

FROM THE HART



HART MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUICK REMINDERS

- **Early hometimes** this term: **Wednesday 12 December 1pm** for all (to allow staff prepare for Open Night; **Friday 21 December 12pm** (last day of term);
- **After school activities** finish on **Friday 7 December**—unless you receive a note from a leader with additional dates on it. Activities recommence on **Monday 21 January** with a [new timetable](#)
- **Choir dates:** **Wed 10 December**—St Francis' Nursing Home 2pm; **Fri 14 December**—P & G supermarket 1.15pm; **Mon 17 December**—St Columba's Care Home 12.45pm; Mahon Nursing Home 1.45pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER 2018	
P6H Special Assembly at 9.15am	30
Drama Showcase at 2.15pm	30
DECEMBER 2018	
P6 pupils to W5 for 'Light' topic	4
Nursery Christmas trip to Spruce Meadows	7
P5-7 pupils to pantomime, Grand Opera House, Belfast	7
After school activities finish	7
Choir singing in St Francis' Nursing Home at 2pm	10
Open Night, 6.30pm-8.30pm	12
P1 pupils to Navan Centre, Armagh, for 'Santa's Stuck Up the Chimney'	13
Nursery nativity performance	14
Choir singing in P & Gs at 1.15pm	14
Choir singing at St Columba's Care Home 12.45pm & Mahon Nursing Home 1.45pm	17
Senior Carol Service	18
Pupils' Christmas dinner in the canteen	19
Nursery Christmas party	20
Last day of term: 12pm finish	21

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Strong home / school liaison is so important for the well being and progress of each of our pupils. The 96.2% turnout for parent teacher meetings at the end of October shows how these are valued by all. If for some reason you were unable to attend, please contact the school to arrange an alternative date / time. Remember that you may arrange to meet your child's teacher if you have any queries or concerns, or just wish to discuss his/her progress at any time throughout the school year.



ANTI BULLYING

The week before last was Anti Bullying Week during which we highlighted issues around bullying and what to do to prevent it, or what to do about it if it happens, through assemblies and lessons in class. This is so useful every year, as it creates an ethos of zero tolerance for such behaviour and gives children strategies that can be used throughout their lives.



FOCUS ON READING!

Our reading focus is going really well with a lot of children from P1-7 showing an increasing interest in books, talking about what they

have read and recommending books to others. There is a great buzz around the school with regards to reading and this is great to see and feel.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all parents and indeed anyone who contributed to our **Readon** charity this month. We have raised **£2007.25** for **Cancer Fund for Children**. This is a phenomenal amount and we are very grateful for all your efforts.



BOYS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A young, but enthusiastic Hart Squad made an encouraging start to the new Football Season in the Autumn Tournament for Large Schools, which was held at Drumgor PS on Friday 26th October. The cold and wet weather made conditions extremely difficult, but the team showed good skill and character to finish Joint Winners of their Group. Sadly, after taking an early lead in the Quarter Final, they eventually were knocked out by an excellent Waringstown Team. Well done to all of the boys for their efforts!

Results

Hart 2 (L Taylor 2) Maralin PS 0
Hart 0 Seagoe PS 2
Hart 3 (Z Richardson 2, L.Taylor) Tandragee PS 0
Hart 1 (L.Taylor) Drumgor PS 0

Quarter Final

Hart 1 (J Grant) Waringstown PS 2





CLOTHING

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who have clear name labels on all items of clothing which come into school. When an item goes missing and we can't locate it in school, it usually means that another child has taken it home by mistake. It would be greatly appreciated if you would **check your child's clothing**—especially uniform items—and **make sure they belong to your child**. Please send any that don't back into school. Many thanks.

P2 OUTDOOR PLAY

P2LM and P2FH pupils & staff would like to sincerely thank Mahon Garden Centre in Portadown for so kindly donating gravel stones, window boxes, soil and bedding plants for the new outdoor play area used by both the P2 classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed planting the plants in the window boxes and 6 car tyres and continue to enjoy watering the plants daily. These activities are all part of the curriculum for our outdoor play learning. The 6 car tyres are used to cordon off the P2 outdoor play area from the rest of the P1 & P2 playground. All the plants have certainly added lots of colour to the window sills and the 6 car tyres in the P2 outdoor play area.



KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Internet Safety talk in school on Tuesday 20 November. Eleanor from Reims Training Solutions gave an extremely informative talk on the dangers associated with using the internet, social media, gaming, posting / sending images etc and then went on to show parents how to put settings on pcs, laptops, iphones, ipads, x-boxes etc in order to protect children from these. Congratulations to the Mihai family (P3M) for winning the £50 One For All voucher; the names of all pupils whose parents attended were put into a draw for this.

Link for YouTube kids app: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/youtube-kids/id936971630?mt=8>

Link to Apple Restrictions instructions: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

Link to Apple Guided Access info: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT202612>

Android Restricted profile link (note: other manufacturers may have different instructions): <https://support.google.com/nexus/answer/3175031?hl=en-GB>

Links to tips for parents on the Instagram website: <https://help.instagram.com/154475974694511/>



Need help? If you would like a member of the ICT Team to help you set restrictions and security settings on any device your child uses, please complete the attached slip, return to school and we will contact you to find a day/time that suits you to come in.

F.F.F.B. AWARDS for November

P4B Kaitlyn Crowe, Chloe Dowzell, Fatiha Rahman, Summer Blevins

P4A Lucie Taylor, Casey Craven, Elisei Cionca, Miley McCann

P5P Jesyka Caetano, Charlie McCracken, Poppy Blevins, Rachel Grant

P5DK Ross Archer, Jack Simmons, Gabija Stropute, Emilis Treiniunas

P6M Madison Steenson, Emily Quinn, Simas Virvicius, Bethany Parr

P6H Ellis McGaffin, Jessica Forde, Lauren Gilpin, Sam Graham

P7T Dana Kulikovska, Minnie Ramsey, Cori-Lee Edgar, Calvin Graham

P7MM Adam Bouhlei, Bradley Blevins, Isaac Breen, Justin Delos Santos

...and in case you're wondering, **F.F.F.B.** stands for
Freddo For Fine Behaviour



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P5DK (97.3%)

2nd: P5P; P3TT; P2FH (96.2%)

3rd: P6M (96.0%)

Please have your child in school **every** day....

miss school, miss out!

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P1TC (7 late marks)

2nd: P3TT (12 late marks)

3rd: P5DK (13 late marks)

Please have your child in school **ON TIME** every day.....(but NOT before 8.40am!)

miss school, miss out!

ALMOST

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.hartmemorialps.org.uk

Coming soon to a device near you!!!

PARENTS' CORNER

HOW MUCH Sleep DO KIDS NEED?

from newborn to 13-years-old (and beyond)

Momtastic

Newborns to 4-Months-Old

Sleep **14 to 18** hours a day
(*but on a very irregular schedule).

4-to-11 Months-Old

12 to 15 hours a day, with about **10 to 12** hours at night and **2 to 4** hours during the day

1-Year-Old to 3-Years-Old

11 to 14 hours of sleep in a 24-hour period, including **one to two** naps

3-to-5-Years-Old

10 to 13 hours at night (and, hey, if they'll still nap -- go for it!)

6-to-12 Years-Old

9 to 11 hours at night

13-Years-Old (and beyond)

8 to 10 hours at night

Remember: **all bedrooms should be screen-free**

OPEN NIGHT & WINTER FAIR

Just a reminder to put **Wednesday 12 December at 6.30pm** in your diary / on your calendar. If you want to volunteer to help on the night, please contact Mrs Cassells, Governor volunteer, or the office directly. The letter and reply slip are also on Seesaw and our face-book page.

