019

Together We Learn

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

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Welcome to the September newsletter. It has been a great start to the school year and the new staff are settling into the 'Ernesettle Way' very well and amazingly quickly, a true testament to the school's **curriculum, culture and consistency** mantra!

You will have noticed that there have also been some changes in office spaces for this year with Mrs. Pearce (formerly known as Miss. McKenzie!) taking up the Head of School role and Mrs. Powell, our Family Support Advisor, having moved to a more accessible office by the second entrance to the school, next to the Year 1 classrooms.

Our work with Tor Bridge Primary School, the school that we will be 'sponsoring' as part of our Inspire Multi Academy Trust (South West), has really begun to take shape this month. Although the official academy conversion has been delayed due to some further legal work being required around the complex 0-18 site (which includes a Nursery, special school and secondary school), we have not allowed this to stop our aim of improving the education for the children. The journey for Tor Bridge Primary aspiring to replicate, and share in, the successes of Ernesettle Community School will be long, but it truly demonstrates that we practice what we preach when inspiring the children *'to go into the world and do WELL, but more importantly, go into the world and do GOOD'*.

You will note overleaf that we are moving forward in the way we will communicate with you over the coming months. With so many of our systems for making payments, buying school uniform, booking Parent/Carer Meetings etc all now being electronic, we have decided to take the next step and aim to become 'paper-free' for our information sharing with you during this academic year. We will of course continue to keep you updated via these newsletters (on the new app!) and via the school's Facebook page (and of course, Kelly's FSA Facebook page too). Wishing you all the best for the month ahead.

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.



Term Dates 2019-2020 for Pupils	
<u>Term 1</u>	
First day of school:	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 18 th October 2019
<u>Term 2</u>	
First day of school:	Monday 4 th November 2019
Last day of school:	Friday 20 th December 2019
<u>Term 3</u>	
First day of school:	Tuesday 7 th January 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 14 th February 2020
<u>Term 4</u>	
First day of school:	Monday 24 th February 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 27 th March 2020
<u>Term 5</u>	
First day of school:	Tuesday 14 th April 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 22 nd May 2020
Bank Holiday/s:	Monday 13 th April & Friday 8 th May 2020
<u>Term 6</u>	
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.

Term Dates 2020-2021 for Pupils	
<u>Term 1</u>	
First day of school:	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 23 rd October 2020
<u>Term 2</u>	
First day of school:	Monday 9 th November 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 18 th December 2020
<u>Term 3</u>	
First day of school:	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Last day of school:	Friday 12 th February 2021
<u>Term 4</u>	
First day of school:	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Last day of school:	Thursday 1 st April 2021
<u>Term 5</u>	
First day of school:	Monday 19 th April 2021
Last day of school:	Friday 28 th May 2021
Bank Holiday:	Monday 3 rd May 2021
<u>Term 6</u>	
First day of school:	Monday 7 th June 2021
Last day of school:	Friday 23 rd July 2021



Student information automatically sent directly to the parent's mobile phone!

is coming...

Please do ensure we have your up to date contact information as over the next few months, the vast majority of our communications with you will move to the more convenient, more environmentally friendly and more efficient 'groupcall Xpressions' app.

Letters, messages (and even this newsletter!) will no longer be sent in paper form, they will all come electronically via the app. We will of course continue to use our very successful Facebook page to celebrate the children's achievements too.

IF YOU HAVEN'T UPDATED YOUR MOBILE PHONE NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS THIS MONTH, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ASAP!



'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.



Artsmark Gold Award for ECS!

The staff and pupils at Ernesettle Community School feel very proud to have been awarded Artsmark Gold. The prestigious accolade is awarded by Arts Council England and acknowledges a school's commitment and provision for the arts. To achieve 'Gold', Ernesettle Community School had to demonstrate high quality performances in dance, drama, music and art both inside and outside the classroom. As a school, we aim to continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, ensuring that all of our pupils are given the opportunity to explore and build a love of the arts that will remain with them as they go through adult life.

Year 6 'Do Good' with their 10 Acts of Kindness

Inspired by their reading of the story 'Wonder', the Year 6 pupils at Ernesettle Community School have completed 10 Acts of Kindness over the last few weeks. Following our school message of 'Go into the world and do well, but more importantly go into the world and do good', the children have been spreading kindness and positivity around both the school and local community. From helping Year 1 pupils with their lunch, to visiting the residents at Waypoints, we are really proud of everything the children have achieved. Well done Year 6!



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