



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 4th December 2020



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

Charles Dickens

1. Christmas Plans

- **P1-3 Nativity** - "The Sleepy Shepherd" will be broadcast for the first time on Friday 11th December at 10am (the day & time it is normally held); after which it will be available to view at any time on our school's YouTube channel.
- **P4-7 Christmas Carols** – P4-P7 Christmas Concert will be broadcast for the first time on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm (the day & time it is normally held); after which it will be available to view at any time on our school's YouTube channel. I would encourage you to enjoy watching this together as a family at home.
- **Pantomime** – we have booked an online pantomime (Beauty & the Beast) for the children to enjoy on Thursday 10th December. Cost is £2 pp.

2. **P1 Enrolment January 2021** – If you know anyone who has children starting P1 in September 2021, please encourage them to consider our school. Let them know that tours of the school can be arranged for either Saturday morning 12th December or Saturday morning 9th January. We are also putting together 'Pre-Application Information Packs' that they can request from school (90 401246) which can be delivered straight to their door! If you want one to pass on to a friend, let us know!

3. **Free donations to Cregagh Primary School when you shop** – thanks to everyone (parents & staff) who have already used this.

Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cregaghprimaryschool/ & use the free App to make it even easier. Costs you nothing extra but can help us a lot!

4. **Christmas Charity** – The Cedar Foundation are working to fix the problem on their website that allows people to make donations. I will let everyone know when it's working correctly.

5. **Christmas Raffle** – tickets are still available. Thanks for supporting. Draw will be made during the final week of school & winners informed.

Important Dates for your Diary

- 📅 Friday 11th December – ***Wear your Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children.*** We are not asking parents to send in a donation for this however, if parents want to send in a small donation we will forward it to Save the Children.

- 📅 **Christmas Holidays** – School will close on Friday 18th December at 12 noon not Monday 21st December (as indicated before the summer). Uniform-free day.

- 📅 **Children start back to school on Tuesday 5th January.** Usual times.



As in previous years, Cregagh Primary School will be having a Christmas raffle. There are two different hampers on offer: one for children filled with an assortment of Christmas sweet treats from Marks & Spencer & one for adults-only that along with lots of festive M&S snacks has a bottle of Prosecco & Rose wine. Both come packed in special boxes.



Kids' sweetie hamper (value £25)



Grown-ups 'naughty but still nice' hamper (value £50)

TICKET SALES

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|  Kids' hamper tickets | 50p per ticket | (or £1 for 3 tickets) |
|  Grown-Ups' hamper tickets | £1 each | (or £5 for 10 tickets) |

WHERE DO YOU GET TICKETS?

Put money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, the tickets you want & the total of money inside written clearly on the front. Raffle ticket envelopes **MUST** be put in the school's green drop box (beside school front door) or small red post box (playground). Your raffle tickets will be sent home with your child. Draw will be made on last week of term & winners contacted directly.



CHILDREN'S HAMPER



GROWN-UPS' HAMPER

COVID - Information for Parents & Carers

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk

