



FROM THE HART



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MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

QUICK REMINDERS

- **DINNER MONEY:** please send in your child's dinner money (**exact amount, no change given**) on a **Monday** NOT on any other day during the week. It should be in a clearly labelled envelope saying which days your child will be taking dinner that week. Remember: **£2.60 / day**
- **RESIDENTIAL TRIPS:** Please send in regular amounts towards the Todd's Leap (P6) and Edinburgh (P7) trips to help make payment easier for **you**—no big lump sum at the end!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY 2019

After school activities start	21
Dental Survey (P1 & P2)	22
P4A Special Assembly	24
Choir singing at Epworth Church, 2pm	24
NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' day	25
PSNI Drugs workshop (P7s), Presentation PS	29
Cross-country League Finals	30
Road Safety Quiz, Civic Centre	30

FEBRUARY 2019

P7 transfer forms—return to school deadline	1
P3TT Special Assembly	1
Credit Union Quiz, Pastoral Centre	4
Sentinus Day (P6 & P7)	7
Early bedtime 1pm (Nursery-P7)	15
Mid-term break—no school	18 & 19
P7s to QUB: Sir Robert Hart project	25

OPEN NIGHT

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Open Night and Craft Fair on 12 December – pupils, parents (including prospective parents visiting the Hart for the first time), staff, family, friends and exhibitors. There was a great turnout in and everyone seemed to have good fun. A tremendous amount of work always goes in to an evening like this so a special thanks to all our parents helpers – those who manned stalls diligently all evening, those who spent the day setting up, those who made or donated items for the stalls and games, those who stayed behind to clear up. Your help and support was invaluable and very much appreciated. A special thanks too to all the staff who prepared classrooms, noticeboards, stalls, handouts, performances etc and gave up their evening to be there. And, of course, a huge thanks to all our pupils who volunteered to help around the school and displayed the good manners and warm welcome for which they are known – a credit to the school, their parents and themselves.

The games and stalls raised £738.38 for school funds—*thank you*. The prize-winners—all of whom have already received their prizes! – were as follows:

NUMERACY CHALLENGE: Mr Harry Wick

DRAW for chair (courtesy of Davison's Furniture): Ms Winsome King

THROW THE RING: Master A-Jay Mullen

GUESS THE NAME OF THE BEAR (Hugo, in case you're wondering!): Mrs Caroline Trueman

HOOK A DUCK: Miss Hannah Jones

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After school activities will restart on Monday 21 January and will run for the rest of the term to **Friday 29 March**. We are encouraging all children to join at **least one ACTIVE** after school activity this term. *Get active, stay healthy!*

ADMISSIONS TO NURSERY & P1

Remember, all applications are now online. Go to www.eani.org.uk/admissions to complete your application. If we are your first choice, bring your child's birth certificate & 2 proofs of address in to us after applying online.

DOGS IN SCHOOL

ANNUAL REMINDERS—*please read*



Guidelines for parents

We are happy for you to bring your dog with you when you are walking your children to school and when you are collecting them at home time as long as you follow the following common sense directions:

- * **Consider your dog's characteristics** – age, breed, size, how used to children it is, any previous aggressive behaviour – before deciding if it is suitable to be in the school grounds among children. **Never bring your dog into the school building or close to entrance / exit points**
- * Keep your dog on a lead at all times; **DO NOT allow him / her to jump up on anyone**
- * Keep your dog away from other dogs
- * Ensure an adult has control of the dog – children should never be left alone with dogs
- * **Clean up any dog fouling** immediately
- * Do not bring dogs who are sick or who have puppies into the school grounds

Guidelines for pupils

- ◇ Always **be calm and quiet** around dogs – never make sudden movements close to a dog
- ◇ If you wish to stroke a dog, always **ask the owner first** – never touch a dog without permission and never put your face close to a dog. There should be no more than one person at a time petting the dog
- ◇ **Do not eat around a dog** and **wash your hands** before eating when you have stroked a dog. Do not feed a dog treats
- ◇ **Do not look a dog straight in the eye** as he/she may see this as threatening behaviour
- ◇ **Never touch a dog that is sleeping**

ROAD SAFETY

Whilst we are delighted to be getting a Puffin Crossing installed at long last, the road works its installation necessitates, creates challenges for all of us. To ensure the **safety of every child** in the school, ***please***:

- ◆ If at all possible, **walk to school** with your child—and **stay on the footpath**
- ◆ If driving, ensure you **drop off your child on the school side of Charles Street** so he/she does not have to cross the road
- ◆ If parking, please follow the rules of the road and **park legally**. This may necessitate your parking further up Charles Street than usual but it is still not a long walk!
- ◆ When driving, **SLOW DOWN**. You never know when or where a child may appear



HOLIDAYS THIS TERM

Half term break: Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 February (finishing at 1pm on Fri 15 Feb)

St Patrick's Day break: Friday 15 & Monday 18 March (finishing at 1pm on Thurs 14 Mar)

Last day of Term 2: Tuesday 16 April (finishing at 12pm)



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SAFE-GUARDING TEAM

Reminder: the Safe-guarding Team is as follows:

DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION: Mrs L McNally

DEPUTY DESIGNATED TEACHERS: Mrs S Thompson (vice principal) & Mrs K Morrow (Head of Nursery)

PRINCIPAL: Miss J Shipley

If you have **any** concerns regarding the welfare of a child, please speak to a member of the Safe-guarding Team.

If you want another copy of the Child Protection overview leaflet, please let us know—send a message with your child or call into the office.

Please note: the full Child Protection policy is on the website: www.hartmemorialps.org.uk or as a hard copy by request.

WE'RE **BACK** ON THE WEB!

www.hartmemorialps.org.uk

GOING DIGITAL / GOING PAPERLESS

Many thanks to everyone for your patience whilst the new website was being built. Feedback has been very positive on the new layout and ease with which you can find the information you're looking for.

From Tuesday 20 February 2019 (directly after half term) we are going paperless! Letters, From the Hart, menus, policies, reminders, alerts will all be done through the website. In order for you to know what has been posted and to keep up to date, it is essential that you download the Hart Memorial app. It is very easy and completely free to do:

1. go to the school website www.hartmemorialps.org.uk (using the device on which you wish to download the app e.g. phone, tablet)
2. At the top of the home page, click on 'download our school app' and you're done!

You will then receive push notifications on your phone or tablet whenever an alert, reminder, letter is posted. Seesaw will only be used for individual class sharing e.g. to celebrate a piece of work your child has done. Occasionally, we will have to send out paper letters e.g. if your child has received a place on a Booster programme, so do please still check his/her school bag!

SCENES FROM OPEN NIGHT 2018



FAMILIES



CULTURE



CHOIR



PAST PUPILS



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P5DK (96.5%)

2nd: P2FH (95.7%)

3rd: P5P (95.5%)

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

miss school, miss out!

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P1TC (17 late marks)

2nd: P3TT (20 late marks)

3rd: P5DK (23 late marks)

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

miss school, miss out!

At the Hart, we're **getting active** by...

- ◆ Encouraging Active Travel—walk, cycle, scoot or skate to school
- ◆ Walking, jogging, running the **Golden Mile** three days a week E
- ◆ Encouraging all children to join at least one **active after school activity**
- ◆ Organising active after school activities such as **hockey, basketball, dance, soccer, netball & Sportz Club**
- ◆ Participating in the **Healthy Kidz** programme during and after school