



# ESPS SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

*'Achieving Excellence Together'*

**Welcome back to all our pupils, parents, carers and wider community family!**  
**We look forward to your support as we work together to ensure your children have a very successful year!**

## **Dates for Diary**

- **Fire Drill** whole school, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September @ 10 am
- **27<sup>th</sup> September** M&M Theatre 'Treasure Island' in school, no cost.
- **28<sup>th</sup> September** Attendance Check
- **2018/19 Holidays** See the school website under – PARENTS/Holidays
- **School website** For all information please visit the school website at [www.eustonstreetps.co.uk](http://www.eustonstreetps.co.uk)

## **After school activities**

These will start soon for Years 4 – 7 over coming weeks. Please check schoolbags for permission notes!

## **New Staff**

We welcome Mr Fulton as our new Vice-Principal and Year 7 teacher. Mr Fulton has worked for a number of years in Dundonald Primary. Mrs Whitten is a new job share teacher working with Mrs McDonald in Year 4 and Mrs Ruddock is a new job share teacher working with Mrs Templeton in Year 1. Mrs Hayes is our new teacher supporting our Newcomer pupils.

## **Punctuality and Attendance. We can do this everyone!**

We have had a brilliant start to the year so thank you for supporting your child with being present and on time so far. You know we are always aiming for 96% each month (anything under 95% is considered poor attendance by the Department of Education). If we can help in any way with attendance difficulties or there is information that we should know regarding your child's attendance, please let us know. We will be doing our 'Attendance Check' each month and will be supporting parents with a phone call or letter home to help with any attendance that is lower than expected. [www.eani.org.uk/schools/miss-school-miss-out/](http://www.eani.org.uk/schools/miss-school-miss-out/)

## **PSA/Parents' Room**

PSA will be starting again soon. Please keep an eye on the school website and Facebook for details of the first meeting. We hope to have as many parents there as possible, so invite someone to come with you! The Parents are invited in each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15. Please see the website under PARENTS – Parents' Group

## **Barnardo's**

We are very pleased that we have a Barnardo's counselling service and pupil drop in service available in school this year each Friday from September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you think you or your child would benefit from this service, please contact John Armstrong confidentially at school. They are only in school on a Friday each week and it will prove to be a popular partnership so please be aware the school will have to prioritise places.

## **Administration of medicine**

If you require your child to take medicine during school, please contact the school office for a medical form or visit the website for a form under – PARENTS – MEDICAL FORMS.

## **Belfast School of Performing Arts**

We are very fortunate to have BSPA in school this year. Some parents have already completed an interest form. We will verify interest again. It is hoped to start this after school programme after 17<sup>th</sup> September, details will follow – there is no cost for this activity.

Thank you for all your support  
John Armstrong