



# The Wee Friday Note

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**“Don’t compare your child to others.  
There is no comparison between the sun and the moon.  
They shine when it’s their time.” ~ Anon**

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

#### APPLYING

- 🌐 Online applications opened at 12 noon on Tuesday 9 January 2024
- 🌐 Applications 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>

#### 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.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> January

I can now confirm that Cregagh Primary School will be closed to ALL pupils on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. School will reopen on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January and operate as normal.

### 4. Board of Governors Annual Report for 2021-2022

Every year the Board of Governors produce a short report on the school’s functioning. These reports are done retrospectively. A copy has been shared with all parents through the SeeSaw App.

### 5. Water-Only School Rule

Please remember that girls and boys are only allowed to drink water in school – not diluted juice or fizzy drinks. Having followed this policy, like most other NI schools, we have found that the pupils learn to like water once they realise there is no “Option B”. Please support this. Thanks 😊

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

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