



ESPS JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

Happy New Year to everyone in our school community!

Dates for Diary

- 5th January. Open Morning for Year 1 & Nursery 9:30 – 10:30 am.
- 9th January. NI Water Bus in school for all classes
- 15th January. After school activities start. Please see website for details.
- 19th January. Football tournament at Ashfield Boys School
- 5th February. Parental Interview week. **School closes for all pupils at 1:30 pm all week.** Information to follow.
- 12th – 16th February. School closed for half term. Reopens Monday 19th February.

Year 1 & Nursery applications

All application forms need to be returned to the school office with a birth certificate no later than Wednesday 10th January at 12 noon. If you need any further assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 02890457089.

New maths World Passport!

In Euston Street we want all our pupils to feel successful in maths! To help our pupils achieve even higher standards we are starting a new maths 'World Passport' for all pupils in Years 1 – 7. This is a list of the basic number skills and maths language that pupils need in each year to make good progress. We would encourage parents to work on these skills with your child at home. The Passport will be on the school website and more information will follow shortly. Pupils achieving each stage will be rewarded and greatly encouraged to mentor others in their class. I have no doubt that as we work together our pupils, your children, will do better and better in maths at Euston Street!

Punctuality and Attendance

The whole school attendance for December was **91%**. September and October were 93% and November was 92%. We are falling behind in our attendance figures compared to other schools. 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!** 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/

School Fund

Thank you to all who have contributed to school fund. We have purchased a huge amount of new reading books for the pupils in all Year Groups to support their learning and progress.

New School Fence

I hope you are pleased with the new look fencing. It gives a better appearance and most importantly it is safer. New school signage and educational boards will be going up soon.

PSA (Parent Staff Association)

The PSA committee are meeting with Mr Armstrong next week. The date for the next PSA meeting will follow. We hope many parents will attend and offer to support the school at future events.

Cash for Clobber

Thank you to those who have already contributed items. Please send any unwanted clothing, bags, belts or shoes in a black plastic bag to the school office before next Friday 12th January (no duvets or bedding). Thank you.