



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 8th April 2022



“He died not for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made, He would have done no less.” – C. S. Lewis

1. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- After-school clubs will start back week beginning Monday 2nd May.
- Only Breakfast Club and Two-to-Three Waiting Clubs will however start back on Monday 25th April – book places as normal online using the School Money app.

2. ATTENDANCE & ATTENDANCE LETTERS

It has been a difficult balancing act to keep Covid out of school & at the same time encourage good attendance. The Department of Education & Education Authority understand this but schools are still legally bound to report pupil attendance on a regular basis. When a child has had Covid or has been kept off because of Covid being in the home, this is understood. Our records note this. However, the DE & EA thresholds for letting parents know that their child's attendance is dipping, regardless of reason (illness, bereavement, etc.), must still be observed by school. It is not our 'idea' to do this, nor is it our intention to create or add to parents' stress levels! We simply *have* to do it. Our letters talk about 3 levels of concern & are actually designed to give parents a 'heads-up' & hopefully prevent any outside intervention from the schools' Education Welfare Officers (EWO). Thanks for working with us on this issue.

3. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A day of celebrations is currently being planned for all pupils to enjoy on Tuesday 31st May. On this day, children will be encouraged to come to school dressed up as kings, queens, princes, and princesses. We will be enjoying tea parties, games, and Jubilee-themed fun activities. School will also be unveiling a special commemorative plaque in our school's reception area, as well as planting a tree in school grounds.

4. ARE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS STILL THE SAME?

If you wish to change any of your emergency contacts or update mobile phone numbers, please let our school secretary, Miss Murphy, know. In an emergency, we can only rely on the details parents have shared with us.

5. FRIENDS OF CREGAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

After the Easter break, any interested parents will be contacted about planning our first activity for the summer term. Thanks to all who have said they'd be interested in getting involved ☺

6. World Book Day

As well as having an amazing day of being dressed-up in costume & enjoying fun literacy-based activities, we also managed to raise £120 for our school library fund. Thank you very much parents for supporting this so well!

7. COVID

Obviously Cregagh Primary is trying to 'open up' as much as possible, having to 'learn to live' with Covid just like the rest of society. That said, we continue to keep a close watch on the numbers of cases in the community. This week, we still have pupils & staff off school with Covid. So, bear with us as we try to strike the right balance!

8. THANK YOU!

This year, just like the previous two, hasn't been plain sailing due to Covid. Something tells me we'll still have some hurdles to get over before the end of June (& I don't mean Sports Day!)

I want to say "thanks" to all Cregagh Primary families for stepping-up, helping out & working with us as we have tried to keep all our children in-school, happy & safe. On behalf of the school governors, staff & children, I wish you all a lovely Easter break.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8 th April	Spring Term ends. School closes at 12 noon
Monday 11 th April to Friday 22 nd April	Easter holiday (10 school days)
Monday 25 th April	Summer term begins
Monday 2 nd May	Early May Bank holiday (school closed)
Thursday 5 th May	NI Assembly Elections (school closed due to use as balloting station)
Friday 27 th May	Sports Day (Wednesday 1 st June is reserve date in case of bad weather)
Tuesday 31 st May	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Thursday 2 nd June	Spring Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 3 rd June	Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 28 th June	P7s last day
Thursday 30 th June	Last day of summer term; 12 noon finish for all pupils