

End of Year NEWS

THE School Fete!

Once again, the whole Waringstown Primary School community really did come together to celebrate the School Fete. It was a delight to see all ages mingling in the grounds and enjoying the feast of activities arranged by the staff. THANK YOU to all of our sponsors, donors and volunteers who helped in such a practical way!

We truly were:

Working, Playing and Succeeding TOGETHER!

There were parents who stayed behind too, to help with the clear up and this was highly valued. It meant that the school opened on Thursday in a very fine state thanks to the much appreciated work on Wednesday evening! I am delighted to be able to inform you that the grand total of:

£11,300

was raised for school funds. This is simply amazing. Thank you!

A note from the Turner family!

As a school we are always delighted to support charities connected with children attending our school. This year, I have asked Alan & Jenna Turner to give us a brief update on the charity which supports their eldest daughter, Anna.

We are suggesting that our last non-uniform day of this year (Friday 28 June becomes our Charity Donation Day. Suggested non-uniform donation of £1.00. Should you wish to make a larger donation please ensure the money is in a sealed envelope. We shall pass all funds on to this most worthy cause. Thank you! Below is a brief note from the Turner family:



Ronald McDonald House Oxford ...
is with Alan Turner and Jenna Turner.
15 hrs · 🌐

It is always a pleasure to see the Turner family from County Down in Northern Ireland. Parents Jenna and Alan, and their daughters Anna, Ella and Tilly have stayed with us on several occasions whilst Anna receives treatment in hospital. Between them they have raised nearly £10,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities UK, and we were thrilled to recognise this with the sponsorship of one of our bedrooms.

It is with our sincere gratitude that we officially placed Anna and Ella's plaque on the door of Beaumont, where it will proudly sit for everyone to see.



Ronald McDonald House Charities operate 14 houses across the UK, all linked to specialist children's hospitals. We have been hugely blessed to have stayed at the Oxford House on many occasions (and for long periods a few times!). They provide accommodation for families who have a sick child in hospital and offer a home away from home, especially when home is many miles away. The houses are used a lot by Northern Irish families who have to travel for specialist services not available here. Having the house allowed one of us to always be at Anna's side following surgery, while the other one grabbed a cuppa or a nap or even a good night's sleep. It also means we are able to bring her little sisters along too and keep our little family routines. We are so grateful for the support and facilities they provide.

The Oxford house at present has 17 bedrooms and helped 521 families stay close to their child in 2018. A new building is under construction which will consist of 62 bedrooms and lots of communal space and gardens. It costs £25 per night to provide a family with a room close to their sick child. Your money will be greatly appreciated and well used!



**Yes! That's the Turner family
WITH HRH Prince Harry!**

School meals

At the time of printing, a School dinner next year costs £2.60 / day or £13.00 / week.



Assistance forms

Application Forms for assistance with Free School Meals and School Uniform are now available from the school secretary. Please note that Free School Meals provides the school with additional financial funding which we desperately need!

No entitlements will carry over to the next school year.

Forms are available from the School Office now upon request.

Eco Schools

This year we entered three different categories of the ‘Tidy Schools’ Awards, and are delighted to have performed so well!

- Best Kept School (Primary) – Highly Commended
- Best Kept School (Pre-primary) – Runner Up (First time entering)
- Best Kept Pupil Achiever – Kelly Guiney (Highly Commended)

Mrs Emerson, Mrs Gilpin, Kelly Guiney and Felicity Savage attended the awards ceremony at Stranmillis University College.

Shannagh-more

The Primary Six residential trip to Shannagh-more outdoor pursuits facility was a huge success. The children benefited from all of the events and activities and most importantly everyone returned home without injury!

Sincere thanks to Mr A Mitchell, Miss J M^cAnearney, Mrs P Gordon, Mrs J Erskine and Miss C Hill who attended the residential with the children. It is totally voluntary for my staff to attend such a trip. Anyone who has attended a residential visit knows it is a 24 / 7 experience!

Thank YOU for your continued patience with the building works!

A sincere word of thanks for your continued patience regarding the extensive building works which have gone on over the course of the year. The Staff Car Park is continuing at pace now and the contractors are confident that they will be off site for September. This will be another wonderful enhancement to our school campus and we are very grateful to the Education Authority for their continued development of our school.

P6 Tournament

On Friday our P6 boys team travelled over to Drumgor PS for the annual P6 Summer Football Festival. The boys were placed in a tough group with Carrick, Mullavilly, Millington and Mullaghglass. The first two games against Carrick PS and Mullavilly finished 0 - 0 with some excellent defensive play. Waringstown won our final two games against Mullaghglass and Millington both 1 - 0. Unfortunately, this was not enough to see us qualify as group winners, instead just missing out on top spot on goal difference. Overall, all of the boys represented our school so well and didn't lose a game or concede a goal. A really valiant effort. Very well done boys!

School Website

Thanks to Mr John Egerton who administers our OUTSTANDING website and operates the Blog for both London and Shannagh-more!





The Kennedy Cup

The girls' football team from Waringstown PS participated in the annual Kennedy Cup Football Festival hosted at our MUGA pitch last week. We welcomed twelve schools to the tournament with a really high standard of football throughout the day. Our girls were drawn in the group stages against Tandragee, Abercorn and Hart Memorial. We started off very well with a 1-0 victory over a strong Hart Memorial side. We then played Abercorn and ran out comfortable 4-0 winners after a dominant performance. The most difficult challenge came in the shape of Tandragee where the game finished 0-0. However, we finished top of our group on goal difference. The girls progressed to the quarter finals where we were met by a resolute Abercorn PS. The game was very close and finished 0-0 which led to a golden goal scenario where we scored after 30 seconds to bring us into the semi-final. This paired us with St Mary's Banbridge, a very competent and well drilled team. The game finished 0-0 in normal time and both teams could not be separated in extra time so penalties were used to determine the winner. We ran out winners 1-0 on penalties. This paired us against Kings Park PS in the final. The final was a really competitive game but played in the correct spirit with both teams playing good attacking football. Neither side created many chances but in the end Kings Park broke us down with their only real attack of the match. The girls ended up runners up and both Mr Brown and Mr Mitchell were delighted with all of the performances throughout the tournament. Well done girls!

School Fund

We respectfully inform you that in Sept 2019 School Fund (**for Term One**) will remain £15 / child or £25 / family. School Fund is a vital (yet voluntary) charge to enable the school to function on a day to day basis and to cover incidental expenses. With the school budget reduction, it is a vital charge to enable us to subsidise visits and school events.



School Medicines including Epi-pen

All parents are respectfully asked to collect all medicines on their child's last day of school for 2018 / 19 year and renew this for August, 2019. Please bring this into school to the new class teacher on Tuesday 27 or Wednesday 28 August or else your child's first day back at school which for P2 – P7 is Thursday 29 August. **As the kitchen is no longer able to provide meals in August; Thursday 28 and Friday 29 are half days. P2 – 7 will leave at 12.45pm.**

August Primary One children are already aware of their specific start dates but remember:

Primary 1 children go home at 12.30pm in August and September!

School Uniform

Please label every item of clothing for September as we have had a large amount of unclaimed clothing this year.

BeeActive Football

Once again, Mr Moran visited the school for Leavers Assembly and presented magnificent medals, cups and trophies to the children who had participated in their BeeActive football scheme. Thank you Mr Moran and Mr Magee most sincerely for your loyal support of Waringstown Primary School!

Farewell to Primary Seven

We wish our 54 Primary Seven pupils every success in their move to Secondary Education and trust that in the years to come they will have many fond memories of their time with us in Waringstown Primary School.

We shall miss them very much!



School re opens

School re opens for the children for Term One on Thursday 29 August 2019.

NB Thursday 29 & Friday 30 August are half days due to the canteen not serving meals in August. (Children will go home at 12.45pm on both days).

and finally!

I wish to thank you once again for your TOTAL SUPPORT throughout another academic year. I have greatly appreciated the innumerable kind words of encouragement afforded to me at the school gate or at the mall door. I wish personally to acknowledge the work of my dedicated staff who give so much more of themselves than I could ever expect. I wish everyone an enjoyable Summer vacation!

Kind regards

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

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.

May's Attendance ... 97.5%



Waringstown Primary School
SCHOOL CLOSURE / HOLIDAYS 2019 / 2020



BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 26 August 2019
AUTUMN TERM COMMENCES	Thursday 29 August 2019 and Friday 30 August 2019 School finishes at 12:45pm on these two days
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	22, 23 and 24 October 2019 (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm)
	Friday 25 October 2019 (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm for the Half Term) (Please note pupils not in school w/c 28/10/19 – one week)
HALF TERM	28 October – 01 November 2019 Inclusive School reopens Monday 04 November 2019
CHRISTMAS	School closes <u>12 noon</u> on 20 December 2019 for the Christmas Holidays as below. Monday 23 December to 03 January Inc
SPRING TERM COMMENCES	Monday 06 January 2020
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	11, 12, and 13 February 2020 (Tuesday – Thursday) (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm)
	Friday 14 February 2020 (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm for the Mid Term)
HALF TERM	Week Commencing 17 February 2020 (School reopens Monday 24 February 2020)
ST PATRICK'S DAY	Tuesday 17 March 2020
EASTER	Friday 03 April School closes 12 noon - Two weeks for the Easter Holidays Monday 06 April – Monday 20 April 2020 inc.
SUMMER TERM COMMENCES	Tuesday 21 April 2020 (Proposed P7 London Week Monday 27 April 2020)
MAY DAY	Monday 04 May OR Friday 08 May 2020 (Awaiting EA confirmation as this bank Holiday may be affected by the VE commemorations!)
SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 25 May 2020
SCHOOL TERM ENDS	Tuesday 30 June 2020 at <u>12 noon</u>



School Fund



Dear parents

We respectfully inform you that in Sept 2019 School Fund (**for Term One**) will be £15 / child or £25 / family.

Name of child / Family name: _____

School fund enclosed: _____