



Waringstown Primary School

January NEWS



Dear parent / s

We warmly welcomed our children back to school on Wednesday 05 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.

Welcome to Mrs J Morrow

We warmly welcome Mrs J Morrow to the school staff in her new role of School Secretary. Mrs Morrow is a familiar figure to some parents already as her own children attend our school. We know that Mrs Morrow will transfer all of her skills from her previous school position in Banbridge, to Waringstown Primary School. I have every confidence you will make Mrs Morrow feel welcome as you meet her at the Central Office hatch.



Nursery & Primary One Applications

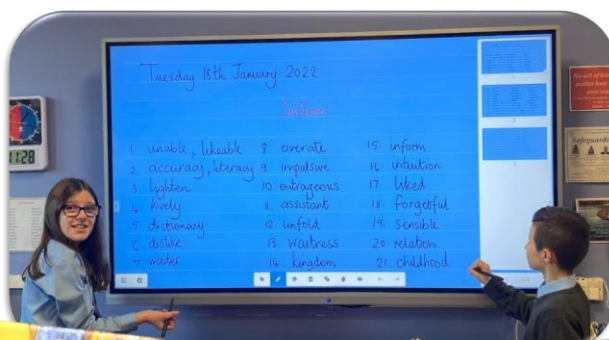
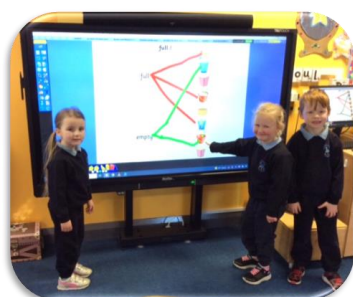
The Nursery and Primary One application process is now open. There is a link and Prospectus available for your perusal on the School Website.

Applications close at 12 noon 28 January, 2022

New iPannels for the whole school!

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the whole school is now equipped with the latest iPannels. Through fund-raising we had already 6 new panels in school and we have now invested in the latest iPannels for the remaining 8 classrooms. The old Interactive Whiteboards no longer functioned with the new Teaching Apps. Therefore, we have invested half of the money from the BeeActive Christmas fundraiser along with funds from the school budget to enable all children to learn using the latest teaching technology! I trust children have been discussing the new technology with you at home. Staff are currently receiving support / additional training from the provider of the teaching panels.

The other half of the Bee Active fundraised money has been allocated to the creation of the Accelerated Reader Library. Once the shelving, coding and storing of the books is complete we will update you with photos. No doubt children will inform you of the library too once they start using the facility.



Report to the Office

In line with our updated Child Protection Policies and the Safeguarding Procedures we would like to remind you that **all visitors to school must report directly to the office**. Thank you for your co-operation with this very important aspect of school life. We operate a no mask / no entry system at present as we endeavour to keep our school community safe. Thank you for your continued support.

School Fund

School Fund may be paid via the Eduspot System. 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. NB Parents with only one child at school have not been charged for term 2 if they've already paid term 1.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

The second series of Parent/Teacher Interviews have been arranged for Tuesday 08, Wednesday 09 and Thursday 10 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 Waringtown. The interview schedule will be issued via Seesaw.



- ✓ School will end early on each of those days for all pupils to facilitate the telephone interviews.
- ✓ School dinners will be served earlier but packed **lunches will not be required** on the three PTI days.
- ✓ NB On Friday 11 February school lessons will cease early for the Half Term holiday with the same arrangement for dinners as above.

On Tues 08, Wed 09, Thurs 10 & Fri 11 children will leave in the following order:

- ✓ Nursery 10.30am
- ✓ P1 & 2 with older siblings leaving school at 12.30pm
- ✓ P3 & 4 with older siblings leaving school at 12.35pm
- ✓ The remaining P5, 6 & 7 leaving school at 12.45pm

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

School re-opens: Monday 21 February, 2022.

Windsor Hill

This gate will open at 8.45am and NOT before.

Please be aware that the above is purely a pedestrian gate for **residents of Windsor Hill**. For the health and safety of our children and all concerned we respectfully request that you do not 'drop off' or collect children via this gate.

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.



Red Letter Day Meal Option!



From time to time our new school cook would like to have themed dinners for special occasions. We are well aware that the school is closed on Valentine's day this year. However, the cook is preparing a Valentine's Special Menu for Thursday 10 February. See attached flier. Although this is a day when children will leave earlier than normal to accommodate the Parent / Teacher Interviews we would still like to trial this for our cook, Mrs Abraham. Should you wish your child to avail of this meal, simply order as normal via Eduspot.

Easy Fundraising

Head to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/waringstownprimaryschool/> and join for free.

Currently, the school has 119 supporters and they've raised the wonderful total of £977.59

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

Please continue to read on for the remaining Holiday List for 2022!

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)	Mr C McCambley (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 ... 94.8 %



Remaining School Closures of 2022

SPRING TERM COMMENCES	Wednesday 05 January 2022
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	8, 9, and 10 February 2022 (Tuesday – Thursday) (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm)
	Friday 11 February 2022 (School closes for all pupils at 12:45pm for the Mid Term)
HALF TERM	Week Commencing 14 February 2022 (School reopens Monday 21 February 2022)
ST PATRICK'S DAY	Thursday 17 March 2022
EASTER	Friday 08 April School Closes 12 noon – Two weeks for the Easter Hols Monday 11 April – Monday 25 April 2022 inc.
SUMMER TERM COMMENCES	Tuesday 26 April 2022
MAY DAY	Monday 2 May 2022
NI ASSEMBLY ELECTION DAY	Thursday 5 May 2022
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Wednesday 1 June 2022
SPRING BANK HOLIDAY (changed from Mon 30 May plus additional day granted to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)	Thursday 2 June 2022 Friday 3 June 2022
SCHOOL TERM ENDS	Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 12 noon