



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 18th October 2019



1. **Thanks** – many thanks to all parents who attended Parent-Teacher Interviews this week. Every year, the number of parents attending (already very high) grows and grows. If you missed your appointment, please contact the school office & Miss Murphy will help make another for you.
2. **Ditch the Dark Day** – Friday 25th October. P1-P7 pupils are asked to come to school on this day wearing as many brightly coloured clothes as possible. Prizes will be awarded on the day. Any children *not* participating in wearing brightly coloured clothes for Ditch the Dark Day, should come to school dressed in normal school uniform. It's fun. It's to promote road safety (being seen in the darker mornings & evenings). Encourage your child to join in ☺
3. **The Wizard of Oz Production** – last night's show of the Wizard of Oz went very well. Ticket prices had to be set at the level they were set as it was not a school production but a professional one. Nonetheless, it was well attended & we thank you for your support.
4. **Spanish** – Please remember to send in your £1 per child each week to help us pay for this activity - *gracias!*
5. **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
6. **Child Safeguarding** – with school counsellors, parent workers, homework clubs, breakfast clubs and so many other activities being provided by Cregagh Primary School for the benefit of its school families, I just wanted to reassure parents that anyone who comes into contact with our pupils in connection with school-related activities is AccessNI-approved (Police-checked) and known to the school. This is school policy and is constantly monitored.
7. **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.
8. **School Counsellor & Family Worker** – our school counsellor's name is **Julie Magowan** & our school's Family Worker is **Alex Barnes**. 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. Alex is currently putting together a calendar of activities for parents and we will be starting a weekly **Coffee & Chat Drop-In** for parents very soon – keep an eye on Facebook for updates on what is on offer.







Julie Magowan – School Counsellor



Alex Barnes – Family Worker

Important Dates for your Diary

-  **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
-  **Friday 22nd November 9:00-10:30am** – Open Coffee Morning for Parents of Pre-schoolers
-  **Friday 6th December 9:00am-12noon** – Cregagh Pre-school Open Morning