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Dear Parent



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**Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School**  
**Parent, Teacher & Friends Association**  
**MAY FUN FAIR**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am to 11.30am**

We would like to invite Pupils, Parent/Guardians and Families of the school to the Parent Teacher Association Fun Fair that will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am – 11.30am. We hope that everyone will join us to celebrate this very important and enjoyable social event in the life of the school.

- **School will close at 2.00pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May for all P4 – P7 Pupils to allow for final organisational preparations in advance of this event**

**Physical Activity at Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School**

In Harding Memorial we aim to give all our pupils the maximum opportunity to develop their physical abilities by offering an extensive range of sporting activities. It is anticipated that involvement in these activities will help raise pupils' confidence and self-esteem, their motivation to learn and their achievements in other curricular areas. We would like to publicly acknowledge the support that our school currently receives from various local sporting organisations such as Cregagh Wanderers Football Club and Cregagh Cricket Club. Our School Football Teams participated in the Final of the Bryson Cup where they performed admirably despite being defeated by a very strong opposition team. Nevertheless, we are very pleased to inform Parent/Guardians that our School Football Team have qualified to participate in the Northern Ireland Primary School Finals this week and we wish them every success. A Girls Football Team will also be participating in a Friendly Football Tournament at Belvoir BB 3G Pitches on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. It is very pleasing to observe the promising sporting talent from both boys and girls throughout the school and to note the playground enthusiasm of all the pupils which should ensure our continued sporting success.

**Positive Behaviour Scheme - Harding Hero for Cooperation**

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. The theme for the Harding Hero Scheme is Cooperation e.g. working together as a team, sharing play equipment, helping people in your class and building relationships.

## Keeping Our Children Safe Online

We would encourage all School Parent Guardians to open and honest conversations with their children about the dangers that may be online. When your children go outside to play, you ask them who they are playing with and what they are doing. As a school we believe that Parent/Guardians need to consider doing the same thing when their children engage online. Are they speaking to somebody within a game or on social media that is a genuine friend of theirs, or is it an adult impersonating a child ? Our colleagues at Parenting NI and the PSNI have made a video for how parents can talk to their children about what they are doing online. Link to video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cgxUcOPs\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cgxUcOPs_M)



2022 is a really significant year in the life of our country. The celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II will hopefully make this a year to remember. As a school we want our children to have an understanding of what all these celebrations are about and to have opportunity to share in them in a way that is meaningful and memorable to them. **We are in the process of planning a Teddy Bears Picnic Celebration during School on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022** that will seek to achieve the above and enrich our school community of children, staff and parents. Finer details are still being worked out but please take note of the following advance information – All P1 – P7 children can come to school in Non-Uniform but we would suggest a “Red, White or Blue” colour theme. This simple gesture should make a very patriotic theme and as part of the day we hope to create a giant living Union Jack with every child involved. If they wish to, children can bring a Teddy Bear to School on this date to help reinforce the Teddy Bear Picnic Theme. Additional information will be sent home with Parent/Guardians in advance of this date.

Date	Future Event
➤ Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School will be closed for the Jubilee Bank Holiday
➤ Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School will be closed for the Jubilee Bank Holiday
➤ Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Development Day and P1 – P7 Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date
➤ Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	School Development Day and P1 – P7 Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date
Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School will stop for all P1 – P7 pupils on Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June and there will be no school dinners available on this date.	



## **Harding Memorial School Sports Day**

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

- **Races for P1 – P3 will commence at approximately 10.15am**
- **Races for P4 – P7 will commence at approximately 1.15pm**

#### **Primary 1 – Primary 3 and Primary 4 – Primary 7 School Sports Day**

Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School Sports Day will take place in Cregagh Sports Ground (behind Iceland) on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022. (weather permitting)

- ✓ **Races for Primary 1 – Primary 3 will commence at approximately 10.15am**
- ✓ **Races for Primary 4 – Primary 7 will commence at approximately 1.15pm**

P1 – P3 children will be dismissed from school that day at 12.15 pm. (No school dinners or packed lunches). P4 – P7 children will be returning to school and dismissed at their usual time. Pupils do not need to wear school uniform and may come to school dressed ready for Sports Day. We would ask you to ensure that your child has suitable footwear to participate in races and brings a coat to school as it can be cold. The children should come to school wearing appropriate clothing e.g. shorts, t-shirt, trainers and leggings/bottoms and top to keep warm between events. Parents are warmly invited to attend but please note we are unable to provide seating for spectators. **In the event of sports day being cancelled due to inclement weather the same lunch arrangements will remain in place and all P1 - P3 children will go home from school at 12.15 pm.** Sports races will then be run off in school as and when timetabling permits – unfortunately it will not be possible to invite Parent/Guardians to watch if this is the case.