

Happy New Year!

Dear parent / s

We warmly welcomed our children back to school on Friday 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. We greatly appreciate the strong and vital links we enjoy with home.

## Congratulations

We send congratulations to Mr & Mrs M Boyce on the birth of their third child, Averie Boyce. Mrs Boyce will return to school later this year.



## Nursery & Primary One Applications

The Nursery and Primary One application process is now open. There is a link and Prospectus available for your perusal on the School Website. Once you have applied Online, please visit the school with the relevant Birth Certificate and Duty to Verify (proof of address) documentation. NB If you already have a child attending our Nursery Unit or the main school simply furnish us with the new child's Birth Certificate.

**Applications close at 12 midnight 31 January, 2019**

## Staff Car Park

By now you will be well aware that The Education Authority has commenced work on the long awaited new Staff Car Park and we are delighted by the major capital investment in our school campus and facilities. Work is scheduled to take 16 weeks. The Windsor Hill pedestrian gate is still open for pedestrian residents of Windsor Hill.

**Our main concern is the health and safety of our children as they enter and leave school.**

The main car avenue into school is also going to be widened and with this in mind, please be aware that parents **must not drive into the school grounds to drop off or collect children!** You may block or frustrate the heavy vehicles or indeed be blocked in the grounds for a long period of time!



**NO child will be able to go home or be collected this way as the path will be closed!**

**The side path where After School Clubs collect children is also closed as this is where the new access road is being constructed to allow staff access into their new car park.**

**Please arrange alternative collection points with Child Care Nurseries and child minders.**

## Report to the Office

We would like to remind you 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.

## School Fund

School Fund (**for Term Two**) will be £15 / child or £25 / 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.

## £10 notes

Please be aware that the school is unable to accept 'old' paper Bank of England £10 notes. Euros and 'old' one pound coins are also being sent in with dinner money! We will have to send this money home as the Post Office will NOT accept this as part of the school's



lodgement.

### **Parent / Teacher Interviews**

The second series of Parent/Teacher Interviews have been arranged for Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 February commencing at **1.30pm** (Once again, please note the slightly earlier start time for some interviews). 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 21 January.



- ✓ 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 the three PTI days.
- ✓ Please note, children are not present at the interviews.
- ✓ NB On Friday 15 February school lessons will cease at 12:45pm for the Half Term holiday with the same arrangement for dinners as above.

### **Opus Digital Photos**

Please be advised that Mr Clements will be with us on Friday 08 February for photos for P1, P3, P5 – plus family groups. By offering the photos to P1, P3, P5 plus family groups it affords the photographer more time and ensures that you are offered a photograph every other year.

### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

We are delighted to be able to announce that the grand total of £394.00 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**

- ✓ The Christmas post proved ever popular in school again with staff and children. A cheque to the value of £150 was forwarded to the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children / Helping Hands.
- ✓ Thank you to Mrs S Sloan and her P7 children for all their work regarding the Christmas Post Box!



### **Christmas Jumper day**

Thank you for your support with the Christmas Jumper Day. The total raised from all of our Guide Dog fundraising now stands at the grand total of £1034,50. In order to sponsor a Guide Dog Pup we need to reach £1,500 so we are very close indeed. Perhaps one more non-uniform day will enable us to reach the target. Thank you!

### **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 has already gone 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 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 and gateways in this development.

### **Mill Hill junction**

We are extremely worried about our children crossing the junction at the bottom of the Mill Hill. Many children walk to The Mace area for after school collection and we know there have been several 'near accidents' as children attempt to cross the road.

We suggest that if you are waiting for your child, that you cross the junction and wait at the public telephone box, where you can meet and greet your child before safely escorting them across this dangerous and challenging junction. As you may already be aware; the school is not legally allowed to control or operate a patrol outside of our grounds.

### **School Savings Scheme**

The School Savings are collected on Wednesday each week. Should you wish to open an account please contact the school office. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the landmark trips offered in school; particularly the P7 London Residential. The Savings Scheme has been well received since it was re-instated therefore we know that many parents are setting aside Birthday and Christmas money to save earnestly for the trips.



### **Extra Curricular Activities**

All extra-curricular activities will resume w/b 25 February; by which time we hope to see brighter afternoons. **I am extremely proud to see all of my staff offering these voluntary extra-curricular activities to our children. I greatly appreciate the fact that staff offer these enrichments as an addition to their teaching duties!**

See the full list on offer via the website and the enclosed sheet.

Clubs will operate on the following weeks:

w/b 25 February

w/b 04 March

w/b 11 March

w/b 18 March ... **please note school closed for St Patrick's Day on Monday 18 March**

w/b 25 March

w/b 01 April

w/b 08 April

### **Annual School Book Fair 2019 (Tues 05 Feb – Thurs 14 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 05 February** 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 – 4.30pm**.

### **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.



## 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 18 Feb - Friday 22 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!



## Eco Schools



### - Wrigley Litter Less

The girls in Mrs Erskine's class continue to carry out a monthly litter pick outside our grounds and are continuing to find more and more litter. Let's all make an effort to reduce our litter and keep Waringstown as clean as we can.

### - Sustrans

Mrs Matthews' class won the 'Interclass Active Travel Competition' for December with 90% Active Journeys recorded. They will keep the trophy until the end of January. Let's keep these high figures up.



Ditch the Dark Day was held on Friday 18 January and was a huge success. £210.50 was raised for the School Eco Council. Mr M Kennedy from The Department of Infrastructure was very impressed by what he saw during his visit to Assembly and class lessons in P4 with Mr D Wiggins. A HUGE thank you to Mr Wiggins, our Active Travel Officer for all of his continued hard work with the children.

Please keep an eye out for the 'Active Travel Superhero' notes which will be published over the next few weeks.

## Easy Fundraising

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/waringstownprimaryschool/> and join for free. Currently, the school has 90 supporters and they've raised the wonderful total of £490.00

## Thank you!

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

Yours sincerely

C M<sup>c</sup>Cambley

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.

**December's Attendance ... 96.4 %**

Waringstown Primary School Fund (Voluntary contribution)



Please find enclosed my School Fund for Term Two. (£15 / child or £25 / 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 <sup>c</sup> Cambley
Tuesday	Primary 6 / 7 Boys' Football	Mr T Brown Mr A Mitchell
Tuesday	Scripture Union	Mrs C Munce Mrs J Matthews Mrs L Chestnutt
Tuesday	Primary 5 Boys' Football	Mr M Gault
Wednesday	Primary 5 Computer Club	Mrs S Williamson Miss J M <sup>c</sup> Anearney
Wednesday	Primary 7 Gardening Club	Mrs S Sloan
Thursday	Primary 5 Girls' Hockey	Mrs J Peacocke Miss L Ervine
Thursday	Primary 6 / 7 Girls' Hockey	Mrs A Hall Mrs J M <sup>c</sup> Elhinney

### **This is the up to date / accurate Holiday List**

(Please ignore the previous yellow sheet if you received one on 29/01/19)

### **REMAINING SCHOOL CLOSURES 2019**

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	<b>12, 13, and 14 February 2019 (Tuesday – Thursday) (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm)</b>
	<b>Friday 15 February 2019 (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm for the Mid Term)</b>
MID TERM	Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February
ST PATRICK'S DAY	Monday 18 March 2019
EASTER	<b>Friday 12 April School closes 12 noon - Two weeks for the Easter Hols</b>
Exceptional Closure 5	Monday 29 April Staff return (P7 children and accompanying staff to London Trip)
<b>SUMMER TERM COMMENCES</b>	<b>Tuesday 30 May 2019 - Pupils return for Summer Term</b>
MAY DAY Bank Holiday	Monday 06 May 2019
SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 27 May 2019
SCHOOL TERM ENDS	Friday 28 June 2019 at <b>12 noon</b>