Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School



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Wednesday 11th December 2024

FS and KS1 Christmas Concerts - Thank You From Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School

We would like to congratulate all our children for their excellent performances during our P1-P4 Christmas celebrations. Congratulations to the boys and girls involved and thank you to all our school staff for their commitment to make these seasonal celebrations so enjoyable. We have been having a super turn out and we particularly appreciated the very positive comments from everyone who have joined us to help celebrate Christmas. We look forward to our KS2 Christmas Concerts next week.

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.

The Education Authority Application Digital Admission Portal for access to Primary 1 for September 2025 will open on Friday 10th January 2025

- ✓ There will be a Clay Razy Craft Afternoon Session for Prospective Primary 1 Pupils and Parent/Guardians on <u>Tuesday 7th January 2025 starting at 3.00pm.</u>
- ✓ 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 with the School Principal.



Thank you

The Teaching & Non - Teaching Staff of our School provide so much for our children both in the classroom and in other extra-curricular school activities. As School Principal I am indebted to all our staff for the many additional hours that they have spent in ensuring that our children have as rich a school experience as possible. I have confidence that their combined efforts enrich the lives of our children, our school and our whole school community. I would like to formally take this opportunity to express sincere thanks to all our school staff for their hard work this term. In particular it is right to acknowledge the significant amount of additional work undertaken in the run up to our traditional Primary 1 – Primary 7 Christmas celebratory events and also our school induction activities for Prospective Primary 1 Pupils for the incoming 2025/2026 Academic Year.

As always, this has been an extremely busy term. We would like to thank our Parent/Guardians for the many different ways in which you have supported us this term. We recognise the important role that our Parent/Guardians have in the education of their children and indeed in the smooth running of our busy school.

We are really grateful for the hard work and committed support of our Board of Governors, P.T.F.A. Committee Members and many parents and friends associated with school who have continued to support us during 2024.



We would once again ask our Parent/Guardians to please show consideration when parking near the school, **in particular, by not parking on corners or on double yellow lines especially during the Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Collection.** We have received several complaints from concerned Parent/Guardians regarding the double/triple parking, parking on top of kerbs and the blocking of key entrance points etc. School's main concern remains that poor parking may lead to an accident or worse, someone - child or adult - being injured. **Could we please ask that you park thoughtfully and safely for the pupils and other parent/guardians of the school.** Only your consideration and cooperation can help satisfactorily relieve these problems.

Future School Events	Date of Event	
Non School Uniform Days For All P1 to P7 Pupils	Friday 20 th December 2024	
End of First Term with No School Dinners Available	Friday 20 th December 2024	
School will stop for P1, P3, P5 Pupils at 12.10pm and for P2, P4, P6 & P7 Pupils at 12.15pm		
Term 2 starts at normal times for P1 – P7 Pupils	Friday 3 rd January 2025	
Craft Afternoon Session for Prospective P1 pupils	l	
on Tuesday 7 th January 2025 from 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Tuesday 7 th January 2025 at 1.55pm/ 2.00pm	





Wednesday 11th December 2024 Dear Parent/Guardian The message below is for your information. HMIPS

Dear Parents and Family of pupils of Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School, it has been brought to Police attention that vehicles are being parked in unsafe and dangerous positions around the school at pick up times. We appreciate that especially in the bad weather, we all like to park as close as we can to our destination, however parking on the zig zag lines, double yellow lines and on footpaths and corners, are all very dangerous. The safety of all pupils attending the school is paramount and we would encourage everyone to think before they park their cars. Parking in such a manner would result in breaches of the Road Traffic Order which could result in a fine. We would encourage all drivers to park safely in and around the school, so that every pupil is kept safe. Police will be present over the coming days to monitor vehicular activity.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Strandtown Neighbourhood Team