



Dear parents/carers

Thank you for your interest in our ESB exams this year. We have a confirmed date for the exams on **Wednesday 6th July 2016.**

Children sitting the Junior Introductory upwards will be examined in groups of about six children and the exam lasts from 9 minutes each candidate for Junior Introductory to 13 minutes each candidate for Junior medallion. Miss Fielding will also be present.

In class, your child will be practicing their prose, poem and presentation. We would recommend that they also practice at home. Please check the syllabus to ensure your child is practicing the correct materials.

Some top tips would include:

Presentation: Please remember this is double weighted in marks. Examiners have heard thousands of presentations- how can your child 'grab' the examiners attention? If you are talking about the titanic for example, maybe your child could ask the group to feel an ice cube for example as an introduction... Try to encourage your child to be spontaneous; don't read the presentation off by heart- a poster board is often a good way to encourage spontaneity.

Prose: Your child should always try to include reading with dialogue and maybe choose a piece with a cliff hanger. Encourage your child to give good eye contact and using different character voices. Make sure your child holds the book properly!

Introduce the book to the examiner- make them want to read it all the way through!

Poem: Encourage your child to change the pitch, tone and pace of their reading.

Children sitting the Early Steps badges (in Reception *and Year 1*) will be examined in small groups. Please also check the attached syllabus to ensure your child is practicing at home!

Please return the slip and a cheque made payable to school by

Yours Sincerely

Miss R Fielding

I would like my child to be examined in their speaking and listening with the ESB and enclose a cheque for the amount below payable to school:

Early steps badge 1- Reception

Early steps badge 2- Reception/Year 1 (£20 per child)

Junior introductory- Year 2 (£26 per child)

Junior 1- Year 3 (£27 per child)

Junior 2- Year 4 (£28 per child)

Junior 3- Year 5 (£29 per child)

Junior medallion- Year 6 (£30 per child)