



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 27th May 2022



“Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories.”

Ronald Reagan (US President)

1. Poppy

In the early hours of Thursday morning one of our P6 children, Poppy Ogle, died following a long illness. Poppy was a much-loved member of our school community and will be missed by everyone who knew her. To say that Poppy faced her illness courageously is an understatement: she truly was a very thoughtful, kind, remarkable girl – beautiful in every way. The impact of this news upon school will be felt most sharply by Poppy’s closest friends, P6 classmates and staff. Our pupils will have access to our school counsellor over the next days and weeks, and several key members of our staff team have also recently completed training on helping children deal with the pain of bereavement. Our whole school will be holding Poppy’s family in its thoughts and prayers.

Poppy’s funeral service is planned for Wednesday 1st June at 1:30pm at Mount Merrion Parish Church. It is my intention to close school at 12 o’clock on this day to enable staff to attend. There will be no school dinners or packed lunches in school on this day. Any children who receive free school meals (FSM) are entitled to a free packed lunch to take home. If your child is entitled to FSM and you would like a packed lunch for them to bring home, please let Miss Murphy know directly on either Monday or Tuesday morning at the latest (90 401246)

2. SPORTS DAY 2022

Friday 17th June has been set as the new date for Sports Day. The pupils will be racing in their class groups like we did pre-COVID on the same day. P1 and P2 races should be finished by around 10:30am. P3 – P7 will be finished before 12noon. Parents of course will be invited to participate in the Egg and Spoon race so get practising. Tea & coffee will be on sale to raise money for school funds.

3. THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

- **At Cregagh Primary School** - A day of celebrations is 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 or come dressed for ‘Tea with the Queen’. 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.
- **In the wider community** – there’s also a whole host of fun celebratory events planned for Saturday 4th June. Younger children are being encouraged to dress up as kings & queens for a *Royal Parade* around the estate accompanied by a band at the start of the day. Then, children of current P7 age are invited to help with a *pensioners’ tea party* that is being arranged in the grounds of Cregagh Community Centre. Then in the evening between 8-9pm, there’s a special event being held on the Cregagh field that will see children take part in a display in which they will be given torches, organised into groups and spaced to spell out a special Jubilee message for HRM, Queen Elizabeth II. It is hoped that this final event will be captured by drone photography. ***Look out for more details on these activities being posted in local shop windows or speak to Gwen Ferguson directly.***

4. ATTENDANCE PRIZES 2021-22

After careful thought, a decision has been taken to base award attendance prizes on children’s attendance during the summer term only. This will reflect the improving Covid situation in schools from Easter onwards and disregard the very difficult first two terms of the 2021-22 school year.

5. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember to book your child into Clubs every week (not just at the start of term). We need to know which children are attending each day. If you experience any technical difficulties doing this, contact Miss Murphy in the school office on 90 401246 for help. Thanks!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Tuesday 31st May | The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations |
| Wednesday 1st June | School will close at 12 noon. No lunches or lunches on this day. |
| Thursday 2 nd June | Spring Bank holiday (school closed) |
| Friday 3 rd June | Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday (school closed) |
| Friday 17 th June | Sports Day 2022 |
| Thursday 23 rd June | P7 Prize Day & Final Assembly |
| Friday 24 th June | Foundation 1 & 2 (P1 & P2) Prize Morning |
| Friday 24 th June | Pupil reports sent home |
| Tuesday 28th June | P7s last day |
| Thursday 30th June | Last day of summer term; 12 noon finish for all pupils |

