



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 9th June 2023



“Worrying won’t stop the bad things from happening, it just prevents you from enjoying the good.” – Anon

1. “Poppy’s Garden”

Our new school garden will be officially opened by the Ogle family later this month. Any parents/carers of pupils who would like to take a closer look at our new garden are welcome to call into school on either:

- Friday 16th June between 1:30pm-2:00pm; or
- Monday 19th June between 2:00pm-3:00pm

2. School Funding & Finances 2023-24

In the 19th May edition of the *Wee Friday Note*, I highlighted some of the deep cuts we as a school are facing over the next 12 months. While most of the pressures remain, I am happy to say that with a combination of help from some local businesses (including Judy Hamilton at Greenway Shops and James Brown & Sons Funeral Directors) and a reduction in the cuts to the Extended Schools Programme run by the Department of Education, we will be in a position to keep our school counselling and Family Engagement going 2023-2024. Phew!

3. Summer Fiesta Time

We had such a fantastic time during our Summer Fiesta event. Thanks to the PSA (Parent & Staff Association), coordinated by Mr Irwin for organising such an enjoyable and successful event. It raised a really good amount of money for school funds, which is much appreciated – especially in the current financial climate. Head on over to the school’s **Facebook** page to see lots of photos from the evening 😊

4. End of Year School Disco (PSA Event)

Friday 23rd June

P1-P4 6pm-7pm & P5-P7 7:15pm-8:15pm

More details to follow

5. 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 lovely and very helpful. Parents looking for a little advice or support can text her on 07526915747.

6. School Uniform

Our school is a uniform-wearing school; this is our policy and practice. Please help us by making sure your children wear their proper Cregagh Primary School uniforms to school every day. Thank you!

7. Staffing for the 2023-24 School Year

I can now confirm the teacher staffing for the new academic year will be as follows:

P1	Miss McKendry	P5	Mr Higginson
P2	Mrs Lyons	P6	Mr Irwin
P3	Mrs Butt	P7	Mr Larmour
P4	Mrs Standley	DU2	Mrs Pearson
DU 1	Ms McKee		

You will notice from the 2023-24 staffing table, that we are sadly saying “goodbye” to Miss Shaw in P3 who has been with us for the past two years. Miss Shaw joined the staff team to cover a temporary vacancy within our staff and she has been a delight to work with and has made significant contributions to our school during her time with us.

We all wish Miss Shaw all the very best as she prepares to take up her new role as a P3 teacher at Dundonald Primary School.

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

Thursday 22nd June *Final Assembly for P3-P7 pupils* (parents/carers welcome)

Friday 23rd June *P1 & P2 Prize Day* (parents/carers welcome)

Deaf Units 1 & 2 Coffee Morning

End of Year School Disco
(P1-P4: 6pm-7pm & P5-P7: 7:15pm-8:15pm)

Tuesday 27th June P7s last day of school

Wednesday 28th June *P7 Awards Ceremony & Celebration Evening*
Mount Merrion Parish Church
(This is for P7 pupils and parents/carers only)

Friday 30th June Last day of summer term
Non-uniform day
School closes for all pupils at 12noon
No dinners or packed lunches

