



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 20th September 2019



- Flu Vaccinations** - flu vaccination forms were sent home yesterday (Thursday 19th). It's very important that these forms are completed and sent back to the school office before next Wednesday 25th September at the latest. The schools' vaccination team will not accept late forms or handwritten letters of permission. Any child who has had their form returned but misses the actual vaccination due to absence, will still be able to get it from their GP. Unless there are specific medical reasons, children receive this vaccination through a painless nasal spray.
 - Spanish starting back!** - Andrea our Spanish teacher will be starting back with us on Tuesday 24th September. Learning a second language at an early age brings many benefits & gives children greater confidence in this area when they eventually move to secondary school. Andrea is a qualified multilingual teacher who we employ one day per week. To help pay for this service, we ask parents to contribute £1 per child for Spanish Lessons – the kids love it & it's well worth the small investment.
 - Follow us on Twitter** – we are always trying to increase our levels of parental engagement. We are now using Twitter. Follow us on Twitter @CregaghPS
 - School Counsellor & Family Worker** – our school counsellor's name is Julie Magowan & our school's Family Worker is Alex. If you would like to speak to either of them, just leave your name at the school office & either Mrs Pearson or myself will quickly get in touch with you & arrange a meeting for you 😊
5. **Free School Meals Entitlement** – please remember to check your family's eligibility for Free School Meals & register for them: even if you don't think your child(ren) will use them regularly. School budgets are calculated using various measures & the more families who register for FSM, Cregagh Primary School receives a little extra funding. Ring Dundonald for information &/or advice on 028 9056 6200. Please do this as soon as possible.
- Census Forms** – no, nothing to do with Nativity ... yet! Last Friday very important forms were sent home for the NI Schools' Census. This is something all schools must do every year. We need one completed form returned for every single child in school. If you still haven't returned your forms to the school office, please do so today!
 - Breakfast Club** – our school Breakfast Club now meets over in Mount Merrion Parish Church's recently renovated buildings. It opens at 8am each morning; costs £1.50 per child per morning & is supervised by AccessNI-approved adults (including two of our own school staff). Children are walked over to Cregagh PS when breakfast is over & in time for supervised play in our playgrounds at 8:45am. Parents need to register before sending their children: this can be done online (see our school Facebook page) or by calling in to MMPC & completing a simple form.
 - P7 Transfer Test 'Club'** – Thursdays 3-4pm.
 - P5-7 Football Practice** – starts Wednesday 18th September, 3-4pm (P4s will be able to go after Christmas)
 - P4-7 Homework Club** - Starting Monday 9th September, Cregagh Primary will be offering its Primary 4-7 pupils & families the facility of a Homework Club running from 3-4pm every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. It will meet in one of the Key Stage 2 classrooms each day. Daily charge of £1 towards snacks & staffing costs. Parents must return registration forms to school before their child(ren) can attend.
 - 2-to-3 Waiting Club** – Monday-Thursdays, 2-3pm. This Waiting Club is run to help those parents who have children in P1, P2 or P3 & older children further up the school – meaning that they have to do a double pick-up at both 2pm & 3pm Mondays-Thursdays. It does not run on Fridays. Parents must return registration forms to school before their child(ren) can attend. 24 places only - allocated on a first registered, first served basis. Cost is £1.50 per day towards snack & staffing costs.

Important Dates for your Diary

-  **Monday 30th September** - School Staff Development Day (1-day holiday for the children)
-  **Week beginning Monday 14th October (all week)** – Parent-Teacher Interviews. Children go home 1pm each day.
-  **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November** - Hallowe'en Holidays (5 school days)
-  **Wednesday 20th November** – Cregagh Primary School *Open Evening*, 6:00-8:15pm

