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Friday 20th November 2020



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." – Anne Bradstreet

- Christmas Plans** – there's definitely more than just a whiff of Christmas in the air! Despite being severely restricted in what we can do; staff are working hard with the children preparing for Christmas performances which will be shared online with parents on our school's YouTube Channel. We are working on having a P1-3 Nativity and a P4-7 Christmas Concert. Classes can't mix & staff have to maintain social distance from each other & pupils whenever possible BUT all that can be done, will be done to make 'Christmas' feel like Christmas! **Christmas Trees** going up & Clock Tower Lights will be switched on a week early, Monday 23rd November. We are booking an online **Pantomime** for classes to enjoy closer to the end of term. Christmas in school will have to be different but it has not been cancelled! ☺ **Christmas Raffle** - every year, we hold a fund-raising raffle for school fund - see details at end of this letter. **Santa** has also contacted school by email to confirm he will be paying our girls & boys a visit!
Scholastic Book Club – useful for Christmas gifts. Browse, order & pay online: <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/cregagh/digital-book-club> for full details.
- P1 Enrolment January 2021** – hopefully you have already seen the promotional video we made? Between school's own Facebook Page, Belfast Live & Twitter it has been viewed over 30,000 times! We have also updated our school prospectus. If you know anyone who has children starting P1 in September 2021, please encourage them to consider Cregagh Primary School. Let them know that tours of the school can be arranged for either Saturday morning 12th December or Saturday morning 9th January. We are also putting together 'Pre-Application Information Packs' that they can request from school (90 401246) which can be delivered straight to their door!
- Free donations to Cregagh Primary School when you shop** – you can now help us raise money for school by doing your online shopping through *Easy Fundraising* where 4,300 online sites will give us a free donation when you shop with them - at no extra cost to you! Select Cregagh Primary School as your chosen cause to help & shop away! Visit: www.easypundraising.org.uk/causes/cregaghprimaryschool/ & use the free App to make it even easier. Costs you nothing but can help us a lot.
- New 'Right Start' course starting with Alex** - Alex Barnes, our parent worker, is here to help all families & she is brilliant! If you need advice on anything to do with family life & the challenges of raising kids, give her a call or text (07740545129). She is starting a short course for parents in Mount Merrion Parish Church Halls (socially distanced) from Friday 27th November 9:30-11:00am. Tea/coffee, friendly chat & a chance to learn from each other. I have opened this course to parents of Cregagh Pre-school, as well as our own school parents.
- Movie Afternoon** – our next **Afternoon at the Movies** will be next Friday, 27th November. 60" screens, surround sound speakers, juice & popcorn, & enjoy a favourite movie (PG) together. We would ask that parents send in a donation of £1.50 per child in a sealed envelope or bag. Thanks for your support.

Important Dates for your Diary

- 🕒 **Christmas Holidays** – NOTE CHANGE OF DATE – School will now close on Friday 18th December at 12 noon not Monday 21st December (as indicated before the summer).



As in previous years, Cregagh Primary School will be having a Christmas raffle. There are two different hampers on offer: one for children filled with an assortment of Christmas sweet treats from Marks & Spencer & one for adults-only that along with lots of festive M&S snacks has a bottle of Prosecco & Rose wine. Both come packed in special boxes.



Kids' sweetie hamper (value £25)



Grown-ups 'naughty but still nice' hamper (value £50)

TICKET SALES

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|  Kids' hamper tickets | 50p per ticket | (or £1 for 3 tickets) |
|  Grown-Ups' hamper tickets | £1 each | (or £5 for 10 tickets) |

WHERE DO YOU GET TICKETS?

Put money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, the tickets you want & the total of money inside written clearly on the front. Raffle ticket envelopes **MUST** be put in the school's green drop box (beside school front door) or small red post box (playground). Your raffle tickets will be sent home with your child. Draw will be made on last week of term & winners contacted directly.



CHILDREN'S HAMPER



GROWN-UPS' HAMPER

COVID - Information for Parents & Carers

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk

EDUCATION RESTART

WE ALL MUST DO IT TO GET THROUGH IT



STAY SAFE



SAVE LIVES