



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 30th August 2019



- Welcome back** – it's been lovely to see the children return to school this week: wearing the school uniform so proudly and sporting big smiles! It's been a good first week; albeit a short one. Next week, the school day returns to normal with P2 and P3 children finishing at 2pm every day and P4-7 children finishing at 3pm Monday to Thursday. All children finish at 2pm on Fridays.
- School Fund** - most school staff are parents themselves and understand that money doesn't grow on trees! However, without school fund contributions the boys and girls would miss out on a lot of things. School Fund helps pay for class visits, school plays, new equipment, Christmas activities and treats. The amount we request remains unchanged from 2013: £15 per family per school year (or £5 per term). This is equivalent to 8p per day for a family with one child attending school and less for families with multiple children attending. With schools continuing to be underfunded, your financial support is need more than ever! Thank you.
- Free School Meals Entitlement** – please remember to check your family's eligibility for Free School Meals and register for them: even if you don't think your child(ren) will use them regularly. School budgets are calculated using various measures and the more families who register for FSM, Cregagh Primary School receives a little extra funding. Ring Dundonald for information and/or advice on 028 9056 6200. Please do this as soon as possible.
- Guess who's turning 80 in September?** Cregagh Primary School opened its doors to its first intake of children at the end of August 1939. This will make our school an octogenarian this autumn! To celebrate our 80th year, the school governors, staff and pupils will be planning several special events throughout 2019-20. More details will follow in the autumn.
- Meet the Teacher** – On Wednesday 4th September at 2pm, **all** P2-P7 parents and carers are invited to come to school to meet their child's new classroom teacher and find out about the year ahead including: the topics your child will learn about, what is expected from them regarding homework, school trips and visits, etc. Parents with more than one child attending school may choose which class teacher's meeting they wish to attend (they will also receive a copy of any written information given out by their other child's class teacher).
- Intergenerational Choir** – one project we are especially looking forward to for next year is starting an intergenerational choir that will combine adults aged 50+ and Cregagh Primary School pupils! During the autumn term, this intergenerational choir will meet for rehearsals and prepare for performances at our annual Carol and Nativity services in December. More details will be shared soon.
- After-school activities** – while our Breakfast Club has already restarted, most other after-school activities won't begin until week beginning Monday 9th September. This includes the Two to Three Waiting Club.

Important Dates for your Diary

-  **Wednesday 4th September** – Meet the Teacher Afternoon, 2-3pm. Meet in assembly hall.
-  **Monday 30th September** - School Staff Development Day (1 day holiday for the children)
-  **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November** - Hallowe'en Holidays (5 school days)

