



Ernesettle Community School Newsletter

January 2020

Together We Learn

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

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020! We have certainly hit the ground running this term as January has been jam-packed with wonderful learning opportunities for the children. At the start of the month, our School Councillors spent an amazing day in London, where they toured the Houses of Parliament and viewed the city sights from the top of the Shard! The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, with fantastic manners and behaviour all day. Also this month, the pupils and staff of Ernesettle Community School raised an impressive £427.50 for the Australian Bushfire Appeal by wearing blue to represent water. The children collaborated to create a giant rain drop on the playground – what a brilliant effort, well done everyone! We look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks for the Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings which take place on the 10th, 11th and 12th of February. Bookings are filling up rapidly, so please do book your appointments as soon as possible using the online system:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
- Type in the event code: **gbzsp**

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. Whilst on site, if you are able to complete the ParentView survey in the ICT suite too, it would be much appreciated please. Thank you very much in advance for your support, we look forward to meeting with you to celebrate your children's learning and progress.

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 and After School Club bookings are paid for and booked in advance through ParentPay.



Term Dates 2019-2020 for Pupils	
Term 3	
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





BEST SCHOOL IN THE CITY FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW!



We are delighted to inform you that Ernesettle Community School has been announced as THE BEST PRIMARY SCHOOL IN PLYMOUTH in The Real Schools Guide 2020! This means, that for the third year in a row, we are 1st place in the city! We are also extremely proud to say that we have come 5th place in the whole of Devon. What an amazing achievement for the children, staff, families, stakeholders and community. The guide considers 45 different data points, including factors such as progress, pupil-teacher ratios and absence rates. You will see from the picture that it is a 5 star rating for Ernesettle Community School. What happens at Ernesettle Community School really is inspiring. The dedication, passion for learning and sheer hard work of the team ensure that all children are prepared not just for the next stage of education but for life. We would also like to take this opportunity to say a really big thank you to all of our families for their continued support.

The Real Schools Guide 2020	
SCHOOL NAME	
ERNESETTLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL	
LOCAL AUTHORITY	
PLYMOUTH	
RATING	*****
OVERALL	90.5/100
RANK	398/14,749
ATTAINMENT	*****
ATTAINMENT FOR ALL	*****
PROGRESS	*****

Governor Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year – this month is going so quickly!

After an intensive run-up to the Christmas break, enhanced by the ‘Outstanding’ Ofsted grade that the school received (but only marginally topping the success and enjoyment of the Christmas performances!), the new term has started with even more awards.

It is tempting to think that, having achieved the ‘Outstanding’ grade, everyone can relax; secure in the knowledge that we won’t be having another visit for several years. However, this is not the case – at a recent Local Governing Body meeting, Mrs. Pearce outlined further work on improving the content of the curriculum and the development of the school to maintain the present high standards of expectation and teaching in the classrooms. The Local Governing Body is keen to retain the free educational visits, as governors are aware of how much impact these have on the children’s learning and life experiences but budgetary constraints may eventually have some impact on this.

The relationships and support within the school community are important to us all and it is the responsibility of everyone to maintain positive links. The whole of the school staff team, whether new or established, is deeply committed to enhancing the life choices of the pupils and families (academically, socially, emotionally and physically).

Best wishes

Carol

On behalf of the Trustees and Local Governors



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE XPRESSIONS APP ON YOUR PHONE...

As you are aware the majority of our communication is now via Xpressions. This is a more environmentally friendly and cost effective way to share letters and information with Parents/Carers. However, please do ensure that you have downloaded the App version (rather than email only) as over the next few terms we will be releasing event tickets and information to App users first. This will help to ensure that the system is running as efficiently as possible. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.



SITE ACCESS and PARKING

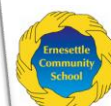
We have received requests from local residents and councillors regarding collection and drop off times in Kenley Gardens. We have been asked to share the PCC Camera Car and Parking Enforcement details, so please ensure you do park legally and considerately.



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.