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Thank You from Harding Memorial Primary School

We would like to thank all those pupils, parents and friends of the school who attended the Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School Prospective Primary 1 Open Evening on Tuesday 26th November 2024. Hopefully everyone who attended this event found it useful, informative and enjoyable. As School Principal I would like to formally acknowledge my appreciation to all our School Staff for the additional time, energy and expertise that they invested in making our School Open Evening such an outstanding success.

The Education Authority Application Digital Admission Process for access to Primary 1 at Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School in September 2025 will start on Friday 10th January 2025

- ✓ There will be a Clay Razy Craft Afternoon Session for Prospective Primary 1 Pupils and Parent/Guardians on Tuesday 7th January 2025 starting at 3.00pm.
- ✓ School will close at 1.55pm/2.00pm for all Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2025 to enable School Staff to make preparations for this school induction event.
- ❖ **If you know of any parent who has a child due to start Primary 1 in September 2025, please encourage them to attend our **Prospective Pupil Event on Tuesday 7th January from 3.00pm – 4.00pm.****
- ❖ **In addition, any Prospective P1 Parent/Guardian who would like to tour the school and view our Foundation Stage Resource area should contact the school office in order to arrange an individual appointment and tour of Harding Memorial with the School Principal.**

Date	Activity
Thursday 5 December 2024	Admissions criteria for Primary schools published on the EA website.
Friday 10 January 2025 – at 12 noon	EA Connect opens for online applications for Primary 1.
Friday 24 January 2025 – at 12 noon	EA Connect closes for online applications for Primary 1.
Wednesday 29 January 2025 – by 4pm	Deadline for submitting verification/supporting documents via EA Connect. Final date for late paper applications.
Wednesday 9 April 2025	Parents/carers will receive application outcomes via email (where one is held) or by letter.



As winter closes in, please remember to send your children to school with coats and hats but also maybe an additional layer under their uniforms.



We continue to try our very best to provide children with as many of our school Christmas traditions as possible. Therefore, I am pleased to confirm that our traditional Christmas Post Box will be in operation from **Wednesday 11th December onwards**. The children can “post their Christmas cards” in the red Post Box that is situated beside the front staircase **and these Christmas cards will be delivered by “P7 Elves”**. To ensure that they are delivered to the right child – please make sure that the **name of the child and class of the child/children** who are intended to be the recipient is clearly and legibly written on the outside of the envelope.



“Winning is great, sure, but if you are really going to do something in life, the secret is learning how to lose. Nobody goes undefeated all the time. If you can pick up after a crushing defeat, and go on to win again, you are going to be a champion someday.” **Wilma Rudolph**

School Football Team

Our Harding Memorial School Football Team participated last week in the Semi – Final of the 7 A Side Bryson Cup Competition against Inchmarlo Preparatory School. Unfortunately our team narrowly lost by four goals to three goals. Despite their disappointment at the final whistle our School Football Team Players showed good sporting manners by congratulating the opposition on their victory. We would like to thank Mr Heatley and the coaches from Cregagh Wanderers Football Club for all their continuing hard work and excellent football coaching for both our boys and girls.

School Uniform

Harding Memorial has an excellent uniform wearing tradition. We feel that wearing the school uniform promotes the child's feeling of belonging to our school. **We are currently in the process of replenishing our supply of school uniform and will soon have access to a number of spare school uniform items that will be available for parent/guardians to access on request.** Please contact either Mrs Lyttle or Mr Cumper if you require further information or assistance with this issue which we hope will be of benefit to any families who are in urgent need of replacing uniform items.

➤ **We are pleased to confirm with HMIPS Parent Guardians that the Harding Memorial Integrated P.S. Choir will be performing at St Georges Market on Friday 13th December 2024 from 12.30pm -1.00pm**