



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 5th January 2024



Happy New Year

1. Applying for a P1 Place at Cregagh Primary School for September 2024

School Age

Children born on or between 1 April 2019 and 1 July 2019 (inclusive) and children born before 1 April 2019 but with a due date on or after 1 April 2019 whose parents deferred their admission to primary school in September 2023.

Children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 (inclusive).

Children born on or between 1 April 2020 and 1 July 2020 (inclusive), and children born before 1 April 2020 but whose due date was on or after this date may submit a request to defer P1 admission for September 2024.

Applying

Online applications will open at 12 noon on Tuesday 9 January 2024 and will close at 12 noon on Friday 26 January 2024. Applications are made online at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide>

2. Lois Corbett Family Worker

Lois is our school's family support worker. She is simply here to give parents a helping hand and offer some advice over a relaxed cup of tea or coffee. If you haven't connected with her yet, you should try to: she's easy to talk to and very helpful!

Lois is also happy to help Cregagh parents with their online P1 and Cregagh Pre-school applications if they find they need help – just text her on 07526915747 and she'll arrange to meet with you 😊

3. **General Strike of Thursday 18th January**

It is very likely that the normal operating of Cregagh PS will be adversely affected by the industrial action being taken by a large number of unions (including those that represent school teachers, assistants, caterers and transport drivers). Unless this strike is called off, school will not be able to operate safely and therefore will be closed on this day.

4. Pupils and School Carpark

Please note that pupils and parents should not walk across the school's carpark. This is a school safety rule that is taught to the girls and boys from P1 and so it's confusing if parents, perhaps running late, do this with their children. Please use the pedestrian gate and pathway only. Thank you 😊

5. Christmas Stamps Sold for Cedar Foundation

We managed to raise £50 for the Cedar Foundation, a charity that works with young people with learning difficulties to help them build independence and life skills. Well done everyone!

6. Smoking, Vaping and Mobile Phones

Please remember that it is the policy of Cregagh Primary School and the Education Authority, that no-one is to smoke/vape on school grounds or at the school gates. Thank you.

Can parents also please refrain from using mobile phones on school grounds - this is for Child Protection reasons (in case someone takes photographs of children). Thank you 😊

***** IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR *****

Monday 8th January	Two-to-Three Club restarts Healthy Living Week (Whole School Learning Focus)
Tuesday 9th January	Applications open on EA Connect (online) for Primary 1 and also Pre-school places
Monday 15th January	After-school activities restart
Thursday 18th January	School closed due to industrial strike action (unless cancelled / called off beforehand)
Friday 26th January	EA Connect closes for online applications for Primary 1 and Pre-school at 12 noon
Thursday 15th to Monday 19th February	Cregagh PS closes for Half-Term Break School reopens Tuesday 20th February
Monday 19th February	School closed to pupils: School Development Day 3
Monday 18th March	School closed: St. Patrick's Day (now a set EA holiday)
Monday 25th March to Monday 8th April	Easter Holidays School reopens Tuesday 9th April
	
Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th May	P7 3-day residential trip to Castlewellan Castle & Outdoor Pursuits Centre
Thursday 20th June	Final Assembly & Prize Distribution
Friday 21st June	Foundation Stage (P1 & P2) Prize Morning
Tuesday 25th June	P7 final day of school (normal 3pm finish)
Wednesday 26th June	P7 Awards Evening at Mount Merrion Parish Church
Friday 28th June	Final day of school. Uniform-free day 12 noon finish