



FRIDAY NOTE



Friday 25th January

1. **Transfer Test Results for P7s** – results of both AQE & GL Assessment tests should arrive at homes this Saturday 26th January. P7 parents will then be offered the opportunity to meet with Mr Heggarty to complete their child's Transfer Application Form during the week beginning Monday 28th January. All application forms for secondary schools must be completed & returned to Cregagh Primary School by **Monday 4th February**. Therefore, it is very important that P7 parents know the names & preferred order of at least four schools they wish to apply to & have satisfied themselves that their child meets the schools' admission criteria.
****Notes have gone home today with P7 pupils with a time to meet with Mr Heggarty next week****
2. **School Enrolment** – this year, all applications for P1 places must be made online at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-pre-school-or-primary-one-place-for-september-2019> (just search for 'education authority applying p1'). **The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications will be 12.00 midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019.** The online application is quite easy to do & doesn't take very long. Any parent who would like help making their online application may be interested in an 'Applications Clinic' being held at Cregagh Library on Monday 21st January 2:00-4:30pm, at which EA staff will be on-hand to assist you make your application (See our school website for more information).
3. **School clubs –**
 - **Hockey Club** for P5-7 is now up and running. Notes went home a short while ago for parents of interested girls to complete and return to school. If your daughter would like to go and hasn't yet returned her form, they can ask their teacher for a new one to complete;
 - **Ukulele Band** is back up & running with Sam Green. This music group will be held each Tuesday during school hours. Instruments are supplied & the cost of each week's session is £3 per child. There are still a few places available should any P4-6 pupil want to join;
 - **Coding Club** for P7s – our Coding Club is held on Monday afternoons 3-4pm, initially for P7s only, who want to learn more about computing & how they work (programming). The club is great fun & very practical. It is led by Miss Christie & an I.T. expert from industry. As a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Ambassador school, we would love to see more P7s attend this club in particular.
4. **Spanish Lessons** – Andrea, our Spanish teacher, returned to teach us Spanish having been away for several months on maternity leave. The cost of providing foreign language teaching is something school cannot afford to do from its own ever-decreasing resources. Therefore, we rely on parents to contribute £1 to make sure we can pay Andrea! If we do not receive parents' contributions, we **will not be able to continue Spanish lessons on Tuesdays.**
5. **School Fund** – Cregagh Primary School appreciates the support of its families. One very practical way of supporting our school is by paying school fund, which has remained at £15 per family for the past 8 years. This works out as 8p for each day of school for a family with 1 child at our school. If you have not yet paid this year's school fund, please use the special envelope sent home on Tuesday. Thanks so much!
6. **Bling Your Bike Day – Thursday 31st January** – All pupils are invited to bring their bikes to school "blinged up". There will be a prize for the best, blinged up bike! (If P1-3 pupils are coming to school on their bike, they must be accompanied by an adult).
7. **Attendance & Punctuality** – if your child is allowed to fall into patterns of absenteeism & poor punctuality at primary school, research shows this only gets worse at secondary school level. Please make sure your child is not late for school & that they only miss days at school due to sickness. A child with 95% attendance or better typically goes on to achieve at least 5 GCSEs including Maths & English when older. Compare this with children with attendance less than 80%, only 32% of such children with poor attendance manage to go on & achieve at least 5 GCSEs including Maths & English when older.
8. **Half-term break-** Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February (inclusive)
9. **Keep the dates –**
 - Sports Day: Friday 31st May (Friday 7th June will be held as a reserve date)
 - Prize Day & Final Assembly: Thursday 20th June
 - P7s Last Day: Tuesday 25th June, 12 noon

