



ESPS MAY NEWSLETTER 2019!

'Achieving Excellence Together'

Dates for Diary

- 2nd May – school closed for local elections. **School reopens Friday 3rd May @ 8:45 am.**
- 3rd May – Fitness Freddy in school to promote a healthy lifestyle! Pupils in PE clothes!
- 6th May – school closed for Bank Holiday – **school reopens on Tuesday 7th @ 8:45 am.**
- **Please ensure your children are in school on Friday 3rd May to help overall attendance!**
- 8th May – parent information session on our new 'Number Talks' – see below
- 14th & 15th May – Scientific Sue to conduct science workshops for the pupils.
- 23rd May – school closed (likely) for European elections – details to follow
- 27th May – school closed for Bank Holiday
- 29th May – School Sport's Day at Cregagh Cricket Club – details to follow
- 1st June – PSA Summer Fair – details below
- 2018/19 and 2019/2020 Holidays See the school website under – **PARENTS/Holidays**
- **School website/Facebook** Please visit the school website at www.eustonstreetps.co.uk

Punctuality and Attendance – the school can't do this on their own, we need to work together!

Top Attendance Awards! Be an attendance H.E.R.O – Here, Every day, Ready, On Time!

Thank you to all our parents working hard on good attendance and punctuality of their children. Our whole school attendance for April was 86%. **This still remains too low for the 5th month in a row! We must aim for 96% please! Please make sure your children are in school on Friday 3rd May to help overall**

attendance and don't keep them off school unless absolutely necessary!

Our 'Top Attendance' awards continue this month for pupils who have attended 95% or more in April.

Mrs Rainey's class Year 5, won best class attendance for April with 95%!! Well done!

Keep going with the great attendance! If you didn't get high attendance in April, you can do better in May!

Please contact school if there are specific circumstances impacting on attendance that we need to be aware of.

www.eani.org.uk/schools/miss-school-miss-out/

Parent Numeracy Information Session – all welcome!

Next Wednesday, 8th May Mrs Templeton will be holding a Numeracy information session for parents to explain about the new 'Number Talks' being used by teachers in school. Number Talks are a teaching strategy used to help your children grasp maths skills faster and better to help with their overall progress. The session will run from 9:15 to approximately 9:45 in the Parent's Room in school. Just come in via the front door and we will direct you. We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.

Parent Voice – we need you!

We are holding new Parent Voice sessions in May for all our parents in Nursery to Year 7. This is to give you a voice in school. There is an information coming home to explain what the Parent Voice is and when to come.

Building on Redcar Street corner

Please take extra care when approaching school via Redcar Street/ Euston Street as there is ongoing building work requiring the footpath to be fenced off. Please use the other side of the road during this period. Thank you for your cooperation.

Numeracy Maths Passport & Bug Club – Let's make a difference!

Many of our pupils are working hard on their numeracy passport. See – www.eustonstreetps.co.uk – **on the homepage!** Please keep using the Passport and the Bug Club reading internet site at home. If you cannot access this at home (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk), please let the class teacher know immediately. Pupils who read more and learn their times tables (Year 4 – 7) and number facts and families (Years 1 – 3) are in with a chance to win our weekly TESCO Awards!

PSA Summer Fair Saturday 1st June

The PSA are holding their first Summer Fair on Saturday 1st June in school. There will be stalls, bouncy castles, ice-cream van, candy floss, beat the goalie, tombola, petting zoo, BBQ, golf and lots more. It will run from 11 am to 1 pm. More details will follow nearer to the event.

Music and improving pupil literacy and numeracy!

If you wish your child to start music lessons, please send a note to the class teacher or speak to Mr Armstrong.

DADS & Music!

Mr Armstrong, Mr Fulton, Mr Murray and Jon Sterry (music teacher) are having a pizza and music open evening for any dads who would like to start learning or improve in drums, electric guitar, piano, bass guitar or ukulele!

The introduction/information night will last for 30 mins and will explain times and costs while we have some pizza!

More information will follow.

Sporting achievements

The school netball team had a great day at the Northern Ireland finals in Lisburn last month. Well done girls!

Thank you for all your support
John Armstrong