



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 10th February 2023

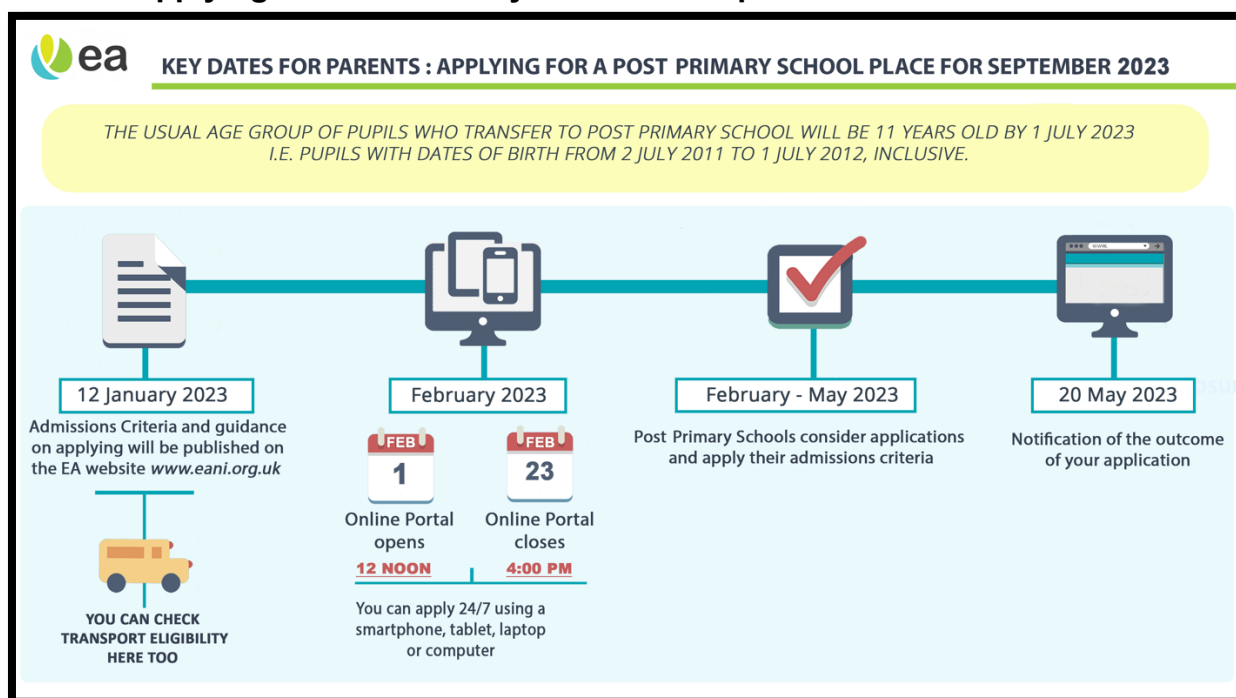


"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort."
~ Jesse Owens, 4-time Gold Medallist at 1936 Olympics ~

1. Missed the P1 Admissions deadline?

Late P1 applications can still be made by contacting the Education Authority Admissions section on 028 95985595.

2. P7 Parents Applying for Post Primary Places for September 2023



3. Water Only for Break & Lunchtime Drinks

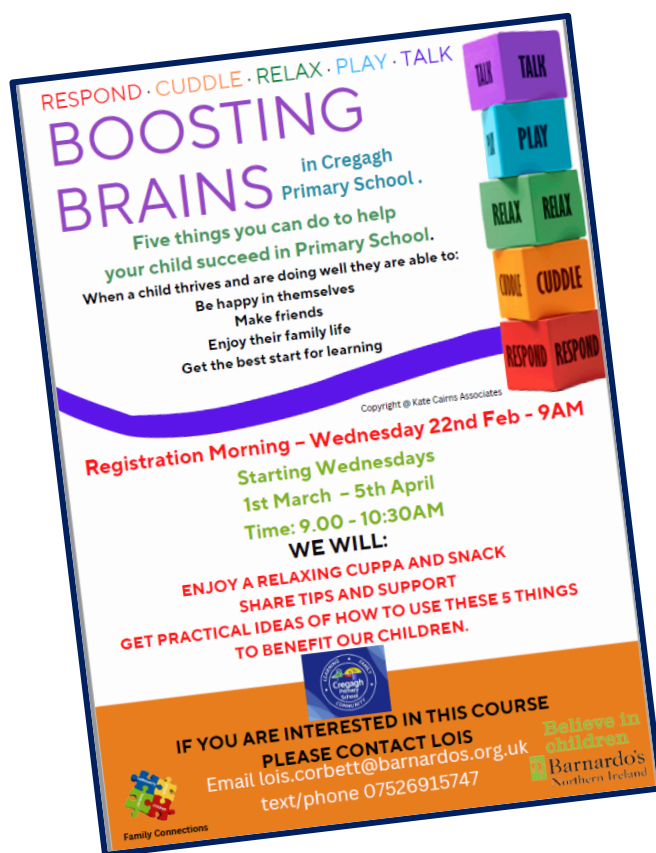
Cregagh Primary School moved to 'water only' in the same year we moved from the old school buildings into the new: 2002! This means this has been our school policy for over 20 years. At that time, the Belfast Health Trust were able to tell us that the children attending our school had the worst dental health in our part of East Belfast. Since then, almost all schools have healthy break policies and water only policies similar to ours. It's not unusual for children (being the intelligent creatures they are) to 'hold out' for an Option B for as long as there is an Option B on offer. We have never had a child take unwell due to dehydration while in school and find that sooner or later, pupils accept that the freely available chilled fresh water available from our filtered drinking fountain is much better than nothing! Stay the course parents! 😊

4. Notice of School Disruption Due to Teachers' Unions Strike - Morning of Tuesday 21st February

The normal school day will be disrupted on the morning of Tuesday 21st February due to industrial action agreed upon by all Northern Ireland's teachers' unions. The planned action will only affect the first half of the day as it ends at 12 noon: making it possible for school dinners to be served as normal. As it is likely that Cregagh Primary School will not have sufficient staff to supervise pupils and therefore operate safely, I believe it is best to advise parents now, 2 weeks in advance, that school will be closed to children on the morning of Tuesday 21st February until 12 noon. School will operate as normal on this day from 12 noon to its normal closing times. After-school Clubs will also run as normal on this Tuesday afternoon as usual.

5. Lois Corbett Family Worker

Lois is our school's family support worker. She is simply here to give parents a helping hand and offer some advice over a relaxed cup of tea or coffee. If you haven't connected with her yet, you should try to: she's lovely and very helpful. Parents looking for a little advice or support can text her on 07526915747. Lois is organising different things for parents to enjoy and be part of their child's education.



*** IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR ***

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

Half-term break (5 school days)



Tuesday 21st February

School closed to pupils in morning. Opens at 12 noon. School dinners & packed lunches as normal.

Friday 26th May

Sports Day

Thursday 22nd June

Final Assembly for P3-P7 pupils (parents/carers welcome)

Friday 23rd June

P1 & P2 Prize Day (parents/carers welcome)

Deaf Units 1 & 2 Coffee Morning

Tuesday 27th June

P7s last day of school

P7 Awards Ceremony & Celebration (evening) ***NEW***