



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 28th May 2021



"Happiness is like jam; you can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself" – Anonymous

- 1. Monthly Movie Afternoon** – our last Movie Afternoon of this school year took place today, Friday 28th May. Thanks for supporting this over the past few months.
- 2. School News** – Today was Mr Bill's (P4) last day with Cregagh Primary School & we want to thank him and wish him every success with his new job. Similarly, next Friday 4th June is Mrs McGarrigle's (P2) last day with us. Like her colleague, Mrs McGarrigle has been an excellent temporary member of our staff team throughout a very tough year. We wish her well as she prepares to take up her new job.
- 3. New P1s (August/September 2021) 'Stay & Play' Afternoon & Parents Induction** – Miss McKendry will be welcoming pre-schoolers to her P1 classroom on Monday 14th June (afternoon). Full details will be sent to parents shortly. As the children stay and play in the P1 classroom, their parents will meet Miss McKendry in the school's assembly hall for a short talk in which some very important information will be shared. Social distancing rules will be observed.
- 4. P6 Transfer Information Parents' Meeting** – All primary school children 'transfer' to secondary school but not all choose to sit the 'Transfer Test'. What are this year's plans likely to be? Who are the tests for? Will Cregagh Primary School run its usual *Transfer Test Summer School* in August for those P7s sitting the test? These and many other questions will be answered by Mr Larmour and myself at a special meeting for P6 parents on Wednesday 9th June 3-4pm. This meeting will be held in the school's assembly hall. Social distancing rules will be observed.
- 5. Sports Days 2021** – I reintroduced Sports Days back in 2004, following our school not being allowed to use the Cregagh field for reasons of public liability. Our Sports Day takes place on the 4G pitch which is owned by the Education Authority. Cregagh Primary School Sports Days are for everyone. Everyone participates. At the same time, our school still believes in healthy, fair competition: helping children learn about winning and losing. This year, parents &/or grandparents (maximum of 2 per child) of children involved will be able to attend but will be expected to observe social distancing and/or wear a mask. P5, P6 & P7 Sports Day: Monday 21st June; P1 & P2 Sports Day: Tuesday 22nd June; P3 & P4 Sports Day Wednesday 23rd June. Exact times and details will be sent home closer to the time. All events will take place before lunchtime. There will be parents' races! School will be running a stall selling tea/coffee & a biscuit for £1: please support this 😊
- 6. Coronavirus update** – school relies on everyone staying vigilant against Covid. You will have heard media reports about the 'Indian Variant' which appears to be gaining a hold. Vaccines are not going to get rid of the virus; people working together and sticking to the rules will. Remember: if someone in your household has symptoms or tests positive, you must inform school. Sick children must never be sent to school, regardless of what the illness is. Let's get to the end of June without an outbreak in Cregagh.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 28th May – Monthly Movie Afternoon. Last one of the year. £1.50 per child.
- Monday 31st May - school closed for late spring Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 1st June - school closed for School Development Day (as per school calendar 2020/21)
- Week beginning Monday 7th June – school closes at 1pm Monday-Friday for Parent- Teacher
- Telephone consultations (times for telephone calls will be arranged beforehand)
- Thursday 24th June – date of P7 Final Assembly & Prize Day (restrictions permitting)
- Friday 25th June – P7's last day at Cregagh Primary School
- Wednesday 30th June – uniform-free day. School closes at 12noon. No dinners or packed lunches.
- **2021-22 school year commences:** Friday 27 August 2021 (children return to school) – 12 noon finish all pupils



CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Holiday List for Pupils 2021-22

AUTUMN TERM (2021)	SPRING TERM (2022)	SUMMER TERM (2022)
New term commences: Friday 27 August (children return to school) – 12 noon finish all pupils	New term commences: Thursday 6 January 2022 (children return to school)	New term commences: Monday 25 April (children return to school)
Monday 30 August – Bank Holiday . School closed.	Half-Term Holiday: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February (5 school days)	Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May (1 school day)
Tuesday 31 August – 12 noon finish all pupils	St. Patrick's Day: Thursday 17 March (this has been made a mandatory closure day for 2022)	Spring Bank Holiday: Thursday 2 June (1 school day)
Wednesday 1 September - first full school day	Spring Term ends: Friday 8 April - 12 noon finish all pupils	Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday: Friday 3 June (1 school day)
Hallowe'en Holiday: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October (5 school days)	Easter Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April (10 school days)	Summer Term Ends: Thursday 30 June – 12 noon finish all pupils
Autumn Term ends: Wednesday 22 December - 12 noon finish all pupils		
Christmas Holiday: Thursday 23 December – Wednesday 5 January 2022 (10 school days)		

NOTES

1. These school holidays may be subject to change due to factors outside of school's control – such as future Covid-related closures or DE directives.
2. This 2021-22 holiday list is also available on our school website. It has also been emailed to all parents who have provided school with their email address.
3. **One additional school closure day (School Development Day) has yet to be added to the calendar above.**

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