



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 9th December 2022



**Oh the weather outside is frightful, But the fire is so delightful,
And since we've no place to go, Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!**

1. CAROL SERVICE & CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Carol Service

- Held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Rosetta)
- Wednesday 14th December at 7pm
- Each family will be sent 3 tickets initially (CPS pupils don't need tickets); if one or two more are required, parents can contact the school office and leave their name with Miss Murphy who will compile a list.
- If anyone does not need all 4 of their tickets, please return any spares to school. These will then be shared with families who have requested extra tickets.
- Carol Service tickets must be shown at the door upon entry.
- The congregation of St. Andrew's are providing a light supper after the Carol Service; please keep your own children supervised during this time: especially when they are choosing food from the tables.
- There will a collection for charity at the end of the night in favour of Cregagh's own **TeamDot**, please bring whatever you can to donate to this brilliant cause which is very dear to all our hearts.

Carols Around the Christmas Tree

- Takes place outside in our playground area
- Tuesday 20th December at 6:15pm.
- Each family will be given 3 tickets for this event. CPS pupils don't need tickets.
- Should any families want extra tickets, please let Miss Murphy know and we will try our best.
- Entrance to this event will be via the school's rear yellow gates. Tickets must be shown at the gate (this is to make sure no one who would spoil the event gains access).
- The school building will be closed to children and families on this evening but our friends at Cregagh Community Centre will be providing access to the centre's toilets.
- School staff will be selling hot drinks & some sweet things for School Fund – so please try and support us by purchasing something.
- There will also be a collection for the **TeamDot** charity at the close of the event. Remember to wrap up warm!

2. AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS & TWO-TO-THREE FINISHING THIS TERM

- After-school clubs have now finished for this term (last day was Thursday 8th December)
- Last day of Two-to-Three Club for this term - Thursday 15th December

3. CHRISTMAS STAMPS

Cregagh PS has sold stamps for the Cedar Foundation (people with learning difficulties) for over 30 years. These stamps can be put onto Christmas card envelopes and posted into our school post box (internal mail only). The cards then get delivered to the addressee by our P3 postmen and postwomen. Please help your children when writing on the front of the envelope so we know the name and classroom of the child where the card must be delivered to! Each sheet of 35 stamps cost £1 and will go on sale on Monday 21st November. ½ sheets can also be purchased for 50p. All proceeds go to the Cedar Foundation.

4. SPARE SCHOOL UNIFORM





Thanks to school parents of previous pupils, we have a quantity of pre-loved Cregagh uniform which is available free-of-charge to any family who needs any available items. Contact Miss Murphy or text Lois (07526915747) and we'll arrange a time for you to pick it up.

At the moment we have:

Item	Age	Quantity
Navy school sweater with crest	13	2
Navy school sweater with crest	11/12	6
Navy school sweater with crest	10/11	3
Navy school sweater with crest	9/10	2
Navy school sweater with crest	3/4	1
Red school sweater with crest	12/13	1
Blue school T-shirt with crest	11/13	4
Blue school T-shirt with crest	10/11	2
Plain blue t-shirt without crest	6/7	5
Plain blue t-shirt without crest	9/10	3
Plain blue t-shirt without crest	11/12	1
Plain white t-shirt without crest	10/11	1
Navy shorts	7	1
Navy shorts	8/9	2
Navy shorts	9/10	2
Navy shorts	10/11	2
Navy Shorts	11/12	1
Plain black girls' shoes	9/10	1
Plain black girls' shoes	11/12	1



5. Help with Christmas school trips and other things

-  Times are tight right now. We have been doing what we can to help including: cutting the cost of Breakfast Club by over half and school paying for buses for all classes who go for swimming lessons.
-  School will also be paying for buses to take P1-3s to the cinema at Christmas and the P4-P7s to the Panto. Together, this will cost the school budget close to £2,000 and we will have to make our own cuts to make ends meet.
-  We have been able to help many families in other practical ways this term. As a small primary school we have very limited resources but where and when we can help, we will try to.
-  I would ask that when teachers ask parents to pay the heavily reduced price for their children's Christmas trips, they will. School is paying more than half for both trips out of our limited budget, we cannot cover the full costs. The cost of the panto for example should be £17.50 per child. Thanks to fundraising earlier in the year and school contributing to bus costs, parents of P4-7 children going to panto are being asked to pay £5.

*** IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ***

Thursday 8th December	Last day of after-school clubs for this autumn term
Wednesday 14th December	P4-P7 Carol Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 7pm
Thursday 15th December	Last day of Two-to-Three Club for this term
Friday 16th December	P1-P3 Nativity Play at Mount Merrion Parish Church (a.m.)
Tuesday 20th December	Aldo the Magician - £1 per pupil please "Carols Around the Christmas Tree", 6:15pm-7:15pm-ish!
Wednesday 21st December	School closes for Christmas holidays at 12 noon

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Wednesday 4th January	School reopens. Breakfast Club open
Monday 9th January	Two-to-Three Club restarts
Monday 16th January	After-school activities

