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**School Open Evening
For Prospective P1 Pupils
Tuesday 26th November
from 6.00pm – 7.00pm**



We would be very much obliged if you could tell family, friends and neighbours about our **Prospective Primary 1 Open Evening to be held in Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School on Tuesday 26th November from 6.00pm – 7.00pm.** They would be made most welcome. If you know of someone who has a child who will be starting Primary 1 in September 2025 please inform them about this opportunity to learn more about the ethos, atmosphere and environment within Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School. Applications for 2025 admission should be made online, via the Education Authority website at www.eani.org.uk/admissions The application process opens on 10th January 2025 and any information regarding this process will be accessed from the EA website. We are very proud of our school and honoured that so many parents entrust us with the care and education of their children. Please come and see what makes our wee school so special.

Parent/Guardian & Teacher Interviews

We would like to thank both Teaching Staff and School Parent/Guardians for their participation in the recent P1 – P6 Parent/Guardian & Teacher Interviews. We hope that you found the time spent sharing information with your child's class teacher both valuable and informative. On your behalf I would like to thank all our Teaching Staff for their continued dedication and commitment that serve all the pupils so well at Harding Memorial. If you have any follow up questions or queries, please feel free to make an appointment with the office and your child's teacher will be back in touch. There will be another chance to speak to your child's class teacher later in the school year.



Positive Behaviour Scheme - Harding Hero for Kindness

The "Harding Hero" Scheme is used to reinforce and promote Positive Behaviour amongst all the pupils at our school. The aim of this scheme is to create an atmosphere in which the pupils are encouraged to develop a sense of self-esteem and an awareness of the needs of others. At the end of each behaviour theme period a pupil from Primary 1 to Primary 7 will receive a behaviour certificate which will be displayed on the Harding Hero Noticeboard. The theme for the current Harding Hero Scheme is **Kindness** which we can demonstrate by **being helpful, being considerate, doing the right thing and being gentle to each other**. We hope that all Parents will assist us in the project by reinforcing the importance of children demonstrating **Kindness** both inside and outside of school.



Christmas Celebrations

The End of Term Christmas Performances have been confirmed for Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils. These annual events prove to be both popular and very well attended with every pupil participating in our Christmas Celebrations. Admission will be by ticket only.

These shows will take place in the School Assembly Hall as follows:

- ✓ **The Primary 1 & Primary 2 Christmas Show will take place in the School Assembly Hall on Monday 2nd December (P1 Parent/Guardians Invitation Preference) and Tuesday 3rd December (P2 Parent/Guardians Invitation Preference)**
- ✓ **The Primary 3 & Primary 4 Christmas Show will take place in the School Assembly Hall on Tuesday 10th December (P3 Parent/Guardians Invitation Preference) and Wednesday 11th December (P4 Parent/Guardians Invitation Preference)**
- ✓ **The Primary 5, Primary 6 & Primary 7 Christmas Show will take place in the School Assembly Hall on Wednesday 18th December (P5/P6 Parent/Guardians Invitation Preference) and Thursday 19th December (P7/P5 Parent/Guardians Invitation Preference)**

To facilitate as many people as possible we have allocated classes to the above days. For Health and Safety reasons the number of seats are restricted but we anticipate that there may be a limited number of additional tickets available for some of these performances and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please email the school office info@hardingmemorial.belfast.ni.sch.uk if you wish to request additional tickets (up to a maximum of 4 please)

Flu and Sickness Advice for Parents/Guardians/Carers with Children at School

Harding Memorial appreciates the ongoing support of Parent/Guardians when addressing the issue of “illness” in our School, especially when pupils are ill prior to the start of the school day. Our experience is that in many such situations, pupils have to be sent home again, so we would encourage a “sick child” to be kept at home. A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff and obviously the school would wish to avoid the spread of illness within the confined community of a school classroom. We feel that it may be of particular benefit to share the following medical information below with Parent/Guardians. The symptoms of flu often start suddenly and may include:

- ✓ fever
- ✓ fatigue
- ✓ coughing
- ✓ sore throat
- ✓ headache
- ✓ runny nose
- ✓ some people also have vomiting and diarrhoea

Most people, including children, will recover within a few days. Resting and taking over the counter preparations such as Paracetamol will help. Anyone with flu-like symptoms should stay at home, so as not to infect others, until feeling better.

General Information

As we move towards December it is clear that the weather is getting colder and wetter. This means that all children must come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Warm coats should be worn even if children come by car as it is very beneficial for children that they get exercise outdoors at break and lunch time if at all possible. Please ensure all children have access to a coat in school.

Your Child’s Online World

We would like to make all school Parent/Guardians aware about the following information:

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

This website offers some simple guidance about the risks your child might face online, some advice about what you can do to keep them safe, and where you can go for more help and support. School would recommend a key message from the NSPCC about the importance of all adults being aware of what their primary school age child/children is/are “seeing and doing online” and to make sure that they do not see or do anything that is **not age appropriate**. There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. Being online can be great but it is important that we set boundaries for our children to keep them safe whilst they explore being online, develop their digital resilience and understanding of what to do if anything negative happens when online. So how can we help keep our children safe? We can start by checking age restrictions/ratings. **It is important that we follow these to ensure that what our children are doing or seeing online is appropriate for their age.**



Harding Memorial Primary School

...starting school in September 2025?



Come along and view our facilities

OPEN EVENING

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Primary 1

Information Talk commences 6pm

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