

FROM THE HART



HART 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 2020

After school activities start	20
Reading Buddy Celebration event, Seagoe Parish Centre, 1pm-3pm	21
Boys' hockey team away to Mullavilly, 3pm	21
Nursery H trip to Asda	22
Nursery M trip to Asda	23
P4A trip to Palace Stables for WW2 topic	24
P7s to Clounagh JHS to see musical 'Summer Holiday'	29
Road Safety Quiz, Civic Centre	29
Nursery 'Black & White' day	30
P4A Special Assembly, 1.30pm	30
P3F Special Assembly, 9.30am	31

FEBRUARY 2020

Credit Union Quiz, Drumcree Pastoral Centre	3
PSNI visit to Nursery	6
5-a-side soccer tournament at Football Warehouse	7
'Safer Internet' day	11
Fire Service visit to Nursery	11
P1TA trip to Armagh County Museum for their 'Toys' topic	12
Non-uniform day to raise funds for REACH	14
1pm finish for all for mid-term break	14

OPEN NIGHT

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Open Night and Craft Fair on 11 December – pupils, parents (including prospective parents visiting the Hart for the first time), staff, family, friends and exhibitors. There was a great turnout and everyone seemed to have great 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.



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 – never leave a child alone with a dog
- * Clean up any dog fouling immediately
- * Do not bring dogs who are sick or who have puppies into the school grounds

The games and stalls raised £892.73 for school funds—*thank you*. The prize-winners—all of whom have already received their prizes! – were as follows:

DRAW for chair (courtesy of Davison's Furniture): Noah in P6

RAFFLE FOR CHRISTMAS CAKE: Mr Arnold Hatch

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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After school activities restarted on Monday 20 January and will run for the rest of the term to **Friday 20 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. **Deadline: Thursday 30 January at 12pm**

ROAD SAFETY

Our **Puffin Crossing** was installed for the **safety of every child** in the school.

Please: DO NOT PARK ON IT or ON THE ZIGZAG LINES either side of it—you are breaking the law if you do.

- ◆ 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



DOGS IN SCHOOL. ANNUAL REMINDERS—please read

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



HOLIDAYS THIS TERM

Half term break: Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 February (finishing at 1pm on Fri 14 Feb)

St Patrick's Day break: Tuesday 17 March

Last day of Term 2: Friday 3 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.

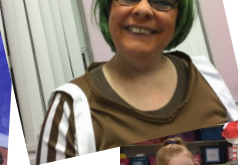
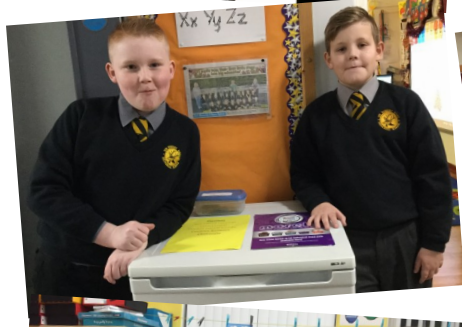
Please note: the full Child Protection policy is on the website: www.hartmemorialps.org.uk or as a hard copy by request.

SCENES FROM OPEN NIGHT 2019



P4S GETS ITS MARCHING ORDERS!

P4S had a brilliant day on Friday when they visited The Palace Stables in Armagh to take part in a World War 2 experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their Identity Cards and Evacuation Labels and meeting the Evacuation Officer and an American GI. This visit really brought to life their study of the topic and was enjoyed by all, including the adult helpers.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P2H (94.4%)

2nd: P1TA(94.3%)

3rd: P7T (94.2%)

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

miss school, miss out!

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

The class rankings so far this year are:

1st: P6H (14 late marks)

2nd: P2LM (18 late marks)

3rd: P4S (28 late marks)

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

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