



The Wee Friday Note

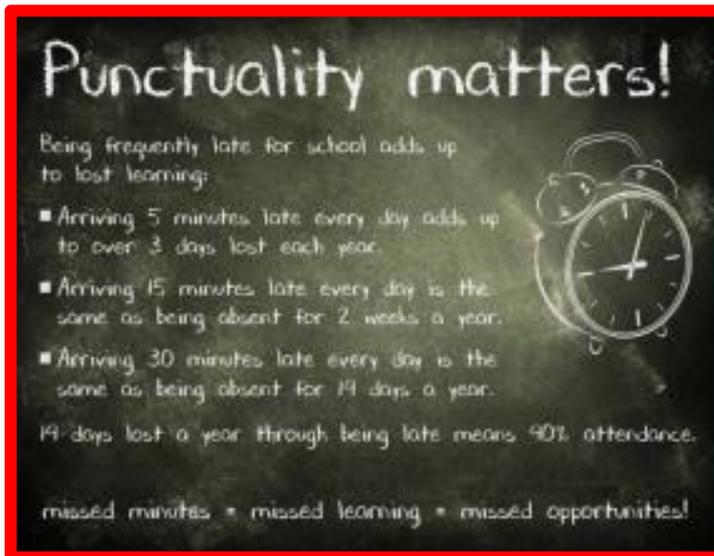
Friday 22nd February 2024



“Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, ‘What? You too? I thought I was the only one!’ — C.S. Lewis

1. Rise & Shine – come to school on time!

Parents, I can't emphasise enough how important it is to get your children to school on time every day. Just 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 whole days of lost learning! Moreover, losing the battle with your children about bedtimes, get-up times, eating breakfast and being organised the night before – at this primary school stage – is storing up trouble for secondary school! CPS understands that 'life happens' and some mornings are just disasterous



2. Parent-Teacher Meetings (Easter)

A lot of schools have only one parent-teacher meeting per year, whereas CPS continue to have two: one in the autumn and another in the spring. This is because we think it is important to let parents know how their children are progressing in their education and how we can work together towards making even more progress possible. With Easter being early this year, our parent-teacher meetings will be held week beginning Tuesday 19th March (school is closed on Monday 18th March). Teachers will be sending home more information about these useful meetings in the coming days. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you ☺

3. PSA Costume Sale - Thursday 29th February

If you would like to buy a pre-loved costume for World Book Day you can buy them in the Family Hub from 1:45pm- 3:15pm on Thursday afternoon. Costumes are £2 each and we have a range of costumes in different sizes for sale. Please note we can only accept cash payments (not card or contactless.) Thanks, Cregagh PSA.

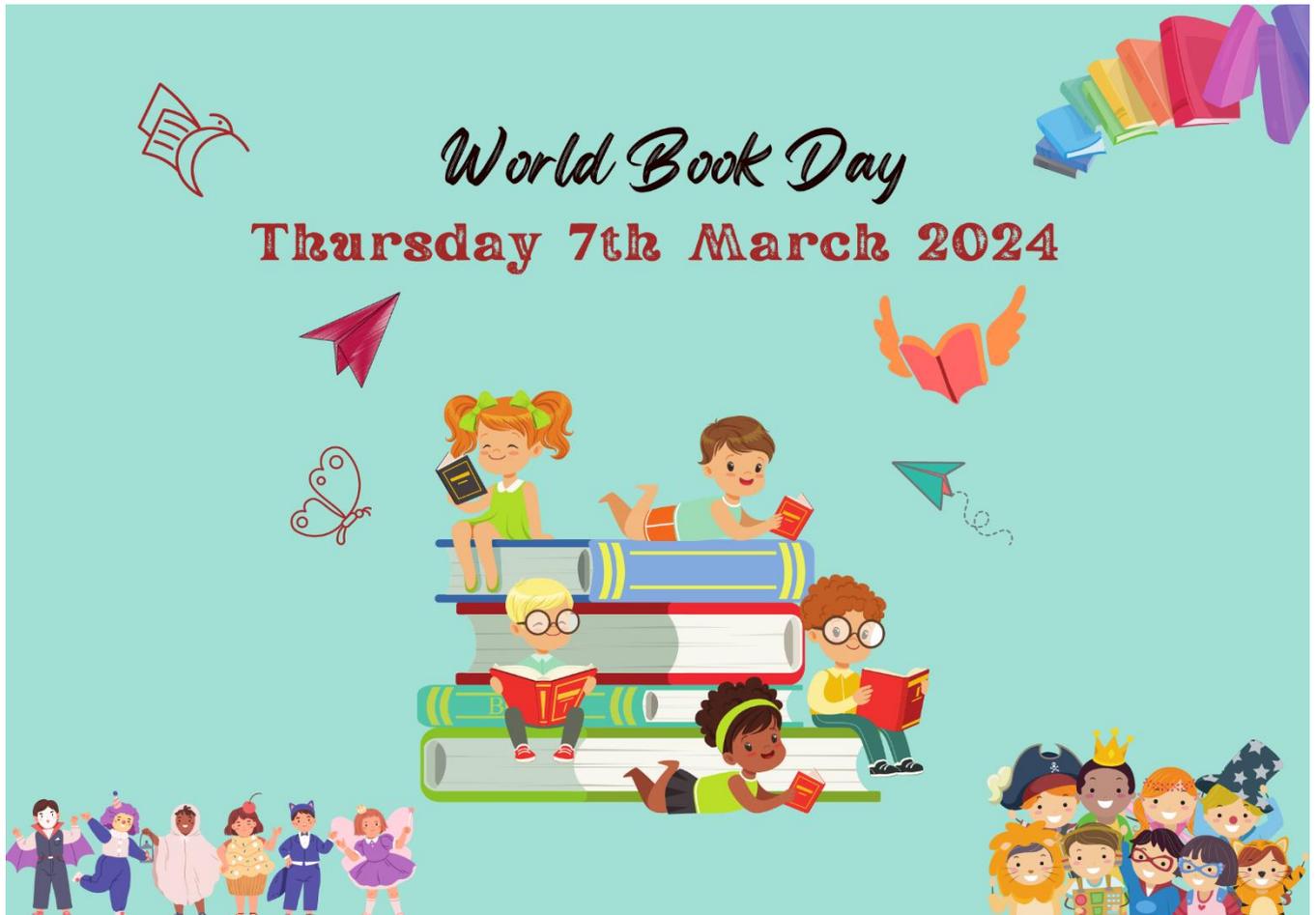
4. Book Fair is coming to Cregagh Primary School

The Book Fair will be at Thursday 14th March up until Thursday 21st March. Classes will be able to browse the Book Fair during the school day and parents are also welcome to pop in for a look around pick-up time. Books and stationery will be on sale. Children can make their own purchases by bringing money to school or parents can pay at the office. No one should feel obligated to make purchases ☺

5. **World Book Day**

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024 this year. Children are free to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this day. A suggested donation of £1 is asked if your child comes to school in a costume. There are children's books about MOST things, so even those children who aren't usually keen on dressing up should be able to think of something different to wear that reflects a favourite children's book!

All money received will go towards purchasing new books for our school library so the children at Cregagh Primary School can enjoy for years to come. World Book Day at Cregagh Primary School will be a day full of fun activities all related to the children's favourite books and authors.



6. **Developing Wrap-Around Care at Cregagh Primary School**

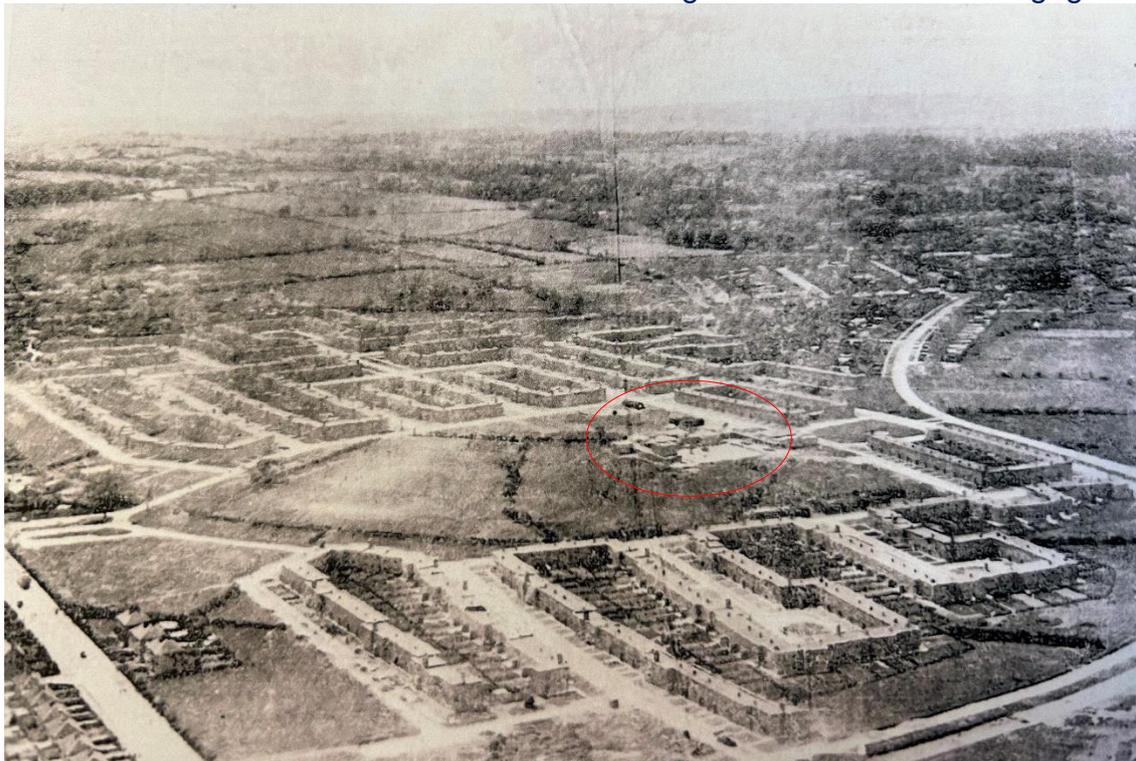
There were only 3 positive responses to Sleepy Hollow's survey about developing wrap-around care at CPS. Obviously, this makes it unviable. We are looking into other possibilities, but the difficulty remains making wrap-around care affordable for parents but at the same able to cover the cost of employing staff to run it. I will keep you updated with any new developments.

7. **No dogs, no smoking, no vapes on school grounds or at the school gates**

Families, please remember that these things are school rules. More than that, they are Education Authority rules! Please be mindful of the little children who might be scared of dogs, as well as contradicting the "Say No to Smoking & Vaping" message that the children hear about in school. Help us set a good example for the children to copy. Thank you ☺

8. Did you know?

The original Cregagh Primary School building was built in 1949 and opened its first classrooms in 1950. The picture below shows the school building under construction in 1949, on land that was originally farmland: including that owned by 'Willowbrook Farm'. Notice the remaining farmland at the rear of the school site and the farm hedge still visible on the Cregagh Road.



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

**Thursday 14th to
Thursday 21st March**

Book Fair

Monday 18th March

School closed: St. Patrick's Day

w/b Tuesday 19th March

parent-teacher meetings

Monday 25th March to

Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April

School reopens Tuesday 9th April

**Wednesday 22nd to
Friday 24th May**

P7 3-day residential trip to Castlewellan Castle & Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Thursday 20th June

Final Assembly & Prize Distribution

Friday 21st June

Foundation Stage (P1 & P2) Prize Morning

Tuesday 25th June

P7 final day of school (normal 3pm finish)

Wednesday 26th June

P7 Awards Evening at Mount Merrion Parish Church

Friday 28th June

Final day of school. Uniform-free day. 12 noon finish