



Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

October 2019

Together We Learn

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

Welcome to the October newsletter. Term 1 has been a busy but enjoyable one! We hope you are looking forward to the two-week October half term break, please do take advantage of our Holiday Club during the week commencing 21st October 2019. Places are filling quickly, so please book using ParentPay.

This month has certainly been one filled with celebrations! From being awarded a 5-star certificate of excellence by the @SchoolGuideUK to our very own ECS football team winning their latest match 7 goals to 3! We really do have a school and community to be proud of. Thank you very much to everyone for attending the Parent/Carer Meetings this week. 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. There has been an excellent turnout this week and we thank you for your ongoing support. Finally, on behalf of all the children and staff at Ernesettle Community School, I would like to wish Mr Meredith the very best of luck at the National Pearson Teaching Awards in London this weekend. Don't forget to watch the show on BBC2, Saturday 26th October. Good luck Mr. Meredith, we have our fingers crossed for you!

Have a great half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back in Term 2.

Best Wishes,
Mrs. A Pearce

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:

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Term Dates 2019-2020 for Pupils

Term 1	
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 & Friday 8 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.

Term Dates 2020-2021 for Pupils

Term 1	
First day of school:	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 23 rd October 2020
Term 2	
First day of school:	Monday 9 th November 2020
Last day of school:	Friday 18 th December 2020
Term 3	
First day of school:	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Last day of school:	Friday 12 th February 2021
Term 4	
First day of school:	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Last day of school:	Thursday 1 st April 2021
Term 5	
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
Term 6	
First day of school:	Monday 7 th June 2021
Last day of school:	Friday 23 rd July 2021

Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is going so quickly and it is great to see everyone back, enjoying the new term and the new learning opportunities. Welcome to the new members of staff - I hope you have all settled in well and are enjoying working with our fantastic pupils in our amazing school!

Over the summer, I did the 'Elmer Trail' across the city and it was great to see so many families doing the same. The amount raised in the city for the St Luke's charity was tremendous – a real win-win for everyone.

I was interested to hear that, after a suggestion by one of the pupils and their family, the school is looking into how to be more plastic-savvy in the prize box! As we are all reminded so often, the extensive use of plastic is becoming a major problem throughout the world, so anything we can do will make a difference. I wonder what the alternatives will be.....

The Trustees and Local Governors have had their first meeting and have heard, for example, about how the Trust is developing and the school is broadening its curriculum content – we are very pleased that we have such a strongly committed staff team!

Enjoy the mid-term break

Best wishes

Carol

Chair, on behalf of the Trustees and Local Governors

Top Awards for Ernesettle Community School

What a fantastic way to start the last week of term! For the second year in a row, Ernesettle Community School has received a school guide rating of 5 stars and has therefore been awarded a certificate of excellence for the academic year 2019-2020. This month, it was also announced that Ernesettle Community School was rated in first place in the top three Primary Schools in Plymouth 2019 by 'Three Best Rated'. A massive congratulations to all of the children at Ernesettle Community School for always being such brilliant role models and of course to the dedicated staff team that go above and beyond every day to make a difference to the children's lives. Well done and congratulations to all!

The Best Primary
School in Plymouth



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
Ernesettle Community School
HAS RECEIVED A SCHOOL GUIDE RATING OF
★★★★★
AND HAS THEREFORE BEEN AWARDED A
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
FOR THE YEAR 2019 - 2020
Victoria Bond
Victoria Bond, CEO of School Guide

Let's Brew This!

At the end of September, our School Council representatives and Miss Terry organised 'Ernesettle's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Due to all of your generous donations and support at the event, we are delighted to announce that we raised an incredible £323.10. We would also like to thank the Year 6 children who kindly donated an additional £210.98 from their acts of kindness, creating a grand total of £534.08. Well done everyone!



Open Evening for School Starters

Are you looking for a primary school for your child to join in September 2020?



Come along to our open evening on Thursday 7th November and take a guided tour of our exceptional school and attend a presentation from our Executive Headteacher at 4.00pm or 5.00pm. There is no need to book for the open evening, however, if you would like more information, please get in touch.

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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