



ESPS MARCH NEWSLETTER 2018

Dates for Diary

- 1st March World Book Day
- 8th March. Amazing Journey – all classes
- 8th March PSA meeting 6 pm
- 9th March Fitness Freddy in school all day
- 16th Forestside Art Bus at school
- 23rd Scientific Sue in school for Years 4 - 7
- 28th – 10th April – school closed for Easter Holidays and school development

New maths World Passport! We need parents to journey with their kids!

The new passport has been sent home and is on the school website for you to look at. Please help your children work through the skills and language! Any pupils successful by the end of March will receive a great prize! If you need any further information, please contact me at school.



Attendance at interviews

We had a 96% turnout at the teacher parent meetings last month. Thank you to all who attended it helps us work together to provide the best for our pupils.

Punctuality and Attendance. I know we can really improve this!

The whole school attendance for February was **91%**. January was **91%**. September and October were 93%, November was 92% and December was 91%. I understand that pupils get sick from time to time but I would like to remind all our parents that your child will be more successful if they attend school on a highly regular basis. **We are still aiming for 96% each month! We want to have higher attendance than other schools around us!** If we can help in any way or there is information that we should know regarding your child's attendance, please let us know. www.eani.org.uk/schools/miss-school-miss-out/

Playground

The school playground has been zoned to encourage a calmer environment and more participation in sport, games and activities. The school buddies are supporting all pupils as well as our lunchtime assistants so that everyone can have fun, co-operate and enjoy their lunch breaks. We are also using some school fund money to buy play equipment. Research says that free play is extremely important to good mental health and that is why we want to improve the experience at lunchtimes for our pupils.

PSA (Parent Staff Association)

The date for the next PSA meeting is **Thursday 8th March @ 6 pm**. We need lots of parents to attend so that together we can raise money and run events that greatly improve our school community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parking/Dogs

I have received concerns from a few parents about cars parked over the pavement in a way that restricts passing with young children or prams etc. Please be considerate of everyone when parking in the mornings and afternoons. No dogs are allowed on school grounds at any time (guide-dogs are of course exempt). Thank you.

Focus Groups

I will be using the school App and email service to invite parents to give feedback on new school policies. This is an opportunity for you to support the school by sending back information to say you agree with the policy and the way forward. If you receive a policy, it would be greatly appreciated if you would have a quick read and then just email the school on info@eustonstreet.belfast.ni.sch.uk saying you agree or to ask questions. Thank you.

Easter Holidays

Pupils will finish for the Easter holidays on Tuesday 27th March at 2 pm (Year 1 – 3 @ 1:45 as normal). They will return to school on **Tuesday 10th April** (Monday 9th April is closed for school development).

Thank you
John Armstrong