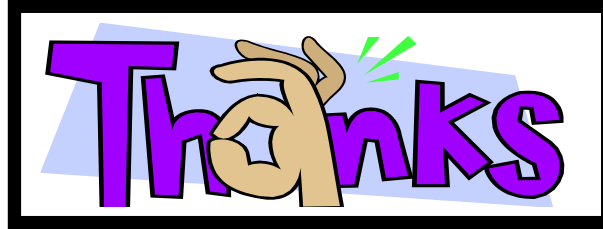




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Wednesday 29th May 2024

Parent Teacher & Friends Association May Fun Fair

Thank You From Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School

As we move towards the end of the current school year it was great to see so many happy and smiling faces in our School on a Saturday morning. On behalf of Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their tremendous support at our annual Parent Teacher Association & Friends May Fun Fair that took place on Saturday 25th May 2024. We had a super turn out from parents, pupils and local friends of our school and the fantastic sum of £2,200 was raised to support the school. Our thanks go especially to the members of the P.T.F.A. Committee and School Staff for all the hard work which went on behind the scenes in organising such a great event. Thank you again for all your support in this very important fundraising and enjoyable social event in the life of the school. It was wonderful to see so many parents and former pupils reunite and catch up on how lives have changed since they were last together. Everyone's efforts made the PTFA May Fair a great success.



Tuesday 11th June 2024

- ✓ 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

Our School Sports Day will take place in Cregagh Sports Ground (behind Iceland) on Tuesday 11th June 2024. (weather permitting) **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.

Board of Governors Parent/Guardian Questionnaire – Issued to Eldest Child on 22nd May

As we approach the end of the current 2023/2024 School Year we would like to thank you for your continued support. As Parent/Guardians you play a vital role in your child's education and your child benefits greatly when you support the work going on in Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School. All schools are required to review their progress and achievements against the targets they set in their School Development Plan for the previous year. Harding Memorial is no different to other schools in this respect and considerable work is completed by Harding Memorial Teaching Staff and Non-Teaching staff during the August Baker Days & School Development Days.

We are approaching the end of our Three Year School Development Planning Period from 2020/2021, 2021/2022 & 2023/2024 and therefore we feel that it is very important to consult with each Parent/Guardian as an essential "stakeholder" about our future school priorities in order that we can start to plan and continue to improve the school learning environment for everyone. Indeed, you and your child(ren) as members of our school community were and are the focus for all forms of School Development. Targets and plans are centred on improving the experiences for the children and on raising standards, particularly in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT (Information and Communications Technology).

Therefore we have asked Parent/Guardians for their opinions about their experiences of school life during their child's time at Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School. Each Parent/Guardian was issued **One Questionnaire** to their Eldest/Only Child in Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School on Wednesday 22nd May 2024. The results of this questionnaire will be very useful to us in forward planning and will remain anonymous. After Governors have completed the data analysis process, written feedback will be given to all Parent/Guardians before the end of June 2024.

✓ **It would be appreciated if all Parent/Guardians Questionnaires were returned back to the class teacher in the envelope provided on or before Friday 31st May 2024.**

In conclusion we believe that Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School has a very special niche market with parents who have high aspirations for their children. Our school has maintained a good reputation over a very long period and this reputation for quality is in no small measure due to the dedication and commitment of all Staff, Teaching and Non-Teaching, to both the Pastoral and Curriculum aspects of school life. At Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School we are very proud to confirm that all areas of a child's life are catered for both inside and outside of the classroom.



After School Activities

In Harding Memorial we aim to give our pupils the opportunity to further and widen their interests and offer an extensive range of "After School" activities. These clubs form an important part of our extended school life and are only possible because of the expertise and generosity of time given voluntarily by school staff and the support of the various External Organisations associated with our School. As we come to the end of Term 3 After School Clubs we would like to congratulate our pupils on their excellent attitude and behaviour during their participation in After School Clubs during the current school year. 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. The Boys and Girls School Football Teams have recently participated in two local tournaments within the last fortnight where they performed admirably by reaching the final stages. This sporting success has culminated in the **School Football Team qualifying for the NI 7 A Side Finals that will held at Lurgan FC on Friday 31st May 2024.** This is undoubtedly a fantastic achievement. It is very pleasing to observe the developing talent from both boys and girls throughout the school and to note the enthusiasm of all the pupils which should ensure our continued success. I would like to formally express my thanks to Mr Heatley, Miss Hall and Timmy and Alan and Kim from Cregagh Wanderers Football Club for their excellent coaching support for all the children who enjoy football at Harding Memorial.

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| ➤ Monday 3rd June | School Development Day and P1 – P7 Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date |
| ➤ Tuesday 11th June | School Sports Day starting for P1 – P3 Pupils at 10.15am and starting for P4 – P7 Pupils at 1.15pm |
| ➤ Monday 17th June | School Development Day and P1 – P7 Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date |



End of Term 3 is Friday 28th June 2024

- ✓ There will be no school dinners available on this date
- ✓ There will be no school uniform needed on this date
- ✓ P1, P3 and P5 pupils – School will close at 12.10pm
- ✓ P2, P4, P6 and P7 pupils – School will close at 12.15pm

HARDING MEMORIAL INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Holiday List For The **"INCOMING"** Academic Year = 2024/2025

Please note that Family holidays cannot be deemed to be an agreed, authorised absence except in very exceptional circumstances: (DE Circular 2006/14).

➤ A family holiday is judged to be important to the wellbeing and cohesion of the family, following serious or terminal illness, bereavement or other traumatic events."

➤ **First Day of School**

School will start for P2 to P7 pupils on Friday 30th August 2024 with school stopping for all pupils at 12.15pm (No School Dinners)

✓ **Half Term Holiday**

School is closed from Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024

Last Day of Term 1 – Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.15pm

✓ **Christmas Holiday**

School is closed from Monday 23rd December 2024 to Thursday 2nd January 2025

✓ **Spring Term**

School starts on Friday 3rd January 2025

❖ **School Development Day - Wednesday 12th February 2025**

School will be closed for all Pupils for Staff Training on this date

✓ **Spring Half Term Holiday**

School is closed on Thursday 13th February 2024 and Friday 14th February 2025

✓ **St Patrick's Day**

School is closed on Monday 17th March 2025

Last Day of Term 2 – Friday 11th April 2025 at 12.15pm

✓ **Easter Holiday**

School is closed from Monday 14th April 2025 to Friday 25th April 2025

✓ **Summer Term**

Summer term starts on Monday 28th April 2025

✓ **May Day Holiday**

School is closed on Monday 5^h May 2025

✓ **Summer Half Term Holiday**

School is closed on Monday 26th May 2025

❖ **School Development Day – Friday 13th June 2025**

School will be closed for all Pupils for Staff Training on this date

❖ **School Development Day – Monday 16th June 2025**

School will be closed for all Pupils for Staff Training on this date

End of Summer Term – The last day of the Summer Term will be Monday 30th June 2025 and School will stop at 12.15pm on this date.