

Happy New Year!

Dear parent / s

We warmly welcomed our children back to school on Thursday 04 January and school routines have very quickly resumed. Children have settled very smoothly and we would encourage you to support us from home by ensuring all homework is prepared thoroughly and signed by an adult. Reading, spellings and tables are to be overseen from home too and we greatly appreciate the strong and vital links we enjoy with home.

Congratulations!

Miss J Carson (Foundation Stage Assistant) married over the Christmas break. We are trying very hard not to call Mrs Wilson, Miss Carson any more. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs A Wilson, both past pupils of the school ... the children are putting us to shame by calling her Mrs Wilson!



Door Entry System

The main school doors have been cause for concern for many years and we are delighted to be able to inform you that they now close completely ensuring that our children are safe in school. Thank you to the Education Authority for totally replacing the troublesome door and frame!

We would also like to point out that **all visitors to school must report to the office**. It is no longer acceptable for visitors (even visitors who are parents) to walk around school corridors. This is in line with our updated Child Protection Policies and the safeguarding procedures that we afford our children. Thank you for your co-operation with this very important aspect of school life. Please do not be offended if you are asked to report to the office.



Traffic Management Scheme

We are delighted to be able to inform you that the Education Authority has approved a new traffic management scheme for our school. After much thought and careful consideration the EA purchased Mrs Cunningham's neighbouring bungalow and the plan is now set in place for additional staff parking bays on the site of the 'old' bungalow, 2 further bicycle canopies for approx 32 bicycles and an enhanced approach to the school for pedestrians via the existing access point from Main St. This scheme sees, once again, a significant investment of capital funding in the school and we gratefully accept the proposals. It must be said that there will be SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION to the school's avenue and pedestrian paths. However, our paramount concern now is for the safety, health and welfare of our 430 children as they access, use and leave the school grounds during the imminent work. Further details to follow!

School Fund

School Fund (for Term Two) will be £10 / child or £15 / family. School Fund enables the school to function on a day to day basis and covers incidental expenses. It is a vital contribution to enable us to subsidise visits and school events. School Fund remains a voluntary contribution.

Kitchen staff

If anyone is interested in part-time temporary work in the school's kitchen could they please call at our meals kitchen or telephone on:

028 3882 0517

and ask to speak with Mrs Valerie McCormick (School Cook).

Parent / Teacher Interviews

The second series of Parent/Teacher Interviews have been arranged for Tuesday 06, Wednesday 07 and Thursday 08 February commencing at **1.30pm** (Once again, please note the slightly earlier start time). As a staff we greatly value the link we have with you, our parents and these interviews are a vital part of the excellent partnership we enjoy in Waringstown. Interview notes have already been distributed W/B 22 February.



- ✓ School will end on each of those days at 12:45pm for all pupils to facilitate interviews.
- ✓ School dinners will be served earlier but packed lunches will not be required on those three PTI days.
- ✓ Please note, children are not present at the interviews.
- ✓ NB On Friday 09 February school lessons will cease at 12:45pm for the Half Term holiday with the same arrangement for dinners as above.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to be able to announce that the grand total of £573.97 was forwarded to the Royal British Legion. There were many more 'child friendly' items on sale this year which perhaps explains the large donation. The Legion Postcard thanking the school for this donation is on display in the school mall trophy cabinet. **THANK YOU!**



Christmas Post Box and the Carol Services

- ✓ The Christmas post proved ever popular in school again with staff and children.

A cheque to the value of £184.71 was forwarded to the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.



Christmas Jumper day

Thank you for your support with the Christmas Jumper day which raised the grand total of £328.60. This money is going towards the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Primary 6 & 7 Transfer Interviews

The Principal will offer his annual individual interviews for parents of P7 pupils in February in relation to Transfer to Post Primary Schools. Paper work will go home separately. For children automatically transferring to our nearest secondary school (Lurgan Junior High School) an interview may not be necessary.

The Principal will offer his annual interviews for parents of P6 pupils before Easter regarding their Transfer Procedure.

Further details to follow through the Year Groups!

Windsor Hill pedestrian gate

Please be aware that the school still receives several phone calls of complaint from the residents of Windsor Hill regarding the 'dropping off' of children at the Nursery pedestrian gate. We respectfully remind you that for the interest of safety we request this gate is used solely for **pedestrian residents** of the development. There is NO drop off facility in the development! Please also be aware that Primary Walk is still a cause for concern. As there are limited parking bays we respectfully ask that you do not block access into this development.

School Savings Scheme

Remember that School Savings are collected on Wednesday each week. Should you wish to open an account please contact the school office.



Extra Curricular Activities

All extra-curricular activities will resume w/b 19 February. See the full list on offer via the website and the enclosed sheet.

Clubs will operate on the following weeks:

w/b 19 February

w/b 26 February

w/b 05 March

w/b 12 March

w/b 19 March ... please note school closed for St Patrick's Day on Monday 19 March

Annual School Book Fair 2018 (Tues 30 Jan - Thurs 06 Feb)

The importance of formal reading and writing as the tools upon which education largely depends remains a constant factor in a child's elementary education. All children need opportunities to practice and build up the skills of reading and writing to a point where they become a ready means of communicating. Children's learning is always enhanced when there is a desire and an opportunity to read books. Therefore, I thoroughly commend our Book Fair, which commences on **Tuesday 30 January** for one week where our children can purchase appropriate supplementary books to enrich their linguistic experience.



Proceeds from the Fair will go towards purchasing additional quality class novels for each appropriate age group. You are invited to attend during normal school opening hours **8:45am - 4.00pm (excluding lunch period 12:45pm - 1:30pm)**.

Nut Free Policy

We continue to have a number of children in school who suffer from a severe allergy to all nuts and carry Epipens. Children with this condition may have a severe reaction, which can prove VERY SERIOUS if they come into contact with nuts.



Consequently, we remind you that NO PEANUTS or NUT RELATED PRODUCTS are brought into school for your child's break or packed lunch. This includes Nutella or nut based spreads.

It is also our school policy that we do not permit children to swap or share food at Break or Lunch as many foods contain traces of nuts. It would be most helpful if this could be reinforced from home.

The School Website

May I remind you that the school website is a wonderful resource for parents. It always highlights the wonderful work of the children in school but also clearly indicates holidays, start dates etc.



School Eco Council

The School Eco Council recently held a competition of 'Design a new school Eco Code.' We were delighted with the entries that we received. The winning entry has now been chosen and is displayed in every classroom and on the School Eco Board.

Bee Active

Once again, Mr Moran and Mr Magee are hosting a Bee Active Football Camp over the half-term break.

The dates of the camp are:

Monday 12 Feb - Fri 16 Feb



9.30am - 12.30pm for boys and girls from the age of 5 up to 12 year of age.

Consent forms to follow next week!



Sustrans (linked to our Eco Schools work)

Over the next few months we have many Sustrans activities planned as we work towards our Silver Award. Dates and events are listed below:

- ✓ **Friday 26 January - Ditch the Dark Day**
Children are asked to dress in their brightest clothing and actively travel to school. Dave Wiggins, our Sustrans link officer, will be in to lead an assembly and give out some prizes.
- ✓ **(Also on) Friday 26 January - Dr Bike Day in Key Stage 2**
Dave Wiggins being in school has offered to carry out a free safety check on any bike left at or beside our bike sheds.
- ✓ **Monday 05 Feb running through to Friday 02 March - Active Travel Superheroes**
We are encouraging our pupils to take part in an individual incentive where they walk, cycle or scoot to school. Each day they do this, they can colour in a character on their 'Stamp Book.' On Friday 02 March, as we celebrate WORLD BOOK DAY (which falls on Thursday 01 March), Dave Wiggins will be in school to lead a whole school assembly.

Thank you!

Thank you once again for your continued support. Be assured, it is greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

Yours sincerely

C McCambley
Principal

Child Protection Team

WPS Nursery Unit	Foundation Stage (Primary 1 & 2)	Key Stage One (Primary 3 & 4)	Key Stage Two (Primary 5 - 7)	Principal
Mrs C Emerson (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mrs J Brown (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mr M Gault (Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mrs S Sloan (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mr C McCambley (Member of the Child Protection Team)

Child Protection Governors

Mr T McKay	Mrs H Wan
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Asthma Register ... Child's name _____ Class teacher: _____

My child has been diagnosed as suffering from asthma. I would like to add their name to the school's Asthma Register. I will provide a spare inhaler for the school asap.



Waringstown Primary School Fund (Voluntary contribution)

Please find enclosed my School Fund for Term Two. (£10 / child or £15 / family)

Family name: _____ Child's name: _____

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Extra-Curricular Term Two

Day	Club	Staff / Leaders
Monday	Senior Choir (NB Auditioned)	Mrs J Erskine Mr C M ^c Cambley
Tuesday	Primary 6 / 7 Boys' Football	Mr T Brown Mr A Mitchell
Tuesday	Scripture Union	Mrs K Park Mrs C Munce Mrs J Matthews
Tuesday	Primary 5 Boys' Football	Mr M Gault
Wednesday	Primary 5 Computer Club	Mrs S Williamson
Wednesday	Primary 7 Gardening Club	Mrs S Sloan
Wednesday	Primary 7 Performing Arts Club	Mrs J Brown Miss J M ^c Anearney
Wednesday	Golf 2.00 - 3.00pm 3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr P Russell
Wednesday	Primary 7 Boys' Hockey	Mrs A McCollum
Thursday	Primary 5 Girls' Hockey	Mrs J Peacocke
Thursday	Primary 6 / 7 Girls' Hockey	Mrs J Boyce Mrs J M ^c Elhinney

REMAINING SCHOOL CLOSURES 2018

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	06, 07, and 08 February 2018 (Tuesday – Thursday) (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm)
	Friday 12 February 2018 (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm for the Mid Term)
EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURE 5	Monday 12 February 2018 (Children do not attend)
MID TERM	Tuesday 13 February – Friday 16 February
ST PATRICK'S DAY	Monday 19 March 2018
EASTER	Friday 23 March School closes 12 noon - Two weeks for the Easter Hols
SUMMER TERM COMMENCES	Monday 09 April 2018
MAY DAY Bank Holiday	Monday 07 May 2018
SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 28 May 2018
SCHOOL TERM ENDS	Thursday 29 June 2018 at 12 noon