



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 6th May 2022



“Today I will live in the moment, unless it’s unpleasant in which case I will eat a cookie!” ~ Cookie Monster (Sesame Street)

1. THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A day of celebrations is being planned for all pupils to enjoy on Tuesday 31st May. On this day, children will be encouraged to come to school dressed up as kings, queens, princes, and princesses or come dressed for ‘Tea with the Queen’. We will be enjoying tea parties, games, and Jubilee-themed fun activities. School will also be unveiling a special commemorative plaque in our school’s reception area, as well as planting a tree in school grounds.

2. P6 PARENTS TRANSFER PROCEDURE INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday 12th May, 7:00-8:00pm, parents of current P6 children are invited to attend a meeting about the transfer procedure (*not just the “Transfer Test”) that all P7 children go through at the end of their final year of primary school. This is an important meeting. Please plan to attend.

3. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After-school clubs have now restarted. Please remember to register your child every week using our school’s parent app **School Money** (although no money is payable) which you are all familiar with. This will provide teachers with an up-to-date register of who to expect at their clubs on a daily basis. If you experience any technical difficulties doing this, contact Miss Murphy in the school office on 90 401246 for help. Parents booking a weekly place in a club (that they have already registered for) must register before midnight the day before the Club runs. If you forget or need to change your plan, please contact Miss Murphy in the school office.

4. INTRODUCING OUR NEW BUILDING: “FAMILY RESOURCE HUB @ CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL”

The finishing touches are being made to our new building that will accommodate all the different work we do with support agencies such as Barnardos, NSPCC, Family Support Hub, Women’s Aid, East Belfast Family Connections, local Church partnerships and East Belfast Sure Start (to name just a few!) Once the builders are finally off-site, parents will get a chance to see the new accommodation for themselves.

5. PARENTS’ PROGRAMMES

We have a new parent-engagement worker called Lois Corbett. Lois will be with us here at Cregagh PS on Fridays until the end of June at least. Lois and I are keen to provide parents with opportunities to mingle together, chat and enjoy a cuppa together. Everything is ‘low-key’, relaxed and focussed on providing parents with a little ‘down time’.

🌟 **Chit-Chat-Walkers** – every Friday at 9am. Starts Friday 13th May.

Get those steps up with a gentle stroll around Cregagh with other parents. Gather in the school assembly hall (please enter from back playground/yellow gate)

🌟 **Parentivity** – every Friday 1-2pm; finishing in time for early Friday finish. Starts Friday 20th May. Location TBC.

Our new parent group that embraces positivity, creativity, activity & inclusivity. **Parentivity** offers the opportunity for parents to relax, connect with others and explore fun ways in which we can look after our well-being.

6. FRIENDS OF CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A family BBQ & Games evening is being organised for school families in the summer term, probably during June. Once a date has been agreed, more details will be shared. All pupils will be able to attend along with their parents 😊

7. PARENTS’ SURVEY

When we ask for parents’ views on things (this time it was about their experiences of recent parent-teacher interviews) we always use the responses to try and make positive changes to the way we do things. Sometimes these changes are big; sometimes they are small. Thank you for all your positive responses and comments this time round: the teachers, assistants and myself appreciate the encouragement! The full results will be shared next week. The survey closes at midnight tonight.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12 th May	P6 parents transfer procedure information evening
Friday 27 th May	Sports Day (Wednesday 1 st June is reserve date in case of bad weather)
Tuesday 31 st May	The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Thursday 2 nd June	Spring Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 3 rd June	Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday (school closed)
Thursday 23 rd June	P7 Prize Day & Final Assembly
Friday 4 th June	Foundation 1 & 2 (P1 & P2) Prize Morning
Tuesday 28 th June	P7s last day
Thursday 30 th June	Last day of summer term; 12 noon finish for all pupils