

Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Primary 7 Musical Performance at the Peace Proms

Our Primary 7 pupils are being given the fantastic opportunity to participate in the Peace Proms at the SSE Odyssey Arena in Belfast on Sunday 9th March 2025. The Peace Proms is a superb celebration of youth, music, energy and sheer talent on an epic scale. Our pupils will be performing alongside the critically acclaimed Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland and the Belfast Children's Peace Choir which is made up of 3,500 Primary School children from all over Northern Ireland. This is another wonderful opportunity for the oldest pupils in our School and I would like to formally express my gratitude to Miss Cullen for her excellent planning & organisation of this event.

Primary 1 – Primary 6 Parent/Teacher Interview Week

Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School always seeks to inform and involve parents as much as possible in the education of their children. In line with this objective a second set of P1 – P6 Parent/Teacher interviews will take place in the week **commencing Monday 10th March 2025**.

- **All Primary 1 – Primary 7 pupils will finish school early from Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March 2025 in order to facilitate Parent Teacher Interview meetings.**
- **All P1 – P7 pupils will finish school at 1.00pm during that week.**

Please ensure any child requiring adult supervision after school is collected promptly at this time. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter. Additional School Cloud Log On information about individual Primary 1 – Primary 6 Parent/Teacher Interview times has been distributed. **However if any Primary 1 – Primary 6 Parent/Guardian has any questions or queries about this process, please contact the School Office at your earliest possible convenience.** We hope that all Primary 1 – Primary 6 Parents/Guardians will be able to participate in these important interviews which are intended to be a two-way exchange of information and guidance between Home and School so that together we can more effectively support your child's learning.

Monday 17th March 2025 – School Closure

Parent/Guardians are reminded that School will be closed for all pupils due to Saint Patrick's Day

Healthy Break

We will be continuing the school policy of promoting a healthy break for pupils during the school day. We accept that having a healthy break will not in itself transform a child's lifestyle or health but we do believe it has potential to be habit forming, realistic and achievable. Obviously, children will still eat whatever you as parents decide at all other times but by raising awareness of healthy eating and by practising it in school we would hope that there may be long term benefits for our children. Please remember that Harding Memoria is a **'Nut Aware'** zone. **This means we must ask that all children in the school should refrain from bringing any food that contains nuts into school.**

- We appreciate that this may cause some Parent/Guardian inconvenience but School is confident that we will be able to count on your support with this very important safety issue.

World Book Day

Harding Memorial are celebrating **World Book Day** on **Friday 7th March**. We will be running our own Book Fair where children will be able to buy books. In school the children are being taught to be environmentally friendly and reuse items to prevent waste and protect our planet. Therefore, to show the children what this means in practise we are asking parents to send in any good quality books that your children no longer use so that we can stock our Book Fair.

Please start bringing your book donations into school **from Wednesday 26th February**. You can send book donations **up until Tuesday 4th March**. Please ensure the books you donate are suitable for primary school aged children.

On Friday 7th March, each class will have the opportunity to attend the Book Fair and purchase books. The books will cost £1 each.

To buy a £1 token for the book fair, please go to the School Shop section of the Eduspot School Money App and purchase as many £1 tokens as you like. Please be aware there will be no refunds if your child does not use the tokens. All proceeds from the tokens purchased will go towards school fund. **School Money will be open to buy book tokens on Tuesday 4th March.**

Friday 7th March will be a non-uniform day in school. Children may dress up as book characters if they wish but we are not officially dressing up this year.

World Book Day Competition

A World Book Day competition will be held for all children in all classes to participate in.

P1 – P3 and SC1 – Decorate a Wooden Spoon



If your child is in P1 – P3 or SC1 their competition will be to decorate a wooden spoon to look like their favourite book character.

P4 – P7 and GLSC – A Story in a Box



If your child is in P4 – P7 or GLSC, their competition will be to create a story in a box. Decorate the inside of a shoe box or cereal box to create a scene from your favourite story.

Competition entries must only be brought to school on **Friday 7th March** as we have limited space to store them. Entries will be returned the same day. Some prizes will be available for our competition winners.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to seeing your creations!