



# The Wee Friday Note

## Friday 1st March 2024



**“I wandered lonely as a cloud, That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.”  
~ William Wordsworth ~**

### 1. 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.



### 2. 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.

### 3. Parent-Teacher Meetings (Easter)

A lot of schools have only one parent-teacher meeting per year, whereas CPS continues 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 19<sup>th</sup> March (school is closed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March). Teachers will be sending home more information about these useful meetings in the coming days. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you ☺

### 4. School Money App & School Dinners

Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, a new “Arrears Limit” of £10 will be introduced. This will mean that where a school dinners account falls into arrears of more than £10, the system will not allow parents to book future meals until any existing arrears are cleared.

## 5. 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 😊

## 6. No Electric Scooters or e-Bikes in School

It is a school rule that our pupils are not permitted to bring electric scooters or bicycles to school.

- They are more dangerous than ordinary scooters and bikes;
- They are at greater risk of being stolen as they are so valuable.

## 7. Every School Day Counts !

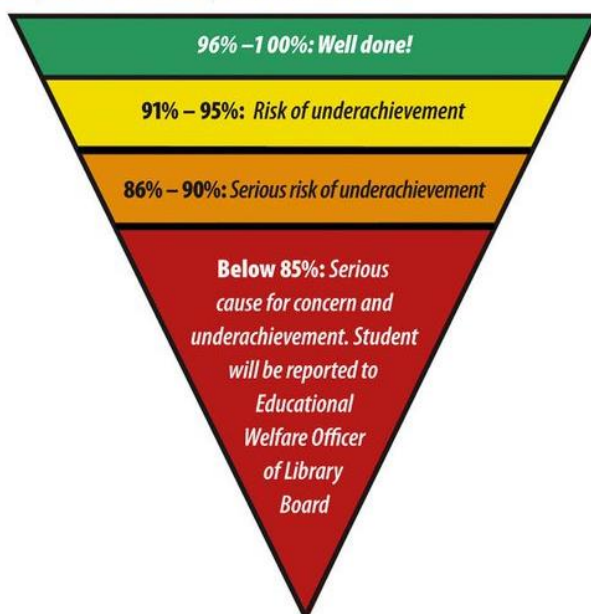
# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

*Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.*

**Attendance percentages can be misleading.**

<b>100% Attendance</b>	0 Days Missed	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>95% Attendance</b>	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>
<b>90% Attendance</b>	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	<b>POOR</b>
<b>85% Attendance</b>	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	<b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>
<b>80% Attendance</b>	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	<b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>
<b>75% Attendance</b>	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	<b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>

For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly four school weeks.



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

<b>Thursday 14th to Thursday 21st March</b>	Book Fair
<b>Monday 18th March</b>	School closed: St. Patrick's Day
<b>w/b Tuesday 19th March</b>	Parent-Teacher meetings
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	School closes at 12 noon (last day of a full term)
<b>Monday 25th March to</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 8th April</b>	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 30th May</b>	PSA Summer Fiesta BBQ & Fun, 5-7pm
<b>Friday 31st May</b>	Sports Day (7th June is our reserve date should the 31 <sup>st</sup> be wet)
<b>Wednesday 5th &amp; Thursday 6th June</b>	School Musical: <i>Robin &amp; the Sherwood Hoodies</i>
<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

