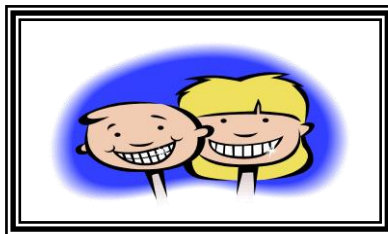


# Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School



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## Primary 1 to Primary 7 Sports Day – Thank You

Well done to everyone for taking part so well in all the P1 – P7 Sports Day Races. This is an important occasion in the life of school and it was great to see so many children participating and enjoying the activities. There was great excitement as the children took part in their various races and the children all ran very enthusiastically with great determination to get to the finish line. As we all know it is taking part and having fun which is important so we say **"Well Done"** to every one of the children for doing their very best and enjoying the races. It was lovely to hear the children excitedly cheering their friends and classmates along. Thank you to all our school staff for the organisation of each of these enjoyable events and also to the large number of parents and friends who came along to support the school and encourage the children. Our children love seeing you there to watch and cheer. It really does make a difference to them and to us as well. Thank you also to Cregagh Sports Club for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities.

## Goodbye to Our Primary 7 Pupils

The month of June is always a mixture of memories, celebrations, farewells and looking forward for our Primary 7 pupils. As we say goodbye to these children, we wish them every success and happiness in their new schools and hope that they bring enthusiasm and dedication to all the opportunities that will come their way in the days ahead. We hope that they will look back upon their Primary School career with happy memories. Thank you to everyone associated with Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School for their help and support over the past year in so many different ways. Thank you to our Teaching and Non – Teaching Staff who continue to work so incredibly hard for all our children. To all those individuals who are leaving – Children, Staff and indeed Parent/Guardians who have also had a long association with our school, thank you and best wishes for the future. We hope that everyone will have a warm, safe and restful summer break.

However, it is not just our P7's who will be leaving Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School at the end of the School Year. We will also be saying goodbye to our Primary 5 Class Teachers, Miss Woodside and Mrs McMullan. During their time at Harding Memorial both Shirley and Emma have been highly skilled, talented, and positive members of our School Teaching Staff. As School Principal I have been enormously grateful for their commitment and dedication and wish them both very well for the future. We are also saying Good-Bye to two members of School Non-Teaching Staff, Mrs Harland who has been a Classroom Assistant in our SC1 Cass and Mrs Murphy who has been working in our School as Ancillary Support Cleaner for a number of years. Again we send our best wishes to both Jennifer and Vivienne as they move on from Harding Memorial Integrated P.S.

## Reports Home Next Monday 27th June 2022

**End of Year School Reports will be sent home with Primary 1 – Primary 7 children next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** If circumstances have changed and you require two copies of the report to be prepared, please make sure that you let the school office know via e mail to [eshannon845@c2kni.net](mailto:eshannon845@c2kni.net) before Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022. If you choose to discuss the report with your child, please emphasise the positive points and praise the effort made by each individual child. We would also like to

remind all Parent/Guardians about the importance of the percentage attendance of your child that will be indicated at the front of the school report. **Additional information from the Department of Education regarding school attendance is copied below.** We hope that the parent/guardian of any child who has attendance below 95% (95% attendance is regarded as satisfactory) will address this issue during the incoming 2022/2023 School Academic Year.



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

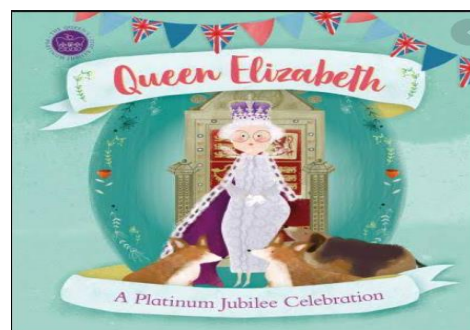
For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.

### Congratulations to our TT Rock Stars

We would like to congratulate our P4 – P7 Pupils on their excellent efforts in TT Rock Stars – an innovative and exciting mathematical project, superbly organised by the School Numeracy Co-ordinator, Mrs Murray. A special word of praise is made to Primary 4 who have won the final battle of the Year and congratulations to Jacob M from P6 who was the FASTEST IN THE SCHOOL.

### Free School Meals and School Uniform Allowance Applications

The Education Authority has provided an update on the 2022/23 application process for Free School Meals and School Uniform Allowance. Applications for the support available should be made before 31st July 2022 to ensure that everything is in place for the new school year in September. Parents/Guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2021/22 school year will receive a letter highlighting the need to apply for the 2022/23 school year and the process to do so. Online application is now open for all parents/guardians (including new applicants) and may be accessed via the EA website <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants> Information regarding eligibility criteria for the 2022/23 school year can also be accessed via the EA website [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk). The Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk is available to assist parents/guardians who may have queries. The Helpdesk operates weekdays from 9.00 am until 4.30 pm and can be contacted on 028 9041 8044.



The Platinum Jubilee of our Queen, Elizabeth 2 has been an amazing achievement for an amazing individual. As a school we want our children to have an understanding of the historical significance 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. Therefore, we are pleased to confirm that we have organised

**A Teddy Bears Picnic Celebration during School on Thursday 23rd June 2022** that will seek to achieve the above and enrich our school community of children, staff and parents. **All 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.**

The Children will receive a "Snack Box" Treat in School at approximately 1.00pm and they will then be treated to a performance by Mister Giggles who will be performing two concerts for the P1 - P3 pupils from approximately 1.10pm – 1.50pm and for the P4 - P7 Pupils from 2.10pm – 2.50pm. We know this will be a Great Opportunity for all our Pupils to help celebrate the first year of Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School. We are looking forward to the installation of two new signs which will publicise our "new name". During my time as School Principal there have been many considerable changes and developments within our School. I personally believe that Harding Memorial has a very special "niche market place" within the local school community. We are blessed to have Parent/Guardians who have high aspirations for their Children. I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for their ongoing support for HMIPS.