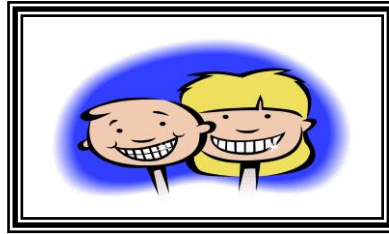


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Primary 1 to Primary 7 Sports Day – Thank You

Well done to everyone for taking part so well last week 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 they took part in their various races, and they 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 them 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. On Monday we celebrated our P7 Leavers Service. It was full of emotion as we said a fond farewell to our P7 class. A big thanks goes to all the staff who helped prepare our P7 class for this event. We wish our P7 pupils 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.

School Staffing Update

As you have been previously informed by communication from the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, Mrs Baird, has been successful in her application to be the new Principal of Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School. As the retiring School Principal, I would like to formally thank Mrs Mayes and her fellow Governors for their hard work and dedication during the appointment process. I have worked with Mrs Baird for the best part of two decades and I can personally vouch for both her pastoral care excellence and professional expertise. Mrs Baird has demonstrated great empathy for the children and adults during her time in Harding Memorial and I am certain that she will take our wee school onto new levels of success in the future.

Uniform Sale

In Harding we encourage the children to Reduce - Reuse – Recycle and with this in mind the PTFA have decided to hold a Pre-loved Uniform Sale. The sale will take place on Thursday 21st August 2025 from 1pm-3pm in the school library. If parent/guardians wish to donate any good quality school uniforms that their children have grown out of, please bring the washed items to the school office on Monday 30th June.

PTFA

The PTFA have worked extremely hard this year to raise much needed funds for Harding.

The funds raised have benefitted the children of Harding greatly. Below is a sample of the things the PTFA have helped purchase:

- P1 visit from Room on the Broom
- P2 subsidised bus cost to Crawfordsburn Beach
- P3 and SC1 subsidised visit from Wee Bugs and Beasties
- P3/P4 Playground Equipment
- P2 Fruit Shop visit
- P1-P4 and SC1 Nativity Costumes
- Equipment for SC1 playroom
- P1- P4 subsidised cost of Teddy Bear Dance Party
- P5 Subsidised bus to City Hall an Ulster Museum
- School Choir bus to St Georges Market
- P6 subsidised bus to North Down Museum
- Transport to school football matches for football teams
- Projector Board for the assembly hall
- P7 Leavers celebrations

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the PTFA for all their hard work and their time which they have so generously given whilst volunteering at events.

Mr S Cumper
Principal