



# The Wee Friday Note

## Friday 11th December 2020



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

#### 1. Christmas Plans & Events

- **P1-3 Nativity** - “The Sleepy Shepherd” was broadcast for the first time today at 10am (the same time it is traditionally staged to a live audience in Mount Merrion Parish Church). It will now be available to view at any time on our school’s YouTube channel for anyone who has the link. Please do not post the video or the link to social media.
- **P4-7 Christmas Carols** – P4-P7 Christmas Concert will be broadcast for the first time on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm (the day & time it is normally held in St. Andrew’s Church every year); 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.
- **Panto (online)** - children enjoyed watching Beauty & the Beast on Thursday. Thanks for supporting this event. Nothing beats a live performance though; something to look forward to for December 2021!
- We received an email from the North Pole earlier this week confirming that a Mr. S. Claus intends to, “drop in to his favourite Belfast school for a visit sometime next week.” Not sure who this might be from but we’ll keep you informed!
- **Last day of school 2020** – this will be next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. School closes at 12 noon. It’s a uniform-free day, same as all other final days of full school terms ☺

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 12<sup>th</sup> December or Saturday morning 9<sup>th</sup> 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** – so far this has raised an additional £13 for school funds – and it costs you nothing extra!  
Visit: [www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/cregaghprimarschool/](http://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/cregaghprimarschool/) & use the free App to make it even easier. Thanks to everyone (parents & staff) who have already used this

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; only few days left. Thanks for supporting it so far. Draw will be made next Thursday & winners informed directly.

6. **Looking forward to 2021** – we are very much looking forward to starting our new building project in 2021. Please look at the plans attached to this letter to get an idea of what we are excited about. We have various groups who have expressed interest in using this new state-of-the-art facility including Cregagh Pre-school, Outer South East Family Support Hub, Barnardo’s NI, East Belfast SureStart, & East Belfast Family Connections (to name just a few!)

### Important Dates for your Diary

- 🌐 **Christmas Holidays** – School will close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon not Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December (as indicated before the summer). Uniform-free day.
- 🌐 **Children start back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.** Usual times.



**WOW!**







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      | <b>50p</b> per ticket | (or £1 for 3 tickets)  |
|  Grown-Ups' hamper tickets | <b>£1</b> 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](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk)