

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. We greatly appreciate the strong and vital links we enjoy with home.

**It is essential that written and research tasks are overseen by an adult.**

## **Christmas Presentation to Phoebe and the Dunn family**

We were simply delighted to welcome Mrs C Dunn to a whole school assembly for the presentation of the school cheque following our Christmas Nativity. Everyone present at 'The Wriggly Nativity' will know that Phoebe spoke very well as to how her life and the everyday routines of her family has been impacted by her Type 1 Diabetes diagnosis.

We were delighted to be able to present the grand total of £920 to Phoebe and Mrs C Dunn.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness! Also present in the photograph is the representative from the T1DCAT (Type 1 Diabetes Children and Teenagers) charity which works with Phoebe and the Dunn family.



## **Congratulations Miss J Carson!**



Congratulations to Miss J Carson who has been appointed as our new Primary One Classroom Assistant.

Miss Carson will continue to work alongside Mrs J Brown in P1.



## Hockey Blitz!

The girls hockey teams headed to Armagh to participate in a hockey Blitz recently.

Although it was a cold morning the girls gave their all in each of their matches and enjoyed participating in the blitz.

Well done to all who participated.



## Post Primary Admissions

The Primary 7 / post primary application process opens online 12 noon 30 January 2024.

The portal closes at 4.00pm on Thursday 22 February.



## 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 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 Primary School and Nursery Unit. The

interview schedule has been issued by class teachers. We have continued to offer a blended approach of face-to-face interview or telephone.

- ✓ School will end early on Tuesday 06 – Friday 09 February for all pupils to facilitate the interviews.
- ✓ School dinners will be served earlier but packed **lunches will not be required** on Tuesday – Friday.
- ✓ NB On Friday 09 February school lessons will cease early for the Half Term holiday with the same arrangement for dinners as above.

On Tues 06, Wed 07, Thurs 08 & Fri 09 children will leave in the following order:

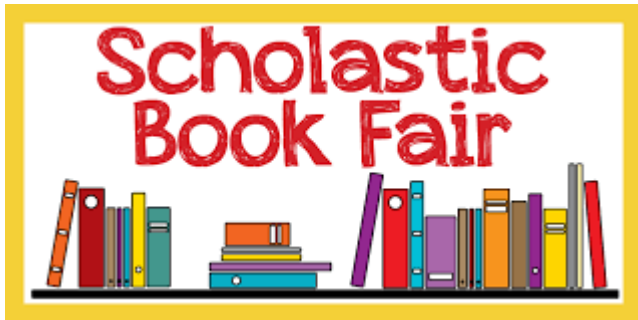
- ✓ Nursery (home times issued via the Nursery Unit)
- ✓ P1, P2 & P3 with older siblings leaving school at ... 12.30pm
- ✓ P4 & 5 with older siblings leaving school at ... 12.40pm
- ✓ The remaining P6 & 7 leaving school at ... 12.45pm

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

School will be closed for the half-term holiday wc Monday 12 February through to Friday 16 February.

School re-opens: Monday 19 February 2023.

## School Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will be with us in school Tuesday 06 February right through to Friday 09 February. It is always very encouraging to see children extending their reading by buying additional books. NB the Book Fair is with us on Monday 19 February ie the day we return after half-term.

The school benefits from the proceeds of the Book Fair and buys additional books annually.

## Extra-curricular activities

The after school / extra-curricular activities resume as the brighter afternoons return. Each teacher leads an activity. Individual teachers will inform the children of requirements. **I am deeply indebted to my staff for offering these voluntary clubs.**

Clubs will be held:

Week 1	Monday 19 February
Week 2	Monday 26 February
Week 3	Monday 04 March
Week 4	Monday 11 March
Week 5	Tuesday 19 March



(School closed on Mon 18 March)

(Clubs will run Tues 19 – Fri 22 March)

**A list of Clubs offered by my staff will be emailed home the week before extra-curricular activities resume.**

## 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. School fund is £15 for one child at school or £25 / family.

## Reporting to the Office

In line with our 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.

## Nursery / Windsor Hill / Windsor Lodge School Gate

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. Children living in the Windsor Hill development may walk to school and walk home via this gate. It is vital that we maintain excellent relationships with the residents of Windsor Hill and your co-operation in this matter is deeply appreciated. Please note, as this is a pedestrian gate there will not be a patrol person on duty. However, a member of staff is present at the gate at 1.50pm and 3.00pm within the school grounds.

## [Linen Green Development](#)

The school has also received emails from the residents of the new Linen Green development which opens directly on to the Main Street. Please ensure that you do not park and obstruct the development especially at 9.00am and the 1.50pm pick up.

## [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.



## [Dates for your diary](#)

Dandelion Studio (School Photographer) will be with us on Monday 4 March for photos in P1 – P7. Family photos will also be facilitated over the course of this day.

## [Easy Fundraising](#)

Head to:

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

Currently, the school has 142 supporters and they've raised the wonderful total of £2,265.75

## [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°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)	Mr C McCambley (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mr C McCambley (Member of the Child Protection Team)

### Child Protection Governors

Mr T M°Kay

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.

December's Attendance ... 94 %





## Useful Diary Dates February – March 2024

**30 January** – Post Primary Online Application Portal opens

**06 February** – Credit Union Collection

**06 – 08 February** – Parent Teacher Interviews

**06 – 19 February** – Scholastic Book Fair

**09 February** – School closes at **12.30pm** for Mid-Term holiday

**12 – 16 February** (inclusive) – Mid-Term holiday

**20 February** – P3 Birds of Prey visit (in school)

**22 February** – Post Primary Application Portal closes 4pm

**28 February** – P5 Trip to Navan Fort, Armagh

**04 March** – Dandelion Studios School Photos (whole school/families)

**05 March** – P3 Trip to Armagh Planetarium

**08 March** – P7 Trip to the Titanic Centre, Belfast

**12 March** – Credit Union Collection  
P6/7 Mobile Library

**18 March** – Bank Holiday (School Closed)

**20 March** – Girls' Hockey Tournament

**27 March** – School Closes at 11.45pm for Easter holidays

**28 March – 10 April** (inclusive) – Easter Holidays

