



Dear parent / s

The first term has certainly passed at great pace and we find ourselves now eagerly anticipating Christmas. On behalf of the whole staff team I thank you most sincerely for your total support and wish you a blessed Christmas Season. I would like to thank you for your vigilance and care during these difficult days of Covid-19. The staff team have also **worked tirelessly** to ensure full days of teaching and learning as many schools are still operating a restricted timetable with staggered arrival and dismissal times. I thank the staff team for their dedication and commitment throughout this term.

The Cleaning Team along with Mr M^cKee have worked extremely hard to ensure the building and classrooms have been thoroughly cleaned and maintained to the highest order. Many parents expressed their thanks to me personally at the Central Mall door for ensuring that children have, quite rightly, been our priority this year once again and I would like to reassure you that we as a staff team will continue to do so under what are **exceptional times**.

Please continue to be vigilant at the 1.50pm and 3.00pm pick up times in January. It is very reassuring for us to know that children are collected promptly and it also ensures a swift dismissal at the pedestrian gates.



Mrs Fitzpatrick

It is simply impossible to fully express the debt of gratitude we as a school owe to Mrs Fitzpatrick, our School Secretary. Her sterling service to the children and staff of our school has been exemplary. We wish to pass on our very best wishes as she embarks upon a fresh start with her husband, children, grandchildren and extended family.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to Mrs Fitzpatrick. Each child in the school was able to present her with their class card as they walked by the Central Office. Pictured are Mrs Fitzpatrick's two grand-daughters presenting her with the gift from the school children.

No-one fully understands how a school operates unless you have worked within a school community. So much of Mrs Fitzpatrick's work is unseen. However, we have never once taken her work, support, loyalty and kindness for granted. I personally owe Mrs Fitzpatrick a debt of gratitude that can **never** be paid!

Christmas Assembly

A huge part of my role is leading the school's 'altogether times' and one of the things that I miss most due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions is our Morning Assembly.

However, we were able to celebrate the **real** meaning of Christmas once again together virtually as the children watched my Christmas Assembly in their respective classrooms.



I still long for the days when we can all come together safely into the Assembly Hall.

Adverse weather conditions

As winter approaches I detail below our arrangements for advising parents of a school closure: -

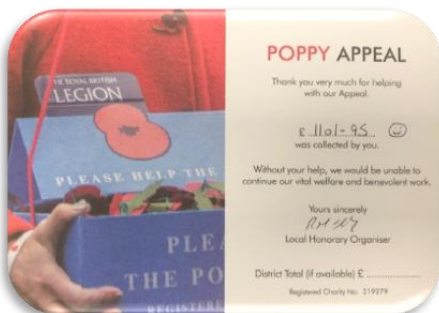


If it is known early in the morning that school will be closed the school website will be updated, if at all possible, by 8.00am or as soon as possible thereafter. **You will also receive an email via the Eduspot App.**

We have several staff travelling long distances to work but we will always endeavour, as in other years, to open the school. Children should wear warm clothing to school on such days and appropriate footwear. (If wellington boots are worn to and from school, we ask that you send an appropriate pair of indoor shoes which children can change into once safely in class).

Outdoor Clothing

We encourage outdoor play at Break and Lunchtime when at all possible. Please ensure that your child brings a warm coat to school each day. Hats and gloves are also encouraged if the temperature falls below 2°C. We would appreciate your support. Please label ALL items of clothing.



Poppy Appeal

We are simply delighted to inform you that the school has hit a new target for all Primary Schools in the region having collected the grand total of **£1101.95** for the Royal British Legion.

This figure is simply amazing and Mrs R M^cNally (British Legion Secretary) was delighted to provide the school with the certificate (see photo).

School Christmas Post Box

The School Christmas Post Box operated under slightly different circumstances once this year. Nevertheless, the grand sum of £820.00 was raised and has been passed on to our usual charity; The Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.



School closures

School closes on Wednesday 22 December with the following staggered dismissal times:

Nursery 10.30am

P1 & 2 with older siblings leaving school at 11.40am

P3 & 4 with older siblings leaving school at 11.50am

The remaining P5, 6 & 7 leaving school at 12 noon.



With the whole school leaving within this staggered window please be very punctual!

School re-opens: Wednesday 05 January, 2022.

Eduspot / School dinners

The Eduspot Dinner App and email facility is working very well. Dinners for the next week are active and may be ordered from Friday afternoon. We are aware that many parents wait until Sunday evening to book dinners for the incoming week. This 'heavy traffic' to the site can cause difficulties. Therefore, if some parents wish, please book from Friday afternoon onwards and over the weekend. This 'spread' of the bookings should hopefully enable the smooth running of the dinner App in particular.

NB You **cannot** order a dinner on the day that it is required.

In the event of an emergency simply telephone the School Office.



Nursery and Primary One applications for September 2022

The closing date for receipt of applications for children starting Nursery and Primary One in September 2022 is 12 noon on 28 January 2022 at 12 noon.

Applications must be completed online and the procedure opens on **Monday 10 January 2022 at 12 noon**. All applications must be submitted online at **www.eani.org.uk** where a link will be found on the homepage.

Our Admissions Criteria for both Nursery and Primary One can also be found on our website. Simply follow the link on the website. Please read the criteria carefully before completing your online application. Our website also offers a virtual tour of Nursery along with P1 & P2.

Duty to verify (Nursery and Primary applications) the child's permanent home address at the time of application is to be submitted to the School Office along with a Birth Certificate (Copy) in January 2022.

2022 Prospectus

The 2022 School Prospectus will soon be available for download via the School website.

Small Child's Nomination Bracelet

Should your child have lost a silver nomination bracelet simply telephone the School Office.


Easyfundraising

We currently have 119 'supporters,' who, just by purchasing items online and 'supporting our cause,' have raised £947.96 for the school, at no extra cost to them. If we were to increase our number of supporters, then there is a huge potential to raise a lot more money for the school. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! Here's how you register: It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1 Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/waringstownprimaryschool/> and join for free.
- 2 Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3 After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost

Thank you once again for your continued support! Be assured it is greatly appreciated by the whole school community. We wish our children and parents a happy, blessed and safe Christmas holiday.

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)	(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 Attendance ... 94.8%

