



The Wee Thursday Note

Thursday 16th March 2023



‘A person who never made a mistake, never tried something new.’ Albert Einstein

1. Parent/Teacher Interview Week

Our second Parent/Teacher Interview week will be held between Monday 27th to Friday 31st March. Please check that you have received a time that was given to you by your child or via Seesaw.

The **pupils will go home at 1pm Monday to Thursday** during the interviews (dinners and lunches as normal) and as **Friday is the last day of term for the Easter holidays it will be a 12noon finish** (with no dinners or lunches on this day).

2. Free School Meals

Free School Meals Schools in Northern Ireland receive additional funding according to the percentage of its pupils entitled and registered for Free School Meals (FSM). I would ask all parents who think they may be entitled to FSM but currently aren't registered to apply. Whether or not their children actually use them is a completely different matter. Like most primary schools across NI, we are facing a 'perfect storm' of a small P1 class coming in September 2023, lower numbers of children registered for FSM, and the DE's 10% cuts across all government departments and the EA's £110 Million own cuts. If you need any help to apply, please contact either Miss Murphy in the school office (028 90 401246) or our Family Support Worker Lois Corbett (07526915747).

3. Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 27th to Friday 31st March. Please visit the Book Fair in the school reception to see the wide range of books and accessories that are on sale. Once the pencils, bookmarks and accessories have gone – they're gone!



4. BSL – British Sign Language Week

This week is British Sign Language Week 2023. Children from our Deaf Units will be teaching new signs throughout the week. We will all be learning lots of new signs for numbers, pets, family, emotions, colours and a few other surprises along the way.

All the videos created by the pupils can be found on the Cregagh Primary School Facebook page.



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

- **Friday 17th March**: School closed for St. Patrick's Day (EA non-operational day across NI)
- **Monday 27th to Friday 31st March**: Parent-Teacher Interview Week. Children will go home at 1pm Monday-Thursday and 12 noon on Friday (last day of a full school term)
- **Monday 27th to Friday 31st March**: Book Fair is in school all week!
- **Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April**: Easter Holidays (10 school days)
- **Monday 1st May**: May Day Holiday – school closed
- **Monday 8th May**: Coronation of King Charles III - school closed
- **Thursday 18th May**: 2023 Local Council Elections – school closed
- **Friday 26th May**: Sports Day
- **Monday 29th May**: Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
- **Tuesday 30th May** – School closed for Staff Development Day
- **Wednesday 31st May – Friday 2nd June** – P7 Residential trip to Castlewellan Castle

